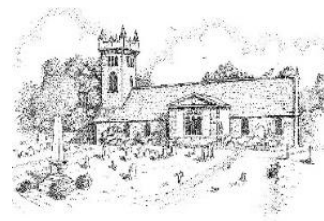




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

Sunday, 28th January 2024

**Today's Service Theme:
Forgiving the sick and healing the sinful**

**9.30 Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk
10.30 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
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Abbey Church of Scotland, North Berwick Scottish Charity - No SC004761
Dirleton Parish Church Scottish Charity - No SC004533

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Marion Goodfellow

Scripture: Mark 2:1-17, read by Ian Lennock

CH 716 Come and find the quiet centre

CH 719 The one who longs to make us whole

CH 718 We cannot measure how you heal

CH 786 May the God of peace

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Mark 2:1-17 read by Jacki Aston

CH 716 Come and find the quiet centre

MP 806 Beauty for brokenness

Offering Voluntary

Elegy by Malcolm Archer

CH 719 The one who longs to make us whole

CH 718 We cannot measure how you heal

CH 786 May the God of peace

Followed by tea and coffee in the small 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 28th January

9.30am Sunday service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Sunday service, Abbey Church

5.30pm Prayer Meeting, Zoom

Monday

7.30pm Nurture Committee meeting, Church Office

Tuesday

2.00pm TAG, Abbey large hall

Wednesday

10.00am Dirleton Prayer and Coffee Service

Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey large hall

Saturday

10.00am Safeguarding Training, Abbey large hall

Next Sunday 4th February

Service Theme - Stories about Seeds

10.30am Super Sunday Club, Abbey large hall

3.00pm Care Home Service, Abbey Care home

3.40pm Care Home Service, Fidra House

In our Sunday morning sermon series, we'll be following the life and teaching of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. You may want to read ahead. If you'd like deeper study, I can recommend 'The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News' by Amy-Jill Levine. It's published by Abingdon Press for £11.99.

February/March Abbey and Dirleton Newsletter

Our newsletter is ready in the usual place for those who are delivering them. If you are not receiving your newsletter please get in touch with the church office as it may be being emailed to you instead.

'More than Shoeboxes' Blythswood Care. TAG (Tuesday Afternoon Group)
Each year we participate in the Blythswood Shoebox appeal but this Christian charity is involved in many other areas of outreach. Caitlin Burdis will inform us of the work that is done to transform lives through education, community action and gospel activities.

All welcome

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.

Scone Cafe

Every Wednesday at 2.00pm the Scone Café meet in Abbey small hall for blethers, scones and coffee, making new friends and sparking off new adventures, including optional Scone Walking (short friendly group walk). All welcome - free (donations welcome) and dog-friendly!

Reading: Mark 2:1-17

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralysed man, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 'Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, 'Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralysed man, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Get up, take your mat and walk"? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.' So he said to the man, 'I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.' He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: 'Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?'

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'