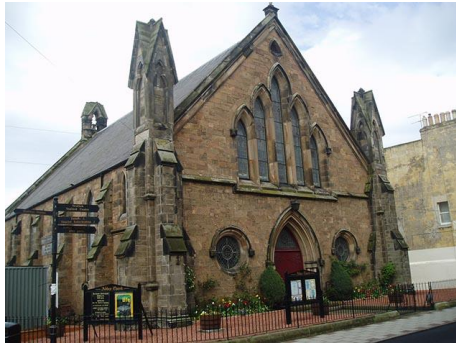




Intimations for Abbey Church & Dirleton Kirk



Sunday, 4th October 2026

TODAY'S SERVICE THEME

**Our Heavenly
Citizenship**

INTERIM MODERATOR:

Revd. Dr. Jock Stein

SERVICES LED BY:

Revd. Geoff Berry

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

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors today.

To use the loop system, set hearing aids at 'T'.

Dirleton Kirk is step-free. Step-free access to Abbey is to the left of the front door, via the glass entrance on Church Road.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Worship this Sunday

DIRLETON KIRK

Morning Worship

9.30am to 10.20am

Organist

Kirsten Swindells

Scripture

Psalm 19:1-8 & Philippians 3:12-4:1
read by Christian Lindsay

Hymns - CH4

543: Christ be our light

550: As the deer

153: Great is Thy faithfulness

*The Service is followed by tea and
coffee in the kirk hall*

Church Diary

Sunday, 4th October 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

2.45pm Care Home Service, Fidra House

3.30pm Care Home Service, Astley House

Tuesday

2.00pm Tuesday Afternoon Group, Abbey Church Large Hall

Wednesday

10.00am Prayer Service, Dirleton Kirk Hall

Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey Church

Friday

1.00pm: Service of thanksgiving for the life of Dorothy Antscherl, Abbey Church

Next Sunday, 11th October 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

ABBEY CHURCH

Morning Worship

10.30am to 11.30am

Organist

Robert Burgon

Scripture

Psalm 19:1-8 & Philippians 3:12-4:1
read by Linda Scott

Hymns - MP

543 (CH4): Christ be our light

1072: In Christ alone

37: As the deer

200: Great is Thy faithfulness

The Offering Voluntary is To a Wild
Rose by Edward McDowell

*The Service is followed by tea and
coffee in the small hall*

Parish Notes

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

At a meeting held at North Berwick on 8th September 2026, the Nominating Committee chose the person who they wish to propose to this congregation Dirleton and North Berwick Abbey to be our new minister. The name of the person proposed is the Revd Norman Smith.

Arrangements have been made for him to conduct public worship in Abbey Church on Sunday the 18th day of October at 10.30am. Immediately after that service, there will be a vote on whether or not the Revd Norman Smith should be appointed as the new minister of this congregations of Dirleton and North Berwick Abbey. Anyone whose name appears on the Electoral Registers of these two congregations shall be entitled to vote.

No-one else shall be entitled to vote.

- Jock Stein, Interim Moderator

TAG - "Being a King's Chaplain" - Rev. Moira McDonald

At Tuesday Afternoon Group we look forward to hearing from Rev. Moira McDonald who was appointed to be a Queen's Chaplain in 2022 and is now a Chaplain to King Charles III. Moira will give us an insight into her role over the last four years. Moira is the minister at Corstorphine Old Parish Church. Tuesday 6th October at 2pm, all are welcome to join us.

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal – Collection Date

Blythswood have confirmed pick up date for shoeboxes at the Abbey Church - 28 October 2026. *As such, Sunday 25 October will be the final Sunday for dropping off shoeboxes.*

Dorothy Antscherl - Service of Thanksgiving

The Service of thanksgiving for the life of Dorothy Antscherl will take place at 1:00pm at the Abbey Church on Friday 9th October 2026.

Geoff Sharpe - Service of Thanksgiving

The Service of thanksgiving for the life of Geoff Sharpe will take place at 12:30pm at the Abbey Church on Monday 12th October 2026.

Scripture

Psalm 19:1-8

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or knowledge where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Philippians 3:12 - 4:1

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I

press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!