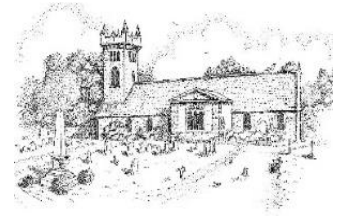




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

Sunday, 8th September 2024

**Today's Service Theme:
Sinning Like a Christian - Desire**

**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 and Friday, remote working Wednesday and Thursday
Church Office ☎892800 Website: abbeychurch.org.uk
email: abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk
Church Administrator: Paola Burrows

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Jim Dickson

Scripture: James 4:1-10 read by Sandy Bone

CH 515 Soldiers of Christ, arise
CH 485 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
CH 517 Fight the good fight

Followed by tea and coffee in the small hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: James 4:1-10 read by Jacki Aston

MP 604 Soldiers of Christ, arise
GWA 165 (v.1-4) As God provides
Offering Voluntary
Theme by W A Mozart
MP 111 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
MP 143 Fight the good fight

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 8th September

- 9.30am Sunday Service, Dirleton Kirk
- 10.30am Sunday Service, Abbey Church
- 3.00pm Lammermuir Festival, Abbey Church
- 5.30pm Zoom Prayer Meeting

Wednesday

- 10.00am Dirleton Prayer Meeting, Dirleton Kirk Hall

Thursday

- 10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey large hall

Next Sunday, 15th September

Creation Time - Created to Care

- 10.30am Abbey Communion

THINKING ABOUT SIN

1. Have you ever experienced the Seven Deadly Sins in a holy place like the church?
2. Are you surprised by some of the sins on the list of the Seven? Is there a sin that you would add to the list?
3. Do you agree with the notion that the Seven most often thrive within the most tightly knit communities?

September 8th - DESIRE

1. What makes our passion a good or a bad thing?
2. In what ways does our culture make it difficult for us to think about sexual desire in a Christian way?
3. Is Jesus being prudish to make such a big deal out of our all-too-human propensity to Lust?

Harvest Offerings

Our harvest offerings this year will support the work of the charity, Ripple Effect (previously known as Send a Cow) as they seek to assist people in rural Africa to grow climate-resilient fruit (including pineapples) and vegetables. Offering envelopes are available in church and should be returned on or before Sunday 29 September 2024. If you are a taxpayer, please include a completed Gift Aid form to allow the charity to boost your donations. Any cheques should be made payable to Ripple Effect.

Harvest Supper: Saturday 28 September 2024

Tickets are now available for the Harvest Buffet Supper which will take place in the Abbey large hall on Saturday 28 September 2024 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 £8 per adult (no charge for children). Tickets can be purchased from Paola in the church office or Sheila or Robert Burgon in Abbey Church. Any surplus income will go to Ripple Effect, our harvest charity this year.

Tag - Tuesday Afternoon Group

The first get together of TAG (Tuesday Afternoon Group) in our new syllabus will take place on **Tuesday, 24th September at 12:30** in Abbey hall. We will share in an informal Harvest Lunch of baked potatoes, fillings, salad and apple desserts. If you would like to attend you can inform Sheila in advance in order to calculate numbers or just come along. All welcome!

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

If you have any empty shoeboxes, we are still collecting them for the Appeal. Either drop them into the office or leave them at the front of the church, open most days. Thank you

Zoom Prayer Meeting 5.30pm 8th September

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84410580602?pwd=OWEyREIRSUViZ2NmWlJYWVYrOHF1QT09>

to start or join a scheduled Zoom Meeting

Window Wanderland is back!

From the 1st to 8th October the Bass Rock Community Group members are organising another, free, family friendly event, for all ages and abilities. Please contact Richard Rogers | rtrogers@gmail.com | 07432 663525 for more details

Reading: James 4:1-10

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble.

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.