

SUNDAY 20th CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

9.30am All-age Nativity Service at Dirleton

10.30am All-age Nativity Service at Abbey



THURSDAY 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

4.30pm All-age Christmas Eve Service at Abbey

11.30pm Watchnight Candlelit Service in Dirleton
(Coffee in Church Hall from 11pm)



FRIDAY 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30am All-age Christmas Day Service at Abbey (45 minutes)

SUNDAY 27th

9.30am Morning Service at Dirleton

10.30am Morning Service at Abbey



The Minister, Kirk Sessions and Congregations will be pleased to welcome you to these services and events

Abbey Church, North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk

Warmly
invite you
to join us

this

CHRISTMAS

Peace on Earth

Dear Friends

One of the features of the Christmas period is that we often get more charity appeals sent to us.

Some of these tug at our heart-strings with their photos or stories of people (or animals) in need. Others seem almost brutal in their honesty as they tell us about the state of our nation or of the world.

These appeals seem to assume that we will be more generous than usual at this time of year. Or perhaps they exploit a sort of hidden sense of guilt, that when we spend so much on indulging ourselves we feel that we should give at least something to others. It's unfortunate that the methods of some charities have recently been called into question. A few high-profile cases in the news have the effect of smearing the rest. But that shouldn't make us cynical or tight-fisted when it comes to helping others.

I was recently reminded of a saying of Jesus that it's more blessed to give than to receive.

Sometimes we may feel a bit of 'charity burnout'- there are so many needy cases, so many good causes. But another verse in scripture reminds us 'don't get tired of doing good, for in time we'll reap a harvest if we don't give up'.

The Bible makes it clear that any generosity on our part is because of God's generosity in his gift to us of Jesus. As we enjoy that gift, the greatest gift of all, let that spill over into the lives of others, and especially people who are poor or needy. Then God will bless you!

Your minister,
David



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON AT ABBEY CHURCH AND DIRLETON KIRK

DECEMBER 2015.

SUNDAY 6th

9.30am Morning Service at Dirleton

10.30am Morning Service at Abbey



THURSDAY 10th—SATURDAY 12th

Guild Christmas Tree Festival in Abbey Church

Decorated Trees and Christmas Music



SUNDAY 13th

9.30am Morning Service at Dirleton

10.30am Morning Service at Abbey

6.00pm Service for bereaved people—remembering loved ones



Celebration of Holy Communion at Abbey Morning Service

TUESDAY 15th

2.30pm Guild Carol Service with Octave in Abbey



THURSDAY 17th

6.00pm Meet at Fidra Care Home for Carol Singing at Nursing

Homes and Tigh Mhor

