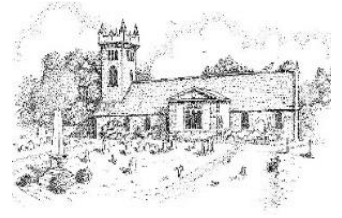




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



**Services led by Rev Geoff Berry
Pastoral Assistant: Robert Kane**

Sunday, 4th January 2026

**Today's Service Theme:
Known from Eternity Past**

**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 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 - Nancy Hughes

Scripture: Psalm 147:12-20 & Ephesians 1:3-14 read by David Kirkpatrick

CH4 305 In the bleak midwinter

CH4 322 Good Christian men rejoice

CH4 320 Joy to the world

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Psalm 147:12-20 & Ephesians 1:3-14 read by Willie Leslie

MP 337 In the bleak midwinter

MP 266 I cannot tell

Offering Voluntary

Lullaby by Roger C Wilson

MP 196 Good Christian men rejoice

MP 393 Joy to the world

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, 4th January 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

10:45am Little Lights, Abbey Church

2.45pm Care Home Service, Fidra House

3.30pm Care Home Service, Astley House

Thursday

10:00am Little Nippers, Abbey Church

Next Sunday, 11th January 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

10:45am Little Lights, Abbey Church

Little Lights 11th January

Little Lights is our new Sunday Club for children at Abbey Church. The second session takes place after the second hymn on Sunday 11th January, with the theme *God Made Me*, featuring the story of Adam and Eve from Genesis 2. We will be decorating mirrors or reflective materials to celebrate God's creation of each child. All materials are provided, so simply come and enjoy the time together.

Alpha Course at NBCF starting on Thursday 15th January 2026

Following the success of our current Alpha Course, the North Berwick Christian Fellowship (NBCF) will be running an Alpha Course on Thursday evenings commencing on 15th January 2026. If you would like to attend or invite someone, details about the course may be found at nbcf.church/alpha

Psalm 147:12-20

Extol the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion, For he strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you. He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.

He sends his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes. He hurls down hail like

pebbles. Who can withstand his icy blast? He sends his word and melts them; he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.

He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel. He has done this for no other nation; they do not know his laws.

Praise the Lord.

Ephesians 1:3-14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.