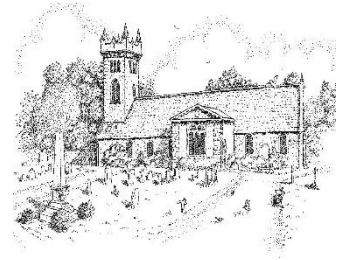




**Abbey Church of Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

Sunday, 4th October 2020

**Today's Service Theme:
What's the Point?**

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

A printed outline of the service is available by email. The recorded service from Abbey will be available online on Sunday afternoon.

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 (**currently working remotely**)

Church Office ☎892800 Website: abbeychurch.org.uk

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Church Administrator: Paola Burrows

Abbey Church of Scotland, North Berwick Scottish Charity - No SC004761
Dirleton Parish Church Scottish Charity - No SC004533

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:12-18 & 2:1-11 read by Shona Collins

CH4 158 God moves in mysterious ways

CH4 243 Touch the earth lightly

CH4 235 God is working his purpose out

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:12-18 & 2:1-11 read by Sadie Young

Introit: Variation on Dominus Regit Me by June Nixon

MP 193 God moves in mysterious ways

CH4 243 Touch the earth lightly

Sleep Song from Hansel and Gretel by Engelbert Humperdinck

MP 189 God is working his purpose out

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

Wednesday

10am (until 10.30), Dirleton Prayer Service in Dirleton Kirk

Next Sunday - 11th October

Service Theme - Carpe Diem (Seize the Day)

These web pages give links to the recordings of services, children's talks, weekly intimations, newsletters, and lots of other church information. Sunday services are uploaded on our YouTube channel, to which our website and Facebook page have links.

Website abbeychurch.org.uk

Facebook Page facebook.com/abbeyanddirleton

YouTube Channel youtube.com/channel/UCVFrDWPjncNroN1Hzjmg5Hg

Harvest Donations

As we have been unable to bring our usual gifts to church this year as part of our Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations, members might want to support the excellent, and much needed work of the East Lothian Foodbank in the coming week. Gifts of products can be placed in the usual collection baskets in Tesco and Nisa. As an alternative, the Foodbank welcomes cash donations which can be made online by visiting the website: Eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk or by post to: East Lothian Foodbank, 3 Civic Square, Tranent, East Lothian, EH33 1LH

Blythswood is going ahead with the Shoe Box Appeal 2020. In these difficult times many who have provided gifts in the past will find it much more difficult to do so this year. Indeed, for many months it has been impossible to obtain empty shoe boxes. However, we can provide some covered boxes, available from Abbey and Dirleton churches from the beginning of October. A leaflet will be inside each box and extra leaflets will be available in church. Blythswood have announced that if shoe boxes are not available they will accept gifts in a drawstring bag. The last collecting date will be around the end of October. If desired, in lieu of a box, a donation can be made to help with the cost of transporting the gifts abroad. The need, of course, is even greater this year because of the global pandemic. Simple gifts can be invaluable to families in need, and a blessing to those who receive them.

Church Services

To comply with Scottish Government regulations and Church of Scotland guidance, we have to adopt the following procedures:

- All people attending our service must observe a minimum of 2 metres social distancing at all times when in church and on their way in and out of the building. Worshippers will be guided to seats (which have been laid out to maintain social distancing) and should stay in those seats throughout the service. Provision will be made for those from the same household to sit together.
- All worshippers must wear face coverings (unless they have an exemption from doing so) and hand sanitiser will be provided.
- There will be no singing.
- Offerings can be made either on entry or on leaving the church (but will not be uplifted during the service).
- Contact details of all worshippers will be collected and stored for 28 days after the service in accordance with our privacy policy, a copy of which will be on display in church.
- There will be no printed intimations and hymn books and bibles have been removed from the church.
- Toilets will be open, but their use will be restricted to one person at a time.
- Tea and coffee will not be available after the service.

- Please be aware that our services at Abbey Church will be recorded and recordings of that morning's service will be made available later on the website for those who are unable to attend our services including those for whom attendance at this stage is probably not appropriate due to underlying health conditions.

As numbers attending church services have been limited by the Scottish Government and are also dependant on the layout of the church, we will operate a booking system each week.

Bookings can be made by phone or email during church office hours (1000-1300) on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the week prior to the service. To make a booking for that week's service, please either phone during these hours (01620 892800) or email your request to abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk giving details of the names of the people from your household who wish to attend and one contact telephone number and whether you would like to attend Abbey Church or Dirleton Kirk. Please do not leave phone messages and any emails received before Tuesday at 10.00am cannot be accepted. Bookings will only be taken for that week's service and the process for the following Sunday will commence on the Tuesday of that week.

If after booking, you feel unwell on the Sunday, we would respectfully request that you do not attend that service.

Track and Trace during the week. Could we respectfully ask that if you are in the Abbey church building at any time other than Sunday service please register at the side door, whether you are in the building for an hour or a minute. Thank you.

Our Sunday service themes this autumn are based on five short and often overlooked books of the Bible. Sometimes referred to as the 'Five Scrolls' ('Megilloth' in Hebrew), the little books of Ruth, Esther, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs and Lamentations have struggled to be recognised against the 'giants' such as Isaiah, Genesis or Psalms. They have recently been called 'The Forgotten Books of the Bible'. Yet they have a message as relevant for us today as any other books. Refugees, ethnic cleansing, sexuality, genocide, finding meaning in a confusing world - these are just some of their themes.

Two Sunday services will be devoted to each book, with the introductory one today: 'Where can Wisdom be found?'

On Sunday 6th and 13th September, Bob Kane will conduct worship in Abbey, and the online services those days will be from the Moderator, Martin Fair.

Try Praying

As a church we have made the Try Praying booklets available to anyone who would like to take one. Most will have been taken by people who have previously no experience of church. This initiative continues to be very successful. Please continue to pray for all those who might read a booklet or visit the Try Praying website, that these spiritual seeds sown would take root in their life, grow and flourish in their life, and pray that people may experience the joy of answered prayer and come to a relationship with Jesus.

If you would like to make a financial contribution towards the cost of these booklets please could you contact David Graham or Stuart Ainslie. There have been many people who have been and continue to be helped spiritually. Thank you

Rev Dr David Graham is emailing the Sunday service to many of our members and friends. If you are not receiving an email and would like to be included in the list please contact Abbey Church office with your details.

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Super Sunday Club is online. We'll continue to explore the Bible with games, stories, songs, crafts and prayer. Aimed at primary ages, but open to all. Come and join us this Sunday at 10.00am on the Abbey Church Facebook page www.facebook.com/abbeyanddirleton/. Also available on Abbey Church Website.

Church Offerings

A number of members have contacted Abbey Church for advice on how they can continue to make financial contributions during the current crisis. This is appreciated as the running costs of the church continue, much as before, including the costs of our staff. In addition, the significant income which we generally receive for the use of our premises has now stopped completely. For those who already contribute via standing order, the church should continue to

receive these offerings (and any associated Gift Aid) provided the giver's financial circumstances enable this to continue.

For those able to attend our services, blue envelopes and cash offerings can now be made on entry to the service.

For those who generally contribute through envelopes or by putting cash in the offering bags and who are not yet able to return to church, there are a number of options:

By payment into the Church bank account at the Bank of Scotland either electronically or in person.

By standing order

The Abbey Church's bank account is as follows:

Bank of Scotland

Sort code 80-17-95

Account number 00100437

If remitting offerings via a bank transfer, please use your surname as the reference for the transaction.

The standing order forms are available from the Abbey Church website under giving. These forms should be completed and sent to your own bank branch. Forms and further information can be obtained from Phil Spencer.

If you are a tax-payer and would like the gift-aid to be recovered by the Church, the gift-aid form is also available under giving on the Church website.

DIRLETON OFFERINGS

For standing orders & bank transfers:

Royal Bank of Scotland

Sort code :- 83 26 02

A/C no. :-00136739

Dirleton's Treasurer, David Kirkpatrick, has said that he is also happy to receive cheques etc sent to him at 7, The Glebe, Dirleton EH39 5FB