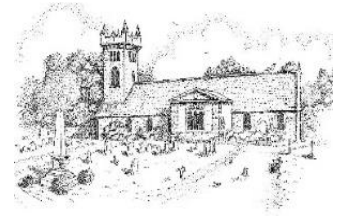




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

Sunday, 8th December 2024

**Today's Service Theme:
Second Sunday of Advent**

9.30am Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Worship and Communion, 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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Church Administrator: Paola Burrows

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Philip Boon

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:8-17 read by Neil Walkingshaw

CH 279 Make way, make way, for Christ the King

GWA 90 We are a people of hope (vs 1&2)

CH 472 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus

CH 286 Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord

Doxology (t. Buinessan)

May the One born in Bethlehem's manger,

Love you and give His own peace to you

May the One sought by wise men and shepherds

Fill you with joy as you seek Him too. Amen

Followed by tea and coffee in the small hall

Morning Worship and Communion, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4, 4:1-6; Luke 1:8-17

read by Yolanda Strachan

MP 457 Make way, make way, for Christ the King

GWA 90 We are a people of hope (vs 1&2)

GWA 95 Holy, holy, holy, O wisdom from on high

Offering Voluntary

Prelude on The Angel Gabriel by Gordon Phillips

MP 102 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus

MP 631 Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord (vs 1-3)

Communion

MP 631 Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord (v4)

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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 8th December - Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Dirleton Sunday service

10.30am Abbey Sunday Service and Communion

Wednesday

10.00am Dirleton Prayer Meeting, Dirleton Kirk Hall

Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey large hall

Next Sunday, 15th December - Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am Dirleton Sunday service

10.30am Abbey Sunday Service

Christmas Offerings

Please support our special Christmas offerings for 'Fresh Start' and the World Vision Middle East Humanitarian appeal. You can do this at the Christmas services, or our Giant Christmas Card in Abbey Church.

Advent Group

The Advent group this year will be meeting at St Baldred's Church at 7.30pm, all welcome.

The themes will be based on the book 'Do not be afraid. The joy of waiting in a time of fear' by Rachel Mann (£10.99)

1. Wed 11th December (third week): p.65-98 'Using the Waiting?'
2. Wed 18th December (fourth week): p.99-114 'Jesus Christ is Waiting'

Abbey Flower Ladies

The Flower Ladies are decorating the Church for Christmas on Thursday 12th December in the afternoon and Friday 13th in the morning, whichever suits.

Abbey Church Flowers

The rota for Abbey Church flowers for 2025 is soon to be made up and there are a few spaces. Anyone who would like to donate or arrange one Sunday

please speak to Elma or Dorothy. Help to deliver the flowers would also be much appreciated.

It's Grinchmas!!!

The Abbey Church, World Church Committee will be hosting a Christmas movie extravaganza on Saturday, December 21st to raise money for Bethany Christian Trust. Entry is £4 per adult and £1 per child. Come along and support our showing of *The Grinch!* Doors will open from 4pm with the film starting at 4.15pm sharp. Bring your own snacks and drinks! Hope to see you there!

Readings: Malachi 3:1-4, 4:1-6; Luke 1:8-17

I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,' says the Lord Almighty.

But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,' says the Lord Almighty. 'Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,' says the Lord Almighty.

'Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

'See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.'

Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshippers were praying outside.

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous - to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.'