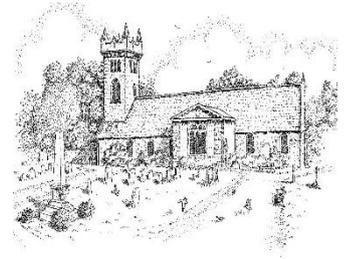




**Abbey Church of Scotland,  
North Berwick  
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

**Sunday, 22nd March 2020**

***Today's Service Theme:  
The Greatest Commandment***

**Church Services Cancelled**

In the light of the advice received from Church of Scotland, we have no choice but to cancel all church services and meetings for the foreseeable future, until we are instructed that it is safe to resume. This is obviously a great disappointment, but it is the only course of action in the present circumstances.

We hope to have the church building open most days for private reflection and prayer.

**Abbey Church Office** (serving Abbey and Dirleton) is open  
10am - 1pm Tuesday to Friday  
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Scripture: Mark 12:28-37

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

"Well said, teacher," The man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no-one dared ask him any more questions.

While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked "How is it that the teachers of the law say that the Christ is the son of David? David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared:

"The Lord said to my Lord:  
"Sit at my right hand  
until I put your enemies  
under your feet." "

David himself calls him 'Lord'. How then can he be his son?"  
The large crowd listened to him with delight.

M Praise 152/CH4 181 For the beauty of the earth

**For the beauty of the earth,**  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies;  
Father, unto You we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light;  
Father, unto You we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of love from God,  
That we share on earth below;  
For our friends and family,  
And the love that they can show;  
Father, unto You we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift divine  
To our race so freely given,  
Thank You Lord that they are mine,  
here on earth as gifts from heaven;  
Father, unto You we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

M Praise 225 He's got the whole world in his hands

**He's got the whole world in His hands,**  
He's got the whole wide world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here, in His hands.....

He's got the tiny little baby, in His hands.....

He's got you and me, brother, in His hands...

M Praise 293 I sing the almighty power of God

**I sing the almighty power of God,**  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at His command,  
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with His word,  
and then pronounced them good.

Creatures, as numerous as they be,  
Are subject to His care;  
There's not a place where we can flee  
But God is present there.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!

God's hand is my perpetual guard,  
He guides me with His eye;  
Why should I then forget the Lord,  
Whose love is ever nigh?

M Praise 673/CH4 559 There is a Redeemer

**There is a Redeemer,**  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on Earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah

O for sinners slain:

*Thank You, O my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on Earth is done.*

When I stand in glory  
I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place

*Thank You, O my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on Earth is done.*

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

## Next Sunday - 29th March

### **Service Theme - Faithful to the End**

The Moderator and other church leaders have issued a call to a **National Day of Prayer** today. I hope you will be able to take some time to join in this:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2020/moderator-joins-call-for-national-day-of-prayer>

**Abbey Guild AGM** has been cancelled on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. It will be rearranged at a future date

**Abbey Church Annual Congregational Meeting** has been postponed. The Annual Report and Accounts is available on the Church Website.

**Summer Afternoon Teas.** For several years, the Abbey small church hall has been used on Sunday afternoons in the month of July to provide tea, coffees and cakes. These events have been well supported by members of the congregation and visitors and raise valuable funds to support local charities. It is proposed to continue this initiative in July 2020 and all those willing to assist in any way (e.g. baking and serving) are asked to contact Abbey office for their name to be added to the volunteer list.

**Abbey Church Office remains open.** Please try to avoid 'popping in' if possible and use emails and phone calls for communication.

**Abbey/Dirleton Newsletter.** Our newsletter is due to be published next weekend. If you would rather an emailed copy and not a hard copy delivered during this time, please let Abbey Church office know. The newsletter will also be on the Church website.