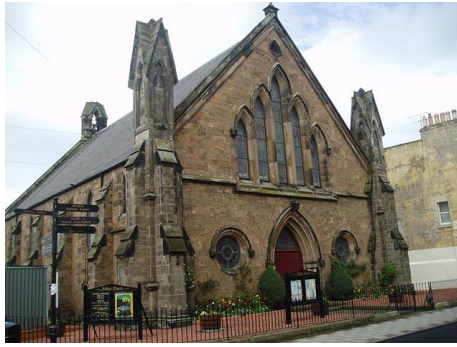




Intimations for Abbey Church & Dirleton Kirk



Sunday, 18th October 2026

TODAY'S SERVICE THEME

**The Church
Everlasting**

INTERIM MODERATOR:

Revd. Dr. Jock Stein

SERVICES LED BY:

Revd. Norman Smith

10.30am Joint 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

ABBEY CHURCH

Joint Morning Worship

10.30am to 11.30am

Organist

Robert Burgon

Scripture

Matthew 16: 1-20 read by Isabel Smith

Hymns - MP

640: The Church's one foundation

600: Sing to God new songs of worship

560: Praise my soul the King of Heaven

799: All I once held dear

41: At the name of Jesus

The Offering Voluntary is Variation on Aurelia by Oliver Janes

Due to the election and joint meeting of the Abbey Church and Dirleton Kirk sessions there will be no tea or coffee served after the service

Church Diary

Sunday, 18th October 2026

10.30am Joint Morning Service, Abbey Church

Service led by our Sole Nominee, Revd. Norman Smith.

After the service, those on the electoral registers of Dirleton Kirk and Abbey Church will be invited to vote to confirm the election of our new minister. This service will be followed by a joint meeting of the Abbey and Dirleton Kirk Session

Wednesday

10.00am Prayer Service, Dirleton Kirk Hall

Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey Church

Next Sunday, 25th October 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

Parish Notes

Joint Meeting of the Dirleton and Abbey Kirk Sessions

There will be a joint meeting of the Dirleton and Abbey Kirk Sessions at the conclusion of the voting following the service on Sunday 18 October 2026. This meeting will take place in the Abbey large hall for the purpose of supervising the counting of votes regarding the election of our new minister.

Church of Scotland Day of Prayer- Saturday 31 October 2026: Light in the Darkness

On Saturday 31 October, congregations, presbyteries and small groups across the Church of Scotland are invited to come together for an hour of prayer, praying for the light of Jesus to transform our Church, our communities across Scotland, and the places around the world where the Church worships and serves.

There will be a one- hour meeting for prayer led by our Interim Moderator, Rev Dr Jock Stein, in Abbey Church commencing at 10.00am. All are welcome.

Mrs Ann McCarter - Service of Thanksgiving

The Service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Ann McCarter will take place at 11.00am at the Abbey Church on Thursday 29th October 2026.

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 1: 1-20

A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Abraham was the father of Isaac,
Isaac the father of Jacob,
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,
Judah the father of Perez and

Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,
Perez the father of Hezron,
Hezron the father of Ram,
Ram the father of Amminadab,
Amminadab the father of Nahshon,
Nahshon the father of Salmon,
Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose
mother was Ruth,
Obed the father of Jesse,
and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon,
whose mother had been Uriah's
wife,
Solomon the father of Rehoboam,
Rehoboam the father of Abijah,
Abijah the father of Asa,
Asa the father of Jehoshaphat,
Jehoshaphat the father of
Jehoram,
Jehoram the father of Uzziah,
Uzziah the father of Jotham,
Jotham the father of Ahaz,
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,
Hezekiah the father of Manasseh,
Manasseh the father of Amon,
Amon the father of Josiah,
and Josiah the father of Jeconiah
and his brothers at the time of the
exile to Babylon.

After the exile to Babylon:
Jeconiah was the father of
Shealtiel,
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,
Zerubbabel the father of Abihud,
Abihud the father of Eliakim,
Eliakim the father of Azor,
Azor the father of Zadok,
Zadok the father of Akim,
Akim the father of Elihud,
Elihud the father of Eleazar,
Eleazar the father of Matthan,
Matthan the father of Jacob,
and Jacob the father of Joseph, the

husband of Mary, of whom was
born Jesus, who is called the
Christ.

Thus there were fourteen
generations in all from Abraham to
David, fourteen from David to the
exile to Babylon, and fourteen from
the exile to the Christ.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ
came about: his mother Mary was
pledged to be married to Joseph,
but before they came together, she
was found to be with child through
the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her
husband was righteous man and
did not want to expose her to
public disgrace, he had in mind to
divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an
angel of the Lord appeared to him
in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of
David, do not be afraid to take
Mary home as your wife, because
what is conceived in her is from the
Holy Spirit