

ABBEY CHURCH, NORTH BERWICK *and*  
DIRLETON KIRK

**STAR**

***gold***

**advent**

**ANGELS**

***Mary***

**Bethlehem**

***Infant Jesus***

***sheep***

**presents**

**Joseph**

**donkey**

**myrrh**

**CHRISTMAS**

***WISER MEN***

***frankincense***

We Warmly invite you to join us this

**CHRISTMAS**

Dear Abbey & Dirleton Friends,

'Christmas comes but once a year'. Even so we often think that we'd like to do Christmas differently. Take the tree, for example. After the traditional green one came the all-white tree. Then black trees, and dark blue ones. We've also had upside-down trees suspended from the ceiling, and now sideways trees are in vogue. What next?

Even the Christmas dinner gets the makeover treatment. Some years 'everyone' had duck instead of turkey; then 'everyone' was having fish. Would Santa approve?

I'm not even going to mention the Christmas presents, and the trends, fashions and fads there.

Each year in Church, we also try to give the message a new slant. Perhaps with new carols or stories, a different nativity play or style of service. But beneath it all is the 'old, old story' which never changes. No matter how we modernise it or try to relate it to current events in the world (as we must), the story that 'love came down at Christmas' is simple, powerful, and unchanging.

The story of Jesus and his birth is timeless. It's also for all times and places. This Christmas, as every year, will be a global celebration of the coming of our Saviour, in every language and culture of the world. We may sometimes change the way we celebrate Jesus, but we can't change him or the message of love he brings. It happened at the cross-roads of the world, and he was worshipped by everyone from kings to shepherds. Whoever we are today, his love and salvation are for us.

Have a very happy Christmas!

Your Minister,

David



**Abbey Church**

**and**

**Dirleton Kirk News**

**December 18/January 19**

**Minister: Rev. Dr David J  
Graham, BSc, BD**

**Sunday Morning Worship  
at**

**9.30 am (until 10.20) Dirleton  
Kirk**

**10.30am (Until 11.30) Abbey  
Church**

**Come along. All welcome.**

**Wednesdays 10am**

**Half Hour Prayer Service**

## REGAL - December

Christmas is a time for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Nowadays, we tend to celebrate Christmas by erecting and decorating a Christmas tree together with colourful decorations around the house. We send and receive Christmas cards from our friends and relatives.

In the Scottish Highlands many towns and villages hold Ceilidhs as a way of celebrating a local event. These events tend to be fun filled nights of wild dancing, good music and great company. So this year Regal is being a little different for its Christmas celebration and we are having a Ceilidh- the only thing missing will be the "wild dancing".



On Thursday 13th December we are having a Highland Ceilidh with authentic Gaelic singers - Alastair and Jane McNeill who are well known to us. They will sing some Gaelic songs that are associated with Christmas, and they will be accompanied by Martin Wilson on the keyboard. Come along and start the celebrations in a truly Scottish way.

## REGAL - January

In January, at the start of the year, we start off with good intentions and make some New Year resolutions. The most frequent one is to eat less and reduce our weight; others may decide to be more helpful to their neighbours. It may simply be a matter of smiling more; in doing so we look happier and this, in turn, gives other people a sense of joy.



On Thursday, 10th January Bob Kane will talk to us on "New Year - Lost Resolutions". Bob is well known to us as an amusing and fascinating cities all using some dinner 2012 that he was speaker. Hence, I know that he will have several suggestions on how we should keep our resolutions and not let them fall by the wayside within the first two weeks of the year.

After the meeting we sit down to a soup and sandwich lunch prepared by the ladies of Abbey Church. Our meetings are open to all ladies and gentlemen of North Berwick and the surrounding villages. Please come, meet friends and enjoy good food and fellowship.

*Ian M Aitken*

Year of Young People  
December Theme - Celebration

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1

### **Action**

Year of Young People 2018 is an opportunity to celebrate the amazing young personalities, talents, and achievers that make up Scotland. It's all about inspiring our nation through its young people's ideas, attitudes and ambitions.

Share stories and celebrate the great gifts and contributions of your young people  
[yoyp@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:yoyp@churchofscotland.org.uk)

What can you celebrate you have done with children and young people during the Year of Young People?

What changes will last from the Year of Young People?

Create a celebration board. Encourage people of all ages to add things they are grateful for to the board.

### **Prayer**

I will give thanks to the Lord because of His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. In Jesus' name,

Amen



## TheVoice Project: North Berwick

At the end of September, four young people from Abbey and Dirleton churches, and myself as a leader, went to Voice Camp - a weekend camp run by The Voice Project and SU Scotland. We spent the weekend singing, getting to know each other, and thinking about God. The weekend culminated in a concert which families were invited to. It was an amazing sound - approximately 90 P5-S6 aged young people (and a few of us oldies) singing varied songs from John Rutter's Deep Peace blessing to ABC by the Jackson Five!

The Voice Project is based in Glasgow but they are looking to start new singing groups throughout Scotland - and North Berwick is the next place! In January, we will be launching on a Thursday 4.30-5.30pm at Abbey Church. I'm still considering the age groups, but thinking P5-S2 initially.

Do you know anyone who would want to come along?

Would you consider coming as an adult helper?

The role of an adult helper is to join in the singing and be there to encourage the younger singers. There will be other small jobs such as signing people in and out at the door, and preparing juice for break time. As we are working with under 16's, we would need to organise a church PVG if you don't already have one. For more information, please just get in touch - [Hazel.abbeychurch@hotmail.com](mailto:Hazel.abbeychurch@hotmail.com) or telephone the office and I will get back to you.

Many thanks, Hazel Gray

## Parent's Room @ Law Primary

A change to school hours means that nursery children don't finish in the afternoon until 4pm. This can cause a problem for parents who have to come to the school at 3.05pm to pick up their slightly older children but who also have a nursery child - do they walk home just to turn round and come back again to pick up their younger child?

The school has set aside a 'parent's room' for them to come inside with their older children, and have a cuppa and chat till 4pm. The school have asked if the churches could provide a hot drink and conversation with the parents.

We have a rota put together of willing volunteers who can welcome the parents and children with a hot drink, a smile and some chat. We launched on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, and on our first day had 9 parents and 13 children come in to the warmth. The space to wait and chat with others seemed to be appreciated by parents. The children were drawing or playing under their parent's supervision. It was a great opportunity to meet parents in our community and hopefully we can get to know them over the winter months. It is also a way to bless the school by helping them with this.

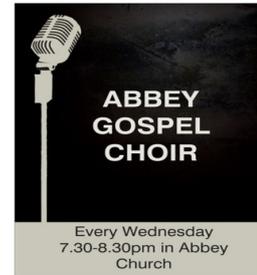
If you think you could help by offering your gift of hospitality for one hour every few weeks, please let me know. It would be great to have enough people on the rota so that the commitment is light. Please get in touch for further information - [ha-zel.abbeychurch@hotmail.com](mailto:ha-zel.abbeychurch@hotmail.com) or leave your details with the church office and I will get back to you.

Many thanks,

Hazel

## Dates For The Diary

### **Abbey Gospel Choir**



Christmas Show: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm

### **Little Nipper Baby & Toddler Group**

Christmas Party: 13<sup>th</sup> December 10-11.30am

### **Super Sunday Club**

Christmas Party: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm

Christmas Nativity: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December

### **Dynamic Kirk**

January 20<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm



For any further information please contact Julie at [julie.abbeychurch@hotmail.com](mailto:julie.abbeychurch@hotmail.com)



## Bubblegum 'n' Fluff!

Bubblegum 'n' Fluff is an event we are running at Law Primary for Primary 5 pupils. We will help them to think through the meaning of Christmas and why Christians celebrate it today. The event uses puppets, song, quizzes, crafts and storytelling to go back to the flavour of Christmas.

Imagine you had dropped a piece of slightly chewed bubblegum under your bed. Fast forward a few years, and you find it still lying there, but now it's covered in fluff and dust. Has the bubblegum lost its flavour? No - once you pick off all the fluff, the flavour is still there!

This is the picture Bubblegum 'n' Fluff uses to help pupils think about Christmas. Over the years, all sorts of traditions have been added onto it, but the meaning of the first Christmas is still there - we just need to find it under all the fluff.

If you would like to be on the Bubblegum and Fluff team to deliver this, please let me know. We will have a team meeting at Abbey Church on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 2-3pm where we will run through the programme. The event will run on the morning and afternoon of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at Law Primary. The main role is to oversee a small group of children with a simple craft, and to help them put pictures of the nativity in order. If you fancy being a puppeteer or leading the song actions, that would be great, but optional. Oh, and there is no requirement to actually chew any bubblegum for the event!

Please pray that this event would engage the pupils and help them to think about the message Christians celebrate each Christmas.

Many thanks,

Hazel Gray

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## Dirleton Kirk Session Clerk's Notes

### Remembrance Day

We marked the one hundredth anniversary of the Armistice in the First World War on a fine, clear autumn morning. The Minister took the service in the Kirk, and showed the children and the adults at the front a New Testament, carried by a soldier in his breast pocket, which stopped a bullet and saved the wearer's life. We could see where part of the projectile had continued moving, tearing through the pages, leaving the soldier wounded, but living. In the sixth chapter of his letter to the Christians in Ephesus (modern day Efes, in Turkey) Paul tells us to put on the whole armour of God, including the breastplate of righteousness: he is speaking figuratively, speaking of spiritual armour to defend ourselves from an assault on our spirit, here is an example of the Word of God offering physical protection. The life of one soldier saved by the New Testament given to him by the Bible Society (all soldiers were given Bibles as well)- but all the millions of soldiers, sailors, and flyers who served were given the only means by which all the turmoil and slaughter of that war, and all wars since, might be comprehended in full.

Around the War Memorial, Bob Kane led us in remembrance of those who died in the two world wars, reminding us that many more have died since, notwithstanding our annual prayers. And in the (comparative) quiet of the green, the names carved into the stone-names familiar from their annual reading, but also, as Bob pointed out, names still familiar around Dirleton and the area- were their own stark poetry.

Wreaths were laid, and Holly Walkingshaw and Iona

Stewart helped lay one, and bowed their heads, representing the coming generation.

Our thanks to Bob for leading us at the 'Eleventh Hour'; he was also up for six in the morning, with others, to attend the War Memorial, as people were doing throughout the country.

Thanks also to all those who wore their medals- another reminder of the conflict and sacrifice which has continued during the last century and beyond into this.



## Flower Team

The topic of Remembrance offers a good opportunity for me to recognise the wonderful and thoughtful work of our Flower Team. We are lucky enough to have a Kirk which never fails to impress those who visit- not only on Sundays but throughout the week; and the beauty of our flowers augments the beauty of the building, the stained glass, the art, and the setting. Marking Remembrance, at the front of the church, by the lectern, the Flower Team created a display which was simultaneously poignant, beautiful, and uplifting: at its base dead leaves and twigs, beautiful in themselves but lifeless, with dead bark above, then, on its side, a steel helmet surrounded by poppies, from the midst of which rose a Cross. Rising over death, the assistance to survivors and their families as symbolised by the poppy; with the Cross, the ultimate symbol of hope, rising over all.

Thanks, Team.

## Anniversary of the Minister's induction

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1998. In the evening, on tv, you might have been enjoying 'Watchdog with Anne Robinson' while looking forward, if that's the right expression, to 'EastEnders', and later on 'Dinnerladies' with Victoria Wood. Radio 4 had a comedy series called 'The Worriers', about a business set up to take stress out of peoples' lives by doing their worrying for them. An idea which could catch on. Radio 3 offered a concert of music by Messiaen. In the charts, Cher was number 1 with 'Believe'. And at 7 pm, our Minister David was inducted to the charge of Dirleton Kirk linked with Abbey Church, North Berwick. Since then we have enjoyed twenty years of thoughtful and innovative ministry, sermons moving easily from pithy practical example to theological heights and back again; pastoral care, encouragement, and friendship. To mark this anniversary and express our thanks, there will be a card available in the Kirk during all the services in December, on which we can write our congratulations to David- and our thanks to Mary and Lucy for their support and forbearance.

## Sunday School

On the subject of 10<sup>th</sup> December 1998, if you'd told people then that in 2018 the nation's idea of prime time entertainment would be watching people baking cakes, they would have looked at you in disbelief. But so it transpires, and the Sunday Club followed up its very successful 'cupcake' bake off day last year, with a 'family sized sponge day'. The cakes were decorated on the Sunday morning of 4<sup>th</sup> November, in seasonal forms: a spider, and a ghost, for Halloween; an elaborate bonfire of marshmallow; delicate colours of

autumn...and a badly drawn apple in green runny icing by the Session Clerk. Thanks very much to all who took part as bakers, helpers, and judges: and thanks to the generosity of all who enjoyed sampling the cakes after worship, which raised £130 (and counting) for the Headway charity, which is also being supported by Nat Spring in an arduous cycle ride.

**Star Baker 2018 is....Hannah Lawley.**

The Sunday Club will be busy with projects as we move through November into Advent and Christmas.



## Organ Repairs

By the generosity of a donor, work will begin to refurbish our 1900 Ingram Pipe Organ. I had been ignorant of how rare such organs have become: our enthusiastic organist Jim Dickson has sketched out how its range will be increased and its sound enhanced. Work will begin shortly.

## Bell repair

The church bell has been silenced recently. I suspect that the recent practice of letting the Sunday School ring it may be responsible for weakening the

supports...(!) Repair work is scheduled for January, but we were able to ring it on Remembrance Sunday, owing to the diligent temporary repair work carried out by Richard Allinson. Thanks very much Richard!

## Christmas

This newsletter carries details of our worship during Advent and Christmas. It is a time, above all, of hope, the hope for the future that the birth of a child represents. In our parish, in our wider community, in our lives at large, it can be a difficult time. Over the year we may have lost people close to us; we may have faced dreadful news, or disappointment. It can be difficult to connect to the significance of Christmas, when we are led to approach it in superficial ways- the external trappings of festivity can seem fine in themselves, but perhaps not so to those who grieve. But behind those trappings lies the Christian message of love, and hope, and when we try to express that love in our lives, those external trappings will seem as fresh and wonderful as before. Let our efforts this Christmas be to pass on, to all around us, what we can of that Love which God showed to us, by sending to us his son, taking on himself our human form.

Keith Stewart

14th November 2018



A group from Abbey successfully catered for the Bethany Care Shelter at Meadowbank Church on 18th October. The numbers have been up again this winter and 45 meals (plus 4 for staff) were served.

The next is on 19th December at Stenhouse Church which will be the permanent venue until May 2019. We have the team organised and are appealing for new socks, underpants, hats, scarves and toiletries for men and women. These can be handed into the Church office or given to Dorothy Kirkpatrick.

Thank you everyone who helps and for your kind donations and prayers.

Abbey and Dirleton will be catering again on Saturday 18th April 2019 and Thursday 2 May 2019

# CROSSREACH

Care you can put your faith in

Remember to save your used postage stamps and drop them into the Abbey church office in January. Please ensure that loose stamps have between 4mm and 8mm thickness of border around each edge. Please do not soak the stamps off the paper.

## ABBAY CHURCH - NORTH BERWICK

### BUDGET v ACTUAL AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

#### ALL FUNDS

<b>Income (All Funds)</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Budget to 30 Sep</b>	<b>Actual to 30 Sep</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Offerings	73,000	54,746	51,730	(3,016)
Tax reclaim	18,000	13,500	13,031	(469)
Miscellaneous	10,300	7,729	3,412	(4,317)
Premises income	16,000	11,999	11,158	(841)
Investment income	5,775	3,650	3,477	(173)
Legacies	10,000	10,000	11,000	1,000
Dirleton	6,000	4,500	4,500	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>139,075</b>	<b>106,124</b>	<b>98,308</b>	<b>(7,816)</b>
<b>Expenditure (All Funds)</b>				
Church of Scotland payments	55,216	41,582	41,582	-
Pastoral Expenses	9,000	6,749	8,341	(1,592)
Other Salaries	25,500	19,275	20,739	(1,464)
Premises costs	22,672	16,757	14,306	2,451
Church Office Expenses	2,800	2,100	2,934	(834)
Investments	-	-	-	-
New Building	18,822	18,822	88,059	(69,237)
Miscellaneous	5,065	1,527	613	914
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>139,075</b>	<b>106,812</b>	<b>176,574</b>	<b>(69,762)</b>
<b>Budget for year 2018</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Budget for Nine months</b>		<b>(688)</b>		
<b>Deficit for Nine months</b>			<b>(78,266)</b>	
<b>Budget variance</b>				<b>(77,578)</b>

# Comments - Abbey Church (All Funds) - Nine months to 30 September 2018

## General

The deficit for nine months was £78,266, this mainly relates to the expenditure on the Large Hall/Seminar Room of £88,059. This was financed by the drawing down of bank accounts deposited in past years.

## Income

Offerings - These are less than budget but ahead of the amount received last year. The amount received in the bank by standing order continues to increase however the 'blue envelope' and the open plate giving continue to decline.

*(Note - If you are tax payer and wish the Abbey to recover the tax paid by yourself please would you pick up a gift-aid form from the office or ask Phil for one.)*

Last year miscellaneous income included £4,000 anonymous donation for Kalimpong.

## Expenditure

Pastoral costs include expenditure relating to youth work. This has increased with the recruitment of the new staff.

Other salaries are over budget due to the recruitment of the family and youth worker.

Premises costs are below budget. Even allowing for the purchase and installation of the radiators in the New Hall. A planned maintenance programme should mean that premises costs may increase.

The new building project has been completed at a cost of £88,059. This amount covers both the seminar room and the refit of the Large Hall.

If you have any questions please ask Stuart Ainslie.

## Abbey Church Finance Team

1 Income - Gift-aid	Phil Spencer
Income - Hall Rentals	Paola Burrows
2 Payment of bills	Janice Cobb
3 Accounting - OSCR, periodic accounts and Church of Scotland	Stuart Ainslie

Many thanks to all for the generous donations for JTS  
Plough Collection on Harvest Sunday

Abbey Church	-	£1,042.31
Dirleton Kirk	-	£660.00



## Blythswood Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Once again we have had a wonderful response to the Shoebox Appeal. One hundred and thirty three boxes were filled by members of Abbey And Dirleton Churches and friends and, together with £60 in extra donations, were uplifted by Blytheswood transport on 31st October.

A huge thank you to all who contributed and helped in so many ways, especially the Ladies of the Guild who helped to cover almost one hundred shoeboxes with Christmas paper. A special mention and thanks to the residents and staff at Fidra House who filled eight boxes and enclosed a greeting on a North Berwick postcard in each box. Wilkies of North Berwick kindly keep their empty boxes for our use.

We wish Blythswood safe travel as they transport their special cargo to Eastern Europe and Pakistan where the boxes are distributed to needy children and adults. Your generosity will be received with much joy and happiness.

Bel Hardie





## Abbey Guild OUTLOOK

It was so encouraging to welcome so many of you to our Soup and Sandwich lunch, especially so when a former Abbey Guild member came all the way from Elgin! The project fund benefited by £335.

We joined St Andrew Blackadder Guild for the first of the Project speakers, on November 6<sup>th</sup> to hear Dr Pam Cairns tell us of the Seema Project in Pune, India who's aim is to build a home for forty children who are the abandoned offspring of trafficked sex workers and to provide funds to meet the initial running costs of the home. The Project also aims to rescue commercial sex workers who have been trafficked and who would like to start a new life free from exploitation and sexual violence. The speaker had been on the first Vine Trust boat taking medical help to the people of the Amazon river in Peru. There she had a life changing experience. Now she devotes her time to projects partnered by the Free to Live Trust.

At the Coffee Morning on 17<sup>th</sup> November we were joined by the Super Sunday Group raising funds with a "Bake Off" for Children's Hospices Across Scotland, C.H.A.S.

December, 4<sup>th</sup> we shall hear of the work of the World Health Organisation in Vanuatu, a group of small islands in the Western Pacific.

December, 11<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas Lunch at Glen Golf Club

followed by a Carol Service in the Church on 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

On 8<sup>th</sup> January, we will see in the New Year with the customary Fish and Chip lunch at 1pm.

January, 22<sup>nd</sup>. Looking back - Looking forward - Beyond Sight Loss. Ken Reid, R.N.I.B. will be the Speaker.

We look forward to welcoming you to all or any of these meetings. 2pm on the dates above in the Church Hall. Free membership is offered to new members for the first 2 years. Where will you get such a bargain!



## Abbey Church and Dirleton Kirk Prayers

December 18 and January 19

Dear Friends in Christ

Once again it's time to celebrate Jesus' birth. When we enjoy choosing gifts and cards for family and friends. God gave us a wonderful gift—his son, to be our saviour. The gift of love, have you accepted God's 'gift' yet?

Let's pray

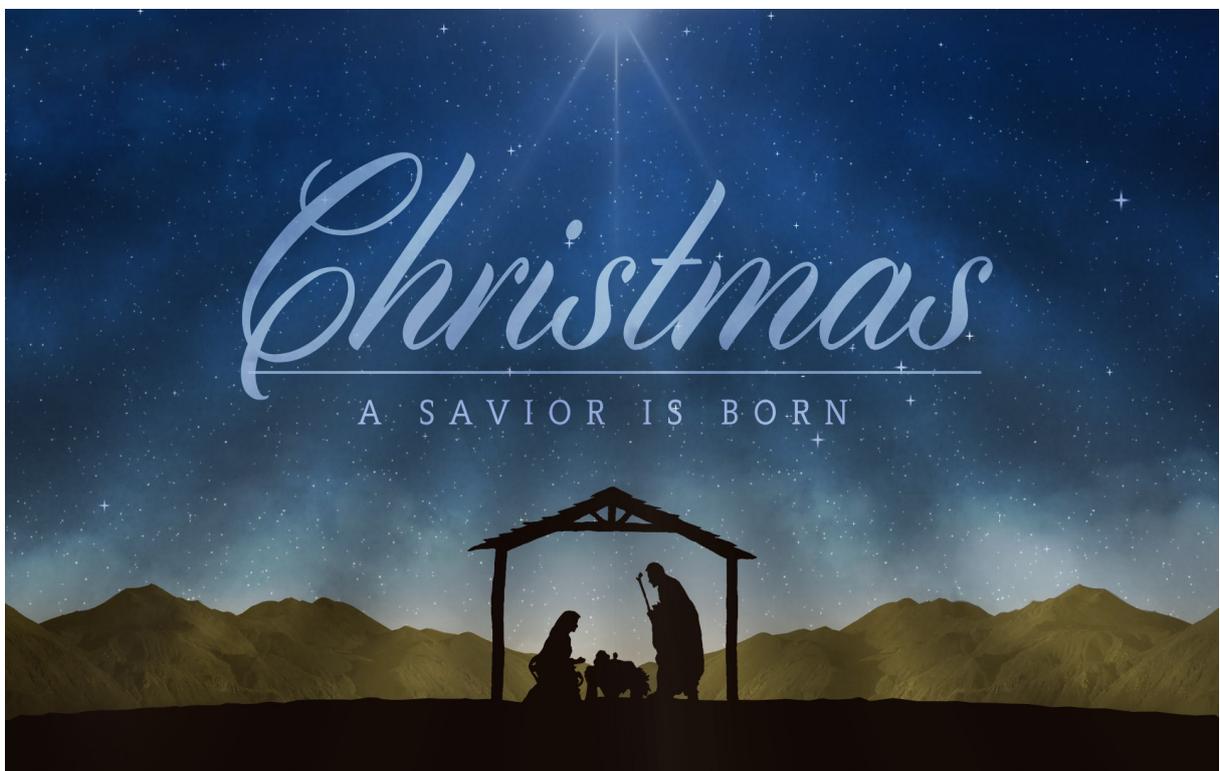
Father God,

Thank you for offering to all the most wonderful gift—Jesus, the gift of love. Help us to help others to open their hearts and let Jesus in. Bless all ministers, pastoral assistants, preachers and missionaries who devote their lives to guiding others along the right path and keep them safe. Thank you for all the goodies we'll share with those we love at Christmas. Let us remember those less fortunate at this time. Maybe offer a share of our meals or hand in a plate with mince pies/ Christmas cake or push a Christmas card through their letterbox? It would be nice to let them know someone cares. Bless the activities praising you, Lord. The wee ones in nativity plays, the youth groups putting on concerts and others, like the gospel choirs—and most of all the congregations singing their hearts out! Father bless those who are in homes, hospitals and the homeless. We pray that they will have a much better new year in every aspect.

We ask for peace Lord, in every corner of the world.  
We pray these forest fires will abate, there will be no more floods, starvations, earthquakes etc. Thank you Lord. Bless our congregations, our minister, Dr Graham, pastoral assistant, Mr Bob Kane and our organist Mr Robert Burgon and all their loved ones. Thank you.  
In Jesus' precious name, Amen.

Betty Hawthorn (Prayer Secretary)

I trust you will enjoy a happy Christmas and healthy,



## Abbey Church Creche Duty Rota

2nd December	Ann Bell	Rose Leslie
9th December	Joan Lunn	Caitriana Spencer
16th December	Margaret Lawson	Janice Cobb
6th January	Margaret Lawson	Janice Cobb
13th January	Dorothy Kirkpatrick	Sadie Young
20th January	Sarah Kerr	Carol Stobie
27th January	Ann Bell	Rose Leslie



## Abbey Church Morning Tea Rota

2nd December	Sarah Kerr	
9th December	Sheila McCubbing	Irene Nichol
16th December	Richard Bell	Ann Bell
23rd December	Irene Brodie	Liz Harrison
30th December	Isabel Smith	Catherine Andrew
6th January	Morna McClure	Sadie Young
13th January	Isobel Hardie	Fiona Gibson
20th January	Mary Graham	Dorothy Kirkpatrick
27th January	Sarah Kerr	



## Abbey Church Flower Rota

Date	Donor	Arranger
2nd December	Mrs H Wilson Mrs M Whytock	Dorothy Kirkpatrick Sadie Young
9th December (Communion)	Mrs D Kirkpatrick	Dorothy Kirkpatrick Sadie Young
16th December	Dr J Walinck	Jean Walinck
6th January	Mrs S Young	Sadie Young
13th January	Mrs E Crowe Mrs A McCulloch	Ann Bell
20th January	The Abbey Home	Jeanette Calloway Frances Fallmyr
27th January	Mrs S Penman	Jeanette Calloway Frances Fallmyr



# Church Register

## Funerals

29.9.18 Sheena Martin

19.10.18 Brian Keddie

14.11.18 Elizabeth (Betty) Elliot

## Weddings in December

1.12.18 Oliver Fisher and Paige Willis

15.12.18 Benedict Lewis and Chloe Betteridge

29.12.18 Charles Cartwright and Sophie Carson

## Baptism

7.10.18 Theodore Mitchell

## Pastoral Visits

The Minister and Pastoral Assistant are happy to visit church members who are ill, either at home or in hospital. If in hospital, please also pass on the ward number, as this is not available to Ministers. This information should be given to the Minister (890800) or via the Church Office (892800). Thank you.

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10am until 1pm*

## Newsletters

The next newsletter will cover *February and March 2019*. The deadline for submitting articles is *Tuesday 15th January 2019*. Please send to *Abbey Church Office*.

If you would prefer to have your copy of the *Abbey Church and Dirleton Kirk* newsletter emailed to you please inform your district Elder or the *Abbey Church*

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# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON 2018

at ABBEY CHURCH AND DIRLETON KIRK

*SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER*

*9.30am Morning Service at Dirleton*

*10.30am Morning Service at Abbey*

*6.00pm Service for Bereaved People—  
Remembering loved ones*

*SUNDAY 9th*

*9.30am Morning Service at Dirleton*

*10.30am Morning Service at Abbey  
Celebration of Holy Communion at Abbey*

*SUNDAY 16th*

*9.30am Nativity Play Service at Dirleton*

*10.30am Nativity Play Service at Abbey*

*TUESDAY 18th*

*2.00pm Guild Christmas Carol Service  
at Abbey*

*THURSDAY 20th*

*6.00pm Meet at Church for Carol Singing at  
Nursing Homes*

*SUNDAY 23rd CHRISTMAS SUNDAY*

*9.30am Morning Service at Dirleton*

*10.30am Morning Service at Abbey*

*MONDAY 24th CHRISTMAS EVE*

*4.30pm All-age Christmas Eve Service at Abbey*

*11.30pm Watchnight Candlelit Service at  
Dirleton*

*(Coffee in Church Hall from 11pm)*



*TUESDAY 25th CHRISTMAS DAY*

*10.30am Short All-age Christmas Morning  
Service at Abbey*

*SUNDAY 30th*

*10.30am Joint Morning Service at Dirleton*

*Peace on Earth*