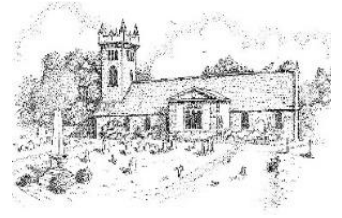




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



**Services led by Rev Dr Jock Stein
Pastoral Assistant: Robert Kane**

Sunday, 30th November 2025

**Today's Service Theme:
Advent Sunday**

**9.30am Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk
10.30am Morning Worship, Abbey Church**

**Welcome to all visitors today
Because of essential repairs to Dirleton Kirk tower, the main west
door is out of bounds. Access is only by the side (Archerfield
Aisle) door. Thanks for your co-operation.**

**Abbey Church Office (serving Abbey and Dirleton) is open
10am - 1pm, Tuesday to Friday: Church Office ☎892800
Website: abbeychurch.org.uk
email: abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk
Church Administrator: Darren Barber**

**Abbey Church of Scotland, North Berwick Scottish Charity - No SC004761
Dirleton Parish Church Scottish Charity - No SC004533**

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Nancy Hughes

Scripture: Isaiah 2: 1-5, Romans 13: 11-14, & Matthew 24: 36-44
read by Sandy Bone

CH4 273 O Come O Come Emmanuel (omit v.2)

CH4 472 Come thou long-expected Jesus

CH4 475 Christ is coming

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Isaiah 2: 1-5, Romans 13: 11-14, & Matthew 24: 36-44
read by Sheila Burgon

MP 457 Make way, make way

MP 418 Lift up your heads

Offering Voluntary

Variation on "Abridge" by Philip Moore

MP 605 Soon and very soon

MP 86 Come and see the shining hope

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Our Father, who art in heaven

hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever. Amen

Church Diary

Sunday, 30th November 2025

Services on the 30th November will be led by Rev Dr Jock Stein.

After each service there will be a meeting of the Kirk Session to make up the electoral register.

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

Tuesday

2.00pm TAG, Abbey large hall

Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey large hall

Next Sunday, 7th December 2025

Services on the 7th December will be led by our Locum Minister, Rev Geoff Berry

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service with Communion, Abbey Church

2.45pm Care Home Service, Fidra House

3.30pm Care Home Service, Astley House

Sunday, 14th December 2025

Services on the 14th December will be led by our Locum Minister, Rev Geoff Berry

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

6.00pm Annual Service Remembering Loved Ones, Abbey Church

Electoral Register

As our congregations have now become vacant, and plans are being made for the selection of a new Minister, we must prepare an Electoral Register of people who will be entitled to vote on matters including the selection of a Nominating Committee and the appointment of a Minister.

Those on the Dirleton and Abbey congregational rolls will be automatically placed on the Electoral Register.

If you worship with us regularly, are a member of another congregation, and wish to participate in the election of a new Minister, you are invited to hand a valid Certificate of Transference to one of the Session Clerks before 30 November 2025. If you are not a member of another congregation and wish to participate in the election process, your name can be added to the Register as an adherent. In those circumstances, please complete one of the forms which will be available in church until 30 November 2025, when the Kirk Sessions will meet after each service to make up the Electoral Register.

Abbey Giant Christmas Card

The giant Christmas card is available on the piano in Abbey Church from today until Christmas Day. Please take a moment to sign the card and make a donation for our Christmas charities- the East Lothian Foodbank and International Red Cross.

TAG - "Christmas in Words and Music".

Tuesday Afternoon Group invites you to join in an hour of Christmas Carols and Readings from 2pm on Tuesday the 2nd December in the Abbey large hall. Shortbread and mince pies will be served with hot drinks at the end. All welcome.

Door Duty

Would you like to join the Door Duty team? At the moment you would be asked to be on the rota once in every 10 weeks. Volunteers are asked to be at church at 10:00am to welcome members. If you would like to offer your help, please speak to Sheila Burgon.

Office Closure

The church office will be closed on Thursday the 4th December 2025.

Words for lighting the Advent candle

We are a people of hope,
We are a people of hope,
Lighting a candle, we wait for the dawn;
We are a people of hope.

Isaiah 2: 1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Romans 13: 11-14

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Matthew 24: 36-44

"No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."