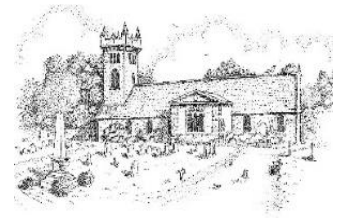




**The Abbey Church of  
Scotland,  
North Berwick  
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

**Today's Service Theme:  
Dirleton - Fig Trees and Foxes  
Abbey - Patience and Gods Love for us**

**9.30am Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk  
Led by Rev Dr David Graham  
10.30am Morning Worship, Abbey Church  
Led by Jacqueline Waugh**

**Welcome to all visitors today  
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, Dirleton Kirk**

**9.30am (to 10.20am)**

Organist - Jim Dickson

Scripture: Luke 13:6-9; 31-35 read by John Lindsay

CH 52 How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

CH 203 When In Our Music, God Is Glorified.

CH 189 Be Still For The Presence Of The Lord

CH 237 Look Forward in Faith

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

**Morning Worship, Abbey Church**

**10.30am (to 11.30am)**

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Psalm 63:1-8; Luke 13:1-9 read by Irene Brodie

MP 275 I heard the voice of Jesus say

MP 404 Let all the world

*Offering voluntary*

*Quartett by Charles Darnton*

MP 50 Be still for the presence of the Lord

MP 712 O soul are you weary and troubled

MP 975 Before the throne of God above

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 23rd March 2025**

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church Led by Jacqueline Waugh

### **Tuesday**

2.00pm TAG, Abbey large hall

### **Wednesday**

10.00am Dirleton Prayer Meeting, Dirleton Kirk hall

7.30pm Lent Group, Abbey large hall

### **Thursday**

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey large hall

### **Next Sunday, 30th March**

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

### **TAG - 'Changes in Education Over the Years'**

Come along and reminisce about your school days and look at how the curriculum, uniform, assessment, school dinners etc. have changed over the years.

### **Lent Group**

Wednesdays 7.30pm in Abbey Large Hall (coffee from 7pm)

Based on Jane Williams: 'The Sacraments, responding to God's loving invitation'

26<sup>th</sup> March: Jesus-shaped sacraments

2<sup>nd</sup> April: Sacraments of presence in a broken world

9<sup>th</sup> April: Sacraments as a pledge of the Holy Spirit

### **Food Bank Lent Collection**

During Lent we shall be collecting produce for the East Lothian Foodbank in Abbey Church. Items such as tinned soup, baked beans, tinned meat, tinned chilli con carne etc. Also rice, nappies, toiletries, Easter eggs etc. Cash can also be donated. The final date for collection is Sunday 6th April.

### **Abbey Annual Congregational Meeting**

The annual congregational meeting of Abbey Church will take place in the sanctuary immediately after the service on Sunday 30 March 2025. The Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 December 2024, which have been approved by the Kirk Session, will be presented. Copies of the Report and Accounts can be found on the website and paper copies are also available at the front door of the church.

### **Pastoral Visitor (Part time)**

Are you caring, a good listener and keen to support a church in its pastoral care work?

We are seeking to appoint someone to the new post of Pastoral Visitor. This post is part-time

For further information and an application form please email

[abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk](mailto:abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk) Closing date: Monday 31 March 2025

### **Cadenza**

One of Edinburgh's leading mixed voice choirs will perform in Abbey church on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm. Tickets available on the night, in aid of East Lothian Young Carers.

### **North Berwick Holiday Club**

Put a note in your diary that the holiday club will run from 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> July this year. If you are interested in helping please contact Lesli Lawrie. [leslilawrie@gmail.com](mailto:leslilawrie@gmail.com)

**Reading: Luke 13:6-9; 31-35 Dirleton Kirk**

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'"

"'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

**Psalm 63:1-8; Luke 13:1-9 Abbey Church**

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'"

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