



Intimations for Abbey Church & Dirleton Kirk



Sunday, 27th September 2026

TODAY'S SERVICE THEME

**The Ultimate
Harvest**

INTERIM MODERATOR:

Revd. Dr. Jock Stein

SERVICES LED BY:

Revd. Geoff Berry

9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Dirleton Kirk
10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 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

DIRLETON KIRK

Morning Worship

9.30am to 10.20am

Organist

Philip Boon

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16 & Philippians 3:1-11 read by David Kirkpatrick

Hymns - CH4

181: For the beauty of the earth

506: All I once held dear (Knowing You)

548: How deep the Father's love

The Service is followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Church Diary

Sunday, 27th September 2026

9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Abbey Church

Wednesday

10.00am Prayer Service, Dirleton Kirk Hall

Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey Church

Next Sunday, 4th October 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

2.45pm Care Home Service, Fidra House

3.30pm Care Home Service, Astley House

ABBEY CHURCH

Morning Worship w/ Holy Communion

10.30am to 11.30am

Organist

Robert Burgon

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16 & Philippians 3:1-11 read by Sally Penman

Hymns - MP

152: For the beauty of the earth (CH4) 530: One more step along the world I go

799: All I once held dear (Knowing You)

988: How deep the Father's love

The Offering Voluntary is Harvest-home by Richard Lloyd.

The Service is followed by tea and coffee in the small hall

Parish Notes

Sole Nominee

The Nomination Committee elected to find a new minister has unanimously selected **Revd Norman Smith** as sole nominee. Norman was minister of Granton Parish Church from 2005-2022 before taking up the post as Clerk to the Presbytery of Lothian and the Borders. He was appointed Chief Officer of the Church of Scotland in 2025, but has now decided to return to parish ministry.

Revd Smith will preach at a joint service in Abbey Church on Sunday 18 October 2026 at 10.30am following which members and adherents on the electoral registers of Dirleton and Abbey Churches will be invited to vote to confirm his election as our new minister.

Harvest Offering

This year's Harvest offerings will support World Vision's relief work following the recent floods in Nepal. Offering envelopes are available in church and should be returned by Sunday 27 September 2026. Members are also invited to bring pot plants to the Harvest service, which will be distributed afterwards to those no longer able to attend services.

Funeral Service Irene Urquhart

The funeral of Irene Urquhart will take place at Dirleton Kirk at 1200 on Tuesday 29th September followed by cremation at East Lothian Crematorium. A reception will be held at the Open Arms Hotel, Dirleton.

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

'About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. He told them, "You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.

'He went out again about noon about

the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?"

"Because no one has hired us," they answered.

'He said to them, "You also go and work in my vineyard."

'When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones

hired and going on to the first."

'The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. "These men who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day."

'But he answered one of them, "friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

'So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Philippians 3:1-11

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no

confidence in the flesh – though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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