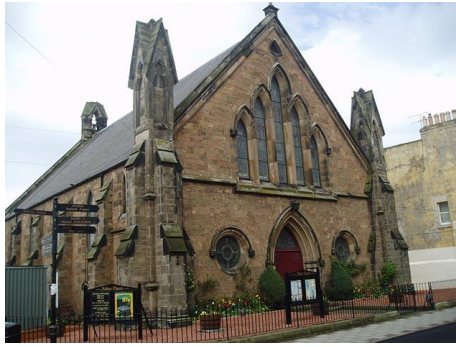




Intimations for Abbey Church & Dirleton Kirk



Sunday, 11th October 2026

TODAY'S SERVICE THEME

**Dirleton Kirk: We Cannot
Help Ourselves**

**Abbey Church: God, Our
Divine Shepherd**

INTERIM MODERATOR:

Revd. Dr. Jock Stein

SERVICES LED BY:

Keith Stewart – Dirleton Kirk

Jackie Ley – Abbey Church

9.30am Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Worship, Abbey Church

Welcome

We extend a warm 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Worship this Sunday

DIRLETON KIRK

Morning Worship

9.30am to 10.20am

Organist

Marion Goodfellow

Scripture

Matthew 9: 1-8 read by Aiden Stokes

Hymns - CH4

482 - Come Let us to the Lord our God

409 - And Can it Be that I should Gain

449 - Rejoice the Lord is King

The Service is followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

ABBEY CHURCH

Morning Worship

10.30am to 11.30am

Organist

Robert Burgon

Scripture

Psalms 23: 1-6, and, Philippians 4: 1-8 read by Margaret Burgon

Hymns - MP

480 - New Every Morning is the Love

467 - Morning Has Broken

50 - Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

1008 - The Lord's My Shepherd

The Offering Voluntary is Allegretto by Eric H Thiman

The Service is followed by tea and coffee in the small hall

Church Diary

Sunday, 11th October 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

Monday

12.30pm: Service of thanksgiving for the life of Geoff Sharpe, Abbey Church

Wednesday

10.00am Prayer Service, Dirleton Kirk Hall

Next Sunday, 18th October 2026

10.30am Joint Morning Service, Abbey Church

Next Sunday our Sole Nominee will preach.

Parish Notes

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

At a meeting held at North Berwick on 8th September 2026, the Nominating Committee chose the person who they wish to propose to this congregation Dirleton and North Berwick Abbey to be our new minister. The name of the person proposed is the Revd Norman Smith.

Arrangements have been made for him to conduct public worship in Abbey Church on **Sunday the 18th day of October at 10.30am**. Immediately after that service, there will be a vote on whether or not the Revd Norman Smith should be appointed as the new minister of this congregations of Dirleton and North Berwick Abbey. Anyone whose name appears on the Electoral Registers of these two congregations shall be entitled to vote.

No-one else shall be entitled to vote.

- Jock Stein, Interim Moderator

Geoff Sharpe - Service of Thanksgiving

The Service of thanksgiving for the life of Geoff Sharpe will take place at 12:30pm at the Abbey Church on Monday 12th October 2026.

Abbey Church Tea Rota - Volunteers Required.

Abbey Church is seeking volunteers to help expand the tea and coffee rota. To volunteer, or for further information, please contact Darren via the office.

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal – Collection Date

Blythswood have confirmed pick up date for shoeboxes at the Abbey Church - 28 October 2026. *As such, Sunday 25 October will be the final Sunday for dropping off shoeboxes.*

Scripture

Matthew 9: 1-8

Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the

paralytic, 'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.'

At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, 'This fellow is blaspheming!'

Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said,

'Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Get up and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.' So he said to the paralytic, 'Get up, take your mat and go home.' And the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men.

Psalm 23: 1-6

The Lord is my shepherd, I not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Philippians 4: 1-8

Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, loyal yoke-fellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.