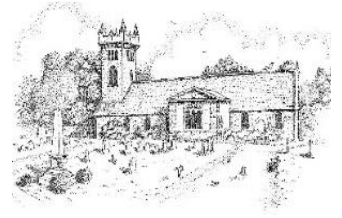




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

Sunday, 31st August 2025

**Today's Service Theme:
Invited to the banquet**

**9.30am Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk
10.30am Morning Worship, Abbey Church**

**Welcome to all visitors today
Because of essential repairs to Dirleton Kirk tower, the main west
door is out of bounds. Access is only by the side (Archerfield
Aisle) door. Thanks for your co-operation.**

**Abbey Church Office (serving Abbey and Dirleton) is open
10am - 1pm, Tuesday to Friday: Church Office ☎892800
Website: abbeychurch.org.uk
email: abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk
Church Administrator: Darren Barber**

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Philip Boon

Scripture: Luke 14:15-33 read by Ian Lennock

CH 189 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

GWA 209 We are called to welcome

CH 356 Meekness and majesty

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Psalm 112, Luke 14:15-33 read by Willie Leslie

MP 50 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

CH 544 When I needed a neighbour

Offering Voluntary

Variation on "What a Friend" (Converse) by Andrew Fletcher

GWA 209 We are called to welcome strangers

MP 465 Meekness and majesty

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 31st August 2025

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey large hall

Next Sunday, 7th September 2025

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

10.30am Super Sunday Club, Abbey large hall

2.45pm Care Home Service, Fidra House

3.30pm Care Home Service, Astley House

Services on 7th September

Robert Burgon will be leading Dirleton and Abbey services on 7 September 2025, the theme will be Living Forgiveness.

Visitors from the Diocese of Eastern Himalaya

A reminder that we will be welcoming a delegation from the Diocese of Eastern Himalaya on Monday 8th of September. Please contact Judy Lockhart-Hunter at treasurer.abbey@outlook.com if you are interested in being part of the day.

Harvest Supper- Saturday 27 September 2025

Tickets are now available for the Harvest Buffet Supper which will take place in the Abbey large hall on Saturday 27 September 2025 from 6.30 until 8.30pm. All are welcome to join us at this event on the evening before our Harvest Thanksgiving services. We are limited to 50 people attending and attendance will be by ticket only, priced at £10 per adult (no charge for children). Tickets can be purchased from Darren in the church office or Sheila or Robert Burgon in Abbey Church. Any surplus income will go to WaterAid.

Harvest Offerings

This year we will be supporting the charity WaterAid with our harvest offerings. Envelopes are now available in church and donations should be returned to church on or before our Harvest Thanksgiving services on Sunday 28 September 2025. Any cheques should be made payable to WaterAid. If you are a taxpayer and wish to allow WaterAid to recover tax on your donations, please complete the details on the envelope.

Luke 14:15-33

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

"But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

"Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

"Still another said, 'I have just got married, so I can't come.'

"The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

"'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them to come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:

"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

"Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Psalm 112

Praise the Lord.

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands.

His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures for ever.

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.

Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.

Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered for ever.

He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.

He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures for ever; his horn will be lifted high in honour.

The wicked man will see and be vexed, he will gnash his teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.