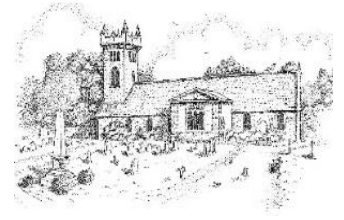




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

Sunday, 19th January 2025

**Today's Service Theme:
The Challenge of Acts - To the Ends of the Earth**

**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 and Friday, remote working Wednesday and Thursday
Church Office ☎892800 Website: abbeychurch.org.uk
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Church Administrator: Paola Burrows**

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Richard Neville-Towle

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11 read by Neil Walkingshaw

CH 512 To God be the glory

CH 537 We do not hope to ease our minds

CH 251 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11 read by Sally Penman

MP 708 To God be the glory

GWA 20 We will extol you, God and King

Offering voluntary

Larghetto in F by Hugh Blair

CH 537 We do not hope to ease our minds

MP 857 I, the Lord of sea and sky

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 19th January 2025

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

Wednesday

10.00am Dirleton Prayer Meeting, Dirleton Kirk Hall

Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey large hall

Next Sunday, 26th January

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

6.00pm Week of Prayer Joint Service, Gullane Parish Church

Abbey and Dirleton Congregational Lunch

All our members are welcome to attend our congregational lunch on Sunday 2nd February, 12 for 12.30pm at the Glen Golf Club. £17 for 2 courses, £21 for 3 courses with tea/coffee included

It is 'pay on the day' but please let Paola, in the office, know if you wish to attend, or alternatively there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer at Abbey Church.

Week of Prayer

On the 26th January there will be a Service for the week of prayer for Christian Unity held in Gullane Parish Church at 6pm

Summer Holiday Club

This year's holiday club "A tale of Two Kings" will run from 21st-25th July 2025.

An initial gathering of all previous, potential and not-available-but-happy-to-pray team members will take place at 7pm onwards on Monday 27th January. We will have coffee, cake and pray together at 4 Sainthill Court, North Berwick. We look forward to seeing you.

Church Offerings

Please place any offerings in one of the baskets which are located beside the front and back doors of the church. If you are visiting, we would encourage you to use one of the Gift Aid envelopes which are located in the back of the chairs. Gift Aid enables us to increase your offering by recovering tax.

Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'