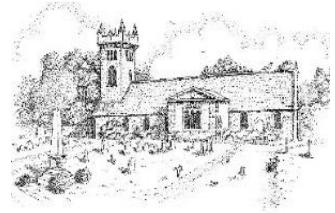




**The Abbey Church of  
Scotland,  
North Berwick  
and Dirleton Kirk**



**Locum Minister: Rev Geoff Berry  
Pastoral Assistant: Robert Kane**

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Today's Service Theme:  
No Eloquence Required**

**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](http://abbeychurch.org.uk)  
email: [abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk](mailto:abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk)  
Church Administrator: Darren Barber

## **Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk**

**9.30am (to 10.20am)**

Organist - Marion Goodfellow

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 read by Keith Stewart

CH4 465 - Be Thou my vision

CH4 519 - Love divine

CH4 737 - Will your anchor hold

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

## **Morning Worship, Abbey Church**

**10.30am (to 11.30am)**

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 read by Isabel Smith

MP 51 - Be Thou my vision

MP 1072 - In Christ alone

Offering Voluntary

Interlude II by Noel Rawsthorne

MP 449 - Love divine

MP 770 - Will your anchor hold

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, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk  
10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church  
10:45am Little Lights, Abbey Church

### Tuesday

2:00pm TAG, Abbey Large Hall

### Wednesday

10:00am Prayer Service, Dirleton Kirk

### Thursday

10:00am Little Nippers, Abbey Church

### Next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk  
10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church  
10:45am Little Lights, Abbey Church

## **Upcoming Kirk Session meetings**

The Abbey and Dirleton Kirk Sessions will consider whether or not to depart from the historic position of the Church of Scotland on marriage, that is, whether or not to allow applications from ministers in a same-sex marriage or civil partnership.

- The Abbey Kirk Session will meet on Monday 23rd February at 7.30pm at Abbey Church.
- The Dirleton Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday 24th February at 7pm in Dirleton Kirk.

Kirk Session meetings are normally open to members of the congregation to attend, and speak by invitation, but only elders will vote (by secret ballot).

## **TAG - "Operation Hope" with James Fraser**

Tuesday Afternoon Group welcomes James Fraser who will talk about Release International's project "Operation Hope" on the 10th February at 2:00pm in Abbey large hall. Release International is a UK based Christian charity, supporting believers around the world who are persecuted for

Christ and the gospel. The Operation Hope project aims to support 2000 people in around 100 villages in Upper Egypt. It is hoped that money raised will support multiple practical needs so that the Christian community in this area will be strengthened and enabled to flourish. This is a joint meeting with St. Andrew Blackadder held in Abbey. All welcome.

### **Office Holiday Dates**

The Church office will be closed from 1pm on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> February to 10am on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February. For *non-pastoral* emergencies during that time please call 079550 156990

### **1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" - but God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.