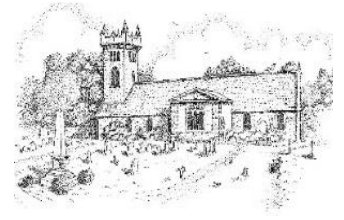




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

Sunday, 9th February 2025

**Today's Service Theme:
Breaking Down Barriers**

**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
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Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Nancy Hughes

Scripture: Acts 10:9-28, 44-48 read by Shona Collins

CH 512 To God be the glory

CH 187 There's a wideness in God's mercy

CH 449 Rejoice the Lord is King

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Acts 10:9-28, 44-48 read by Sadie Young

MP 708 To God be the glory

GWA 20 We will extol you, God and King

Offering voluntary

3rd movement from Brahms' Symphony No 3

MP 683 There's a wideness in God's mercy

MP 575 Rejoice the Lord is King

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 9th February 2025

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

Tuesday

2.00pm TAG, Abbey large hall

Wednesday

10.00am Dirleton Prayer Meeting, Dirleton Kirk Hall

Next Sunday, 16th February

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

TAG 'Light Up Learning' - Richard McLauchlan

The Tuesday Afternoon Group speaker will be Richard McLauchlan who will tell us about 'Light Up Learning'. This is a registered Scottish charity providing one-to-one mentoring for high school students in Edinburgh and the Lothians. The charity is dedicated to igniting a love of learning in young people and transforming the nature of education in Scotland. They aim to put youngsters in charge of their own learning and help them build the resources, skills, and contacts they need to achieve their potential.

St Columba's Hospice Care

St Columba's Hospice Care are delighted to announce that they are opening a café, second-hand bookshop, new gifts and art gallery in the Westgate in April. We are looking for a variety of volunteers and can offer flexible hours and commitment. Julie, the Volunteer Services Lead will be attending the Abbey service on 23rd February and will have a stall by the coffee after the service. She would love to chat to you, please come and say hello.

Rotary event

The Rotary Club are holding a Charity Evening on the 28th February at the Glen Golf Club. Tickets are available from Greens and Blues and Sweet News, which includes a 2 course meal. Think you know everything about North Berwick then maybe NOT! Come and find out more about interesting events and characters over the centuries brought alive in an entertaining way. Proceeds is aid of North Berwick Day Centre.

Reading: Acts 10:9-28, 44-48

About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.

He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate. They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."

Peter went down and said to the men, "I'm the one you're looking for. Why have you come?"

The men replied, "We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say." Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests.

The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence.

But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself."

While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean."

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.