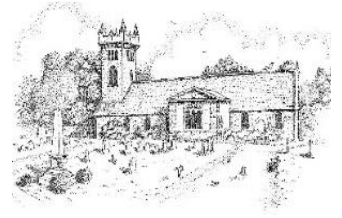




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

Sunday, 14th September 2025

**Today's Service Theme:
Lost and found**

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

**Welcome to all visitors today
Because of essential repairs to Dirleton Kirk tower, the main west
door is out of bounds. Access is only by the side (Archerfield
Aisle) door. Thanks for your co-operation.**

**Abbey Church Office (serving Abbey and Dirleton) is open
10am - 1pm, Tuesday to Friday: Church Office ☎892800
Website: abbeychurch.org.uk
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Church Administrator: Darren Barber**

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Philip Boon

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10 read by Sandy Bone

CH 462 The king of love

MP 315 I will sing the wondrous story

CH 510 Jesus calls us here to meet him (v.1-3)

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Psalm 51:1-17; Luke 15:1-10 read by Margaret Burgon

MP 649 The king of love

MP 823 Fairest Lord Jesus

Offering Voluntary

Voluntary by L. Boellmann

MP 315 I will sing the wondrous story

CH 510 Jesus calls us here to meet him (v.1-3 before communion, v.4 after)

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, 14th September 2025

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service with Communion, Abbey Church

Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey large hall

Next Sunday, 21st September 2025

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

Abbey Communion Service Today

Please note that for today's Communion that the Abbey uses gluten free bread and alcohol-free wine in our service.

Harvest Supper & Harvest Offerings

A Harvest Buffet Supper will be held in the Abbey large hall on Saturday 27 September 2025 from 6:30-8:30pm, the evening before the Harvest Thanksgiving services. Tickets, priced at £10 per adult (children free), are limited to 50 and can be obtained from Darren in the church office or Sheila and Robert Burgon in Abbey Church, with any surplus income donated to WaterAid. Harvest offerings will support WaterAid, with donation envelopes available in church to be returned by Sunday 28 September; cheques should be made payable to WaterAid, and taxpayers are encouraged to complete the envelope details to enable Gift Aid recovery.

Blythswood Shoebox appeal

We have gratefully received a significant number of shoeboxes donated to the Abbey so far. We expect the boxes to be collected at the end of October and remind people to include one of the Blythswood leaflets, found at the front of the church, in each box. The process of wrapping the boxes is underway and the first batch should be back with us in the next few weeks, so that those who do not have one to wrap themselves can collect one.

Dirleton Work Party

We are having our annual Dirleton work party at the church on Saturday 27th September at 10.00am, lasting probably a couple of hours. We will be doing a few jobs such as power washing and sanding a table, and any help would be greatly appreciated.

Rev Ujwal Rai Visit, A Reminder of Shared Faith Across Continents

Abbey Church and Dirleton Kirk warmly welcomed Rev Ujwal Rai, Presbyterian in Charge of the Tadong-Nandok Sikkim Pastorate in the Church of North India, during his visit to the Presbytery of Lothian & Borders, where their partnership agreement was renewed. His day began with a farm tour in Dirleton, where he reflected on differences between Indian and Scottish farming, before joining Abbey Church members in North Berwick for lunch, a twinning video presentation, and music on the organ with Robert, followed by a boat trip to Bass Rock and a seaside stroll.

In Dirleton, he was further welcomed with a historical tour, bagpipe music, and a display celebrating the church partnership, concluding with a meal at The Open Arms. Rev Rai also met many members who had previously visited Kalimpong, strengthening the sense of shared history between the congregations. Throughout his visit, he spoke about his ministry across seven churches in India, his thriving Sunday School and youth program, and the challenges of engaging teenagers amidst work commitments, while emphasising the importance of education and opportunities for young people. His visit was a powerful reminder of the deep bonds between the congregations and their twinned counterpart in Kalimpong, inspiring hope and strengthening friendship for the future.

Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them."

Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Psalm 51:1-17

For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God, are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.