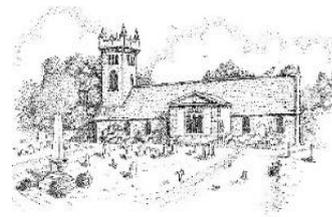




**The Abbey Church of  
Scotland,  
North Berwick  
and Dirleton Kirk**



**Locum Minister: Rev Geoff Berry  
Pastoral Assistant: Robert Kane**

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Today's Service Theme:  
Powered by Hope**

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

**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**

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

**Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk**

**9.30am (to 10.20am)**

Organist - Nancy Hughes

Scripture: Romans 5:1-11 read by Elaine Carlyle

CH4 194 - This is the day

CH4 192 - All my hope

CH4 550 - As the deer

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

**Morning Worship, Abbey Church**

**10.30am (to 11.30am)**

Scripture: Romans 5:1-11 read by Willie Leslie

MP 691 - This is the day

MP 152 - For the beauty of the Earth

Offering Voluntary

Sheep may safely graze by J. S. Bach

MP 16 - All my hope

MP 37 - As the deer

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, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

10:45am Little Lights, Abbey Church

### Tuesday

2:00pm TAG, Abbey Church

### Wednesday

10:00am Prayer Service, Dirleton Kirk

### Thursday

10:00am Little Nippers, Abbey Church

### Next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

10:45am Little Lights, Abbey Church

## **NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that meetings of the congregations will be held in Dirleton Kirk on Sunday March 22nd, at the close of morning worship and in Abbey Church after the close of morning worship on the same day for the purpose of appointing a Nominating Committee - six members chosen by Dirleton, 7 by Abbey, all of whom must be on the Electoral Register.

The task of the Nominating Committee will be to nominate one person to these linked congregations to be the new minister. If you wish to propose anyone to serve on the Committee you may do so at the meeting providing the person has indicated a willingness to serve

- Jock Stein, Interim Moderator

## **Good news**

The Presbytery of Lothian and the Borders approved a further increase in our ministry allowance at its meeting on Tuesday 3 March 2026 which means that we have now been given permission to call a *full-time minister* (the previous allocation was 75%).

## **TAG - "Growing Up in North Berwick" by Robert Burgon**

At Tuesday Afternoon Group on Tuesday 10th March at 2:00pm, Robert will inform us about what it was like growing up in North Berwick. He has many stories to tell so come along and hear him reminiscing. All welcome.

## **Lent Course**

Members of Abbey Church and Dirleton Kirk are invited to attend a joint ecumenical Lent Course shared with St Baldred's Church tomorrow at St Baldred's Hall at 7.30pm, (7.15pm for tea and coffee). We will be using a set of daily Lent Readings published by the Bible Reading Fellowship called "Giving it up" by Maggi Dawn.

## **Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.