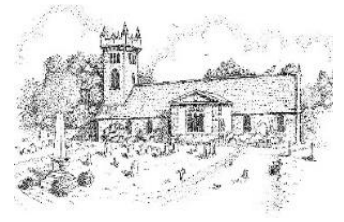




**The Abbey Church of  
Scotland,  
North Berwick  
and Dirleton Kirk**



**Minister: Rev Dr David J Graham  
Pastoral Assistant: Robert Kane**

**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Today's Service Theme:  
Faith and Courage**

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

**Services Today will be led by Bob Kane**

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 and Friday, remote working Wednesday and Thursday  
Church Office ☎892800 Website: [abbeychurch.org.uk](http://abbeychurch.org.uk)  
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Church Administrator: Paola Burrows

**Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk**

**9.30am (to 10.20am)**

Organist - Marion Goodfellow

Scripture: Mark 7:24-30 read by Sandy Bone

Call to worship psalm 25 v 4-5

CH 600 Spirit of God

CH 191 Do not be afraid

CH 419 Thine be the glory

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

**Morning Worship, Abbey Church**

**10.30am (to 11.30am)**

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Mark 7:24-30 read by Linda Scott

Call to worship psalm 25 v 4-5

MP 52 God sent his son

MP 115 Do not be afraid

*Offering Voluntary*

*Prelude on Crimond by Alec Rowley*

MP 806 Beauty for brokenness

MP 1039 Colours of day

Followed by tea and coffee in the small 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 5<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am Sunday service, Dirleton Kirk  
10.30am Sunday service, Abbey Church  
10.30am Super Sunday club, Abbey Church  
3.00pm Care Home Service, Abbey Home  
3.40pm Care home service, Fidra House  
5.30pm Zoom Prayer Meeting

### Monday

2.00pm WALT, Abbey small hall

### Wednesday

10.00am Dirleton Prayer and Coffee Service, Dirleton Kirk hall

### Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey large hall

### Saturday

1.00pm Demystifying Death Documentary Q&A, Abbey halls  
7.00pm Christian Aid Quiz night, Abbey large hall

### Next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Ascension Sunday  
9.30am Baptism, Dirleton Kirk  
3.30pm Care Home Service, Astley House  
6.00pm Christian Aid United Service, Abbey Church

'**Thy Kingdom Come**'. As part of this world-wide prayer season, there are artistic prayer stations around the Abbey sanctuary, and small prayer journals for your personal use. Please use these in any way which you find helpful.

## **Coastal Command and Maritime Air Memorial Service**

The Annual Commemoration Service for the CCMA will take place today at 2pm at North Bewick Harbour. All welcome to attend.

## **Christian Aid Week**

A **Christian Aid Quiz night** will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm in Abbey Church. Tables are £36 for 6 people. Book your place through the church office asap. **Christian Aid United Service** will be hosted by Abbey Church on the 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm. All are welcome, please come along and invite your friends and neighbours! On the 17<sup>th</sup> May St Baldred's will be hosting a **Musical Soiree** at 7pm, tickets from Greens and Blues. And on the 18<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00am at St Andrew Blackadder you can treat yourself to another delicious **coffee morning**.

Please come and support some, if not all, of these special events for Christian Aid.

## **Sunday Creche volunteers**

Volunteers are required for our creche rota on a Sunday morning. If you would be interested in assisting with the creche rota see Mary or Rose for more details. Thank you.

## **WALT meets at 2:00 on the 6<sup>th</sup> in Abbey small hall**

Women Are Learning Together will look another selection of readings from the series about "Jesus on Gardening". This week we will investigate "**Growth**" together by looking at the following:-

The Parable of the Sower -Mark 4:3-20,

The Parable of the Growing Seed - Mark 4:26-29

The Parable of the Mustard Seed - Matthew 13:31-32, Mark 4:30-34, Luke 13:18-19,

When a seed dies - John 12:24

## **De-mystifying Death Week**

North Berwick Coastal Community Connections are a charity dedicated to combating loneliness, running free events and activities throughout the year. 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May is national De-mystifying Death Week to give people the knowledge, skills and opportunities to plan and support each other through death, loss, grief and care. Throughout this week, NBCCC are holding a range of exciting events to inspire people to start conversations about this sensitive, yet essential topic, including an evening of folk music and traditional

storytelling on 10<sup>th</sup> May from 7.00pm at St. Andrew Blackadder Church and a documentary screening followed by a Q & A with the Director, here at Abbey Church on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 1.00pm. To find out more please see their website: [www.nbc-communityconnections.org](http://www.nbc-communityconnections.org) or email [admin@nbc-communityconnections.org](mailto:admin@nbc-communityconnections.org).

### **Opening and closing Abbey Church**

Volunteers are required to join a rota for opening and closing Abbey Church over the coming months. If you are able to help, please add your name to the list which is on the table at the front of the church.

### **Intimations emails**

Each week the intimations are emailed out to our members. It has been brought to the attention of the office that some are not receiving these emails. Could you please let the office know if you are not getting them please.

### **Office Closed**

The church office will be closed for several days throughout the month of May. Please check the calendar on our website.

### **Newsletter Articles**

If you have an article for the June/July edition of our newsletter, please have it with the church office by the 15<sup>th</sup> May at the latest.

### **Reading: Mark 7:24-30**

#### **The Faith of a Syro-Phoenician Woman**

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

"First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

"Lord," she replied, "but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

### **M Praise 52 God Sent His Son**

God sent His Son, they called Him  
Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my  
Saviour lives!

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold a new-born baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days  
because He Lives.

*Because He lives I can face  
tomorrow.....*

And then one day, I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know  
He lives.  
*Because He lives I can face  
tomorrow.....*

### **MP 115 Do Not Be Afraid**

*Do not be afraid,  
for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name;  
you are Mine.*

When you walk through the waters I'll  
be with you;  
you will never sink beneath the waves.  
*Do not be afraid.....*

When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the  
flames.  
*Do not be afraid.....*

When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am at your side.  
*Do not be afraid.....*

When you dwell in the exile of the  
stranger,  
remember you are precious in My eyes.  
*Do not be afraid.....*

You are Mine, O My child; I am your  
Father,  
and I love you with a perfect love.  
*Do not be afraid.....*

**M Praise 806 Beauty For  
Brokenness**

Beauty for brokenness,  
hope for despair,  
Lord, in Your suffering world  
this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children,  
justice, joy, peace,  
Sunrise to sunset,  
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives,  
cures for their ills,  
Work for the craftsmen,  
trade for their skills;  
Land for the dispossessed,  
rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause  
of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,  
Friend of the weak,  
Give us compassion we pray:  
Melt our cold hearts,  
Let tears fall like rain;  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars,  
havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary,  
freedoms to share.  
Peace to the killing-fields,  
scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness,  
His cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth,  
oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned -  
our future, our dreams.

Lord, end our madness,  
carelessness, greed;  
Make us content with  
the things that we need.

*God of the poor,  
Friend of the weak,  
Give us compassion we pray:  
Melt our cold hearts,  
Let tears fall like rain;  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame.*

Lighten our darkness,  
breathe on this flame  
Until Your justice  
burns brightly again;  
until the nations  
learn of Your ways,  
Seek Your salvation  
and bring you their praise

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Friend of the weak,  
Give us compassion we pray:  
Melt our cold hearts,  
Let tears fall like rain;  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame.*

## MP 1039 Colours of day

Colours of day dawn into the mind,  
the sun has come up, the night is  
behind.

Go down in the city, into the street,  
and let's give the message to the people  
we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame  
burn,  
open the door, let Jesus return.  
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit  
grow,  
tell the people of Jesus, let His love  
show.*

Go through the park, on into the town;

the sun still shines on, it never goes  
down.

The Light of the world is risen again;  
the people of darkness are needing a  
friend.

*So light up the fire and let the flame  
burn.....*

Open your eyes, look into the sky,  
the darkness has come, the sun came to  
die,  
the evening draws on, the sun  
disappears,  
but Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.

*So light up the fire and let the flame  
burn.....*