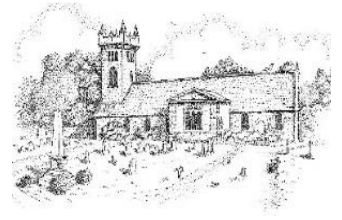




**The Abbey Church of  
Scotland,  
North Berwick  
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Today's Service Theme:  
Third Sunday of Advent**

**9.30am Morning Worship and Baptism, 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 and Friday, remote working Wednesday and Thursday  
Church Office ☎892800 Website: [abbeychurch.org.uk](http://abbeychurch.org.uk)  
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Church Administrator: Paola Burrows

**Morning Worship and Baptism, Dirleton Kirk**

**9.30am (to 10.20am)**

Organist - Marion Goodfellow

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56 read by John Lindsay

CH 324 Angels from the realms of glory

GWA 90 We are a people of hope (vs 1-3)

Baptismal Hymn CH 312 Away in a manger

CH 310 See Him lying on a bed of straw

CH 322 Good Christians all rejoice

Doxology (t. Buinessan)

*May the One born in Bethlehem's manger,*

*Love you and give His own peace to you*

*May the One sought by wise men and shepherds*

*Fill you with joy as you seek Him too. Amen*

Followed by tea and coffee in the small hall

**Morning Worship, Abbey Church**

**10.30am (to 11.30am)**

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:39-56 read by Carol Stobie

MP 35 Angels from the realms of glory

GWA 90 We are a people of hope (vs 1-3)

GWA 99 Joy has dawned upon the world

*Offering Voluntary*

*Ave, Ave, the Angel Sang by Robert Lau*

MP 589 See Him lying on a bed of straw

MP 196 Good Christian men rejoice

Doxology (t. Buinessan)

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*Fill you with joy as you seek Him too. Amen*

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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 15<sup>th</sup> December - Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am Dirleton Sunday Service and Baptism

10.30am Abbey Sunday Service

#### Monday

3.00pm Carol Singing, Astley House Care Home

#### Tuesday

6.00pm Carol Singing, Fidra House Care Home

6.45pm Carol Singing, Tigh Mhor Retirement Home

#### Wednesday

10.00am Dirleton Prayer Meeting, Dirleton Kirk Hall

#### Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers pram Service, Abbey large hall

#### Friday

10.00am Law Primary Christmas Service, Abbey Church

11.45am Dirleton Primary Christmas Service, Dirleton Kirk

#### Next Sunday, 22nd December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30am Joint Nativity Service, Abbey Church

### **Christmas Offerings**

Please support our special Christmas offerings for 'Fresh Start' and the World Vision Middle East Humanitarian appeal. You can do this at the Christmas services, or our Giant Christmas Card in Abbey Church.

#### **Joint nativity service, Sunday 22nd**

If you're able to take part in the nativity play next week, please meet for a few minutes after today's Abbey service.

#### **Carol Singing**

You are invited to join us for Carol Singing in North Berwick Care Homes  
Astley House on Monday 16 December at 3.00pm

Fidra House on Tuesday 17 Dec at 6.00pm followed by Tigh Mhor at 6.45pm.

## **Advent Group**

The Advent group this year will be meeting at St Baldred's Church at 7.30pm, all welcome.

The themes will be based on the book 'Do not be afraid. The joy of waiting in a time of fear' by Rachel Mann (£10.99)

Wed 18th December (fourth week): p.99-114 'Jesus Christ is Waiting'

## **Abbey Church Flowers**

The rota for Abbey Church flowers for 2025 is soon to be made up and there are a few spaces. Anyone who would like to donate or arrange one Sunday please speak to Elma or Dorothy. Help to deliver the flowers would also be much appreciated.

## **It's Grinchmas!!!**

The Abbey Church, World Church Committee will be hosting a Christmas movie extravaganza on Saturday, December 21st. Entry is free. Come along and support our showing of The Grinch! Doors will open from 4pm with the film starting at 4.15pm sharp. Bring your own snacks and drinks! There will be the opportunity to make a donation to Bethany Christian Trust who support people sleeping on the streets across Scotland. Hope to see you there!

## **Buy Nothing Festive Fair**

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Buy Nothing Fair last weekend. The large hall in Abbey Church was full to bursting with children's toys, books, board games and teddy bears looking for new homes. There was also a large section of Christmas decorations. The vast majority of items were taken and what was left was offered to local charity shops with the final remaining bags going to Zero Waste Dunbar. £280 was raised in total and will be donated to North Berwick based charity, Herb Space.

## **Christmas Services**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 10.30am, Joint Abbey/Dirleton Nativity Service, Abbey Church

24<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas Eve**, 4.30pm, All age Christmas Eve Service, Abbey Church.  
11.30pm, Watchnight Service, Dirleton Kirk

25<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas Day**, 10.30am, joint Abbey/Dirleton Christmas Day Service, Abbey Church

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am Joint Dirleton/Abbey Service, Dirleton Kirk