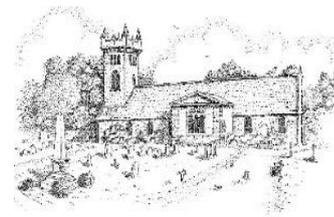




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



Service is led by Revs Jock and Margaret Stein
Pastoral Assistant: Robert Kane

Sunday, 1st March 2026

**Today's Service Theme:
Birth and Rebirth**

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

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: Church Office ☎892800
Website: abbeychurch.org.uk
email: abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk
Church Administrator: Darren Barber

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Nancy Hughes

Scripture: Genesis 12.1-4 & John 3.1-16 read by Alan Aitken

CH4 81 - I to the hills

CH4 162 - The God of Abraham praise (omit vv 3-4)

CH4 123 - God is love

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Genesis 12.1-4 & John 3.1-16 read by Linda Scott

MP 645 - The God of Abraham praise

MP 133 - Father I place into your hands

Offering Voluntary

Air from Water Music by G F Handel

CH4 81 - I to the hills

MP 187 - God is love

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk 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, 1st March 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

10:45am Little Lights, Abbey Church

2.45pm Care Home Service, Fidra House

3.30pm Care Home Service, Astley House

Wednesday

10:00am Prayer Service, Dirleton Kirk

Thursday

10:00am Little Nippers, Abbey Church

Next Sunday, 8th March 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

10:45am Little Lights, Abbey Church

Lent Course

Members of Abbey Church and Dirleton Kirk are invited to attend a joint ecumenical Lent Course shared with St Baldred's Church tomorrow at St Baldred's Hall at 7.30pm, (7.15pm for tea and coffee). We will be using a set of daily Lent Readings published by the Bible Reading Fellowship called "Giving it up" by Maggi Dawn.

Genesis 12.1-4

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

John 3.1-16

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no-one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no-one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.