





Abbey Church and Dirleton Kirk December 2025/January 2026

> Interim Moderator Rev Dr Jock Stein

Sunday Morning Worship at 9.30 am (until 10.20) Dirleton Kirk

10.30am (Until 11.30)
Abbey Church

Dirleton Wednesdays 10am Half Hour Prayer Service

Come along.
All welcome.

Christmas without winter? Rev Geoff Berry

About 30 years ago, I was sitting in a church service in Edinburgh where the guest preacher declared that, "heaven will be like Christmas every day but without the winter". At the time, I was a professional ski and snowboard teacher who travelled the world following the winter snows and spent my life in the open air (sometimes in fairly rough blizzard conditions). I did say to the guest preacher after the service that I didn't like his illustration very much and explained why; and in all fairness, he thought my objection was hilarious. However, 30 years later, and with less than perfect knees, I am more sympathetic to his illustration and suspect that our time there will be Christmas and Easter celebrations all rolled together and magnified in the presence of the Lord. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." [Revelation 21:3-4]

I'm greatly looking forward to being locum minister with the congregations at Dirleton and North Berwick Abbey Churches and am very aware of the exceptional legacy Rev Dr David Graham has left you. If, in the coming months, we can worship God with a foretaste of the Revelation picture and like Paul, simply teach "Christ crucified", I suspect the combined Church community will be stronger as you carry David's legacy forward.

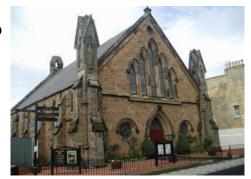
On a practical note, I'm a big supporter of 'home' communion and hope that we can serve many of those members who can no longer make it to the church building. If you know of anyone who would appreciate this, please let your visiting elder know and we can arrange this in the New Year.

Through my travels, I have valued my 25 year association with the Churches at Dirleton and Abbey (I'm still a member of Abbey as, on the advice of David, I retained this throughout my parish ministry and time as an Army chaplain) and look forward to getting to know many of you better in the near future.

Oh, and a Merry Christmas (I don't really object to it).

ABBEY KIRK SESSION MATTERS DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

The Dirleton and Abbey Kirk
Sessions met jointly on Monday 7



November 2025 under the chairmanship of Rev Dr Jock Stein, who was welcomed to his first meeting as our Interim Moderator, appointed by Presbytery. The meeting recorded its thanks to Mary Graham, who had stepped down as an elder in Abbey Church and tribute was made to her faithful service and in particular her diligence as a district elder.

The Kirk Sessions approved the appointment of Rev Geoff Berry as Locum Minister who would take up his post (based on two Sunday services and two days per week) as our Locum Minister as soon as his safeguarding approval has been confirmed. It isn't always possible for vacant congregations to find Locums and we are fortunate that Geoff is available and willing. He retired recently as an Army Chaplain and we look forward to having him working with us.

One of the highlights of the meeting was a report about the Presbytery proposal to increase our ministry allocation of 25% full-time equivalent under the guardianship of Presbytery to 75% full-time equivalent and not under guardianship. Further details of this are re-

ported elsewhere in this Newsletter. Members of the two Kirk Sessions welcomed this development.

Arrangements were made to prepare the Electoral Register which will be used for the election of a Nominating Committee and subsequently the appointment of a new minister. Details of this have been announced in our churches and the registers will be approved by the Kirk Sessions on 30 November 2025.

Discussion took place about the special services which were held during the Advent and Christmas season and it was agreed that the offerings at our special Christmas services this year will be split between the East Lothian Foodbank and the International Red Cross.

The two Kirk Sessions meet (separately) after morning worship on 30 November 2025 to approve the electoral registers and the next Joint Meeting of the Dirleton and Abbey Kirk Sessions will take place in the Abbey small hall on Wednesday 28 January 2026 when further details about the vacancy process and the search for a new minister will be discussed.

On behalf of the Abbey Kirk Session, I extend our best wishes to all for a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Robert Burgon

Dirleton Kirk Session Matters December 2025 - January 2026



Last Saturday afternoon I cycled to Dirleton with the intimation sheets for worship the next day. After placing them in the church for distribution at the door the next day, I was on the point of leaving when I heard a steady clanking noise coming from the direction of the main door. Going outside to investigate, I realised that this was not some new problem to be dealt with- after the bees in the tower, not a colony of death watch beetles, say, or moles tunnelling down to the foundations of the Archerfield Aisle- but rather the sound of the scaffolding being dismantled and stacked for removal.

The long and expensive work to secure the church tower are indeed coming to an end, and we should pause again to offer thanks- directly, to Gordon and to Ian, and to all those who have been involved directly in the organization of the project and the application for supporting funding. Thanks too to all whose prudence and foresight, in years (decades, centuries) gone by, left us in the position whereby we had funds available to fund the project. The efforts of the congregation at Dirleton are the efforts which congregations up and down the country are having to make, to preserve the fabric of church buildings like ours: not merely build-

ings, more than stone, mortar, tiles and glass, but vessels bearing the prayers, the hopes, the worship, the thanks, given in them through generations, and for generations to come.

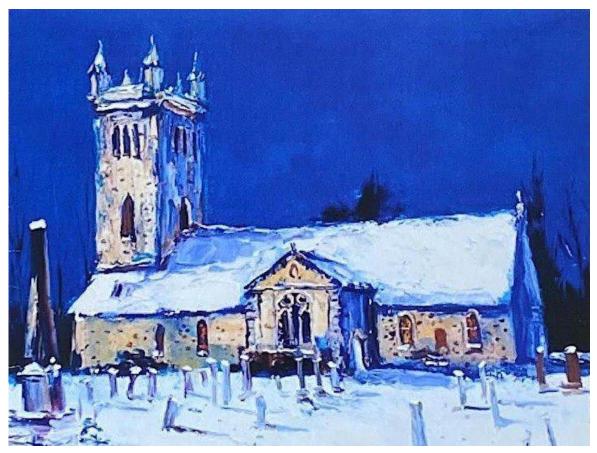
These thoughts of times past and times yet to come prompt reflection on the retirement of David our Minister, and the departure of the Grahams from the Manse. Looking back, I remember the same mixed feelings, gratitude and respect mingled with apprehension, when we lost Ian Fraser, then Milton Cashman. The realisation that a loved and admired parish Minister is stepping back inevitably gives rise to concern for the future. But we have to Look forward in Faithas one of the hymns which we sing, and, I think have sung, over the last couple of months' tells us; indeed we must bear in mind that this confidence and trust in God was a theme of David's preaching over these last few months.

Robert Burgon at Abbey has been working quietly and effectively to bring the Church of Scotland to a greater awareness of the needs and indeed the value of Abbey and Dirleton, in terms of allocation of the resources of a Minister; and as we look forward to the process by which someone new will come into our pulpit, we are being well served by those who have been with us over recent Sundays: Jacqueline and Tim, Pres-

bytery Readers, and the Rev. Geoff Berry, who preached a powerful and moving sermon on Remembrance Sunday. Geoff will be locum Minister, and the Rev. Jock Stein, our interim Moderator, superintending our activities, while we wait for a new pastor to answer our call.

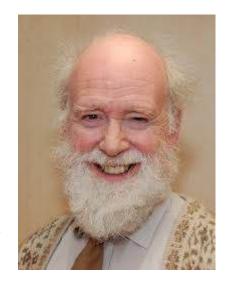
Advent approaches: and we send thanks to the Wemyss and March Estate for the supply of a splendid Christmas tree for the Kirk- and to Tracy and Neil Walkingshaw for organizing its delivery, and for putting it up. Let the removal of the scaffolding, and the installation of the tree, help us with our approach to Advent. Let us move confidently into this Season of Hope.

K.D.S., 26th November 2025



Our Interim Moderator Rev Dr Jock Stein

Lothian and Borders Presbytery recently appointed me the interim moderator for this linked charge. It's nearly 30 years since you had one, so I should remind you that my task is to

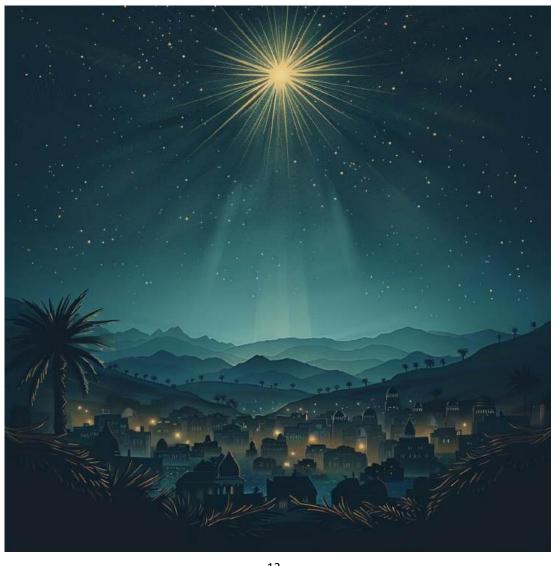


be a link between the congregations and Presbytery, to work with the Kirk Sessions to make sure that worship and work continue, and (like any minister) to look for opportunities to draw attention to Jesus Christ.

When we are very young, Christmas is full of wonders, full of surprises. As we age, it easily becomes just 'that season of the year, again'. I have been blessed with some extraordinary friends - one such is John Coutts, whose father was once General of the Salvation Army. John is now elderly and unwell, but he is a fine poet, and has given me permission to share this lovely Christmas poem with you all:

An old man joins shepherds and kings
In greeting the Christ-child
They also serve who only stand and wait
(John Milton - Sonnet: 'On his blindness')
Dear Christ so small,
You won't expect poor me to bend the knee

as kings and shepherds do
in classic works of art.
To try to bow well-meaningfully low
would prove a blunder how could I then arise and go
rejoicing on my way?
So here I stand
out on the fringe, uncertainly upright,
clutching a grab rail in my shaky hand,
amazed and blessed to see
the Christ-child bathed in warmest lantern light.
Some come with gifts to grace this happy day:
they also serve who only stand and wonder.



Heaven will be a place of surprise, a realm where the first shall be last and the last first, a time when to cite St Paul we shall know fully. Those who take heaven seriously, typically have lives of great earthly use, but even when like John Coutts we feel we are 'past it', in heaven it is sorrow and pain which will be past. To discover God's friendship is to be born again, and like children we shall find wonder upon wonder. We can say in mere words that God's love is 'surprising', but the Spirit makes words a wonder in our hearts.

C.S. Lewis called his autobiography Surprised by Joy. We have all been surprised by the new future opening up for our congregations - may that bring you all joy, but may your joy above all be in the extraordinary message of Christmas, that God loved the human race enough to become one of us in the person of his Son: something that gives us hope 'for this life and for the life to come'.

Your interim moderator, Jock Stein

Looking forward in Faith

At his last services in our churches on Sunday 26 October 2025, Rev Dr David Graham encouraged us to look forward in faith.

After his long and fruitful ministry and in the light of our future ministry allocation (as set out in the Presbytery Mission Plan) of only 25% of a full-time equivalent minister under the guardianship of the Presbytery, this might have seemed like quite a challenge. A few weeks before David's last services, our two Session Clerks, Keith Stewart and Robert Burgon, were approached by the Presbytery Clerk with a suggestion which might result in an increase in our ministry allocation. Although this sounded encouraging, we were told that there might be quite a bit of work involved and a possibility that this work would come to nothing.

We are delighted to report that as a result of the efforts of Norman Smith, the Presbytery Clerk, and with the approval of the Presbytery, it has been agreed that the allocation to Dirleton Kirk linked with Abbey Church, North Berwick has been increased to 75% of a full-time equivalent and not under the guardianship of Presbytery. We will, if we wish, be able to explore the option of paying for an additional 25%, thus having a full-time ministry.

After several years of anxiety (and much prayer), this is an excellent outcome which places our congregations in a strong position to plan for our future ministry.

Our sincere thanks go to Norman Smith, who shared our vision and prepared the way for such a positive change. We wish Norman every blessing as he takes up his new position as Chief Operating Officer of the Church of Scotland.

Keith Stewart and Robert Burgon (Session Clerks)

Abbey Church Flowers

During the period of vacancy, if you can think of anyone who would appreciate a gift of Church flowers after the service please let Robert, Elma or Dorothy know to put their name in the book in the flower room.



The Vacancy - Next Steps

As it has been nearly thirty years since Dirleton and Abbey faced a vacancy, we thought that it would be useful to outline the various steps which are taken whenever a vacancy arises in a Church of Scotland charge (where permission is granted by Presbytery to call a new minister).

INTERIM MODERATOR

It is the responsibility of Presbytery to appoint an Interim Moderator whose role is to chair Kirk Session meetings and assist in representing the views of the Presbytery to the congregation and, where necessary, representing the congregation's views to the Presbytery.

We are delighted that Rev Dr Jock Stein has been appointed as our Interim Moderator. Jock has preached in both congregations before and will be known to many in our congregations. He has also conducted weddings and funerals in our churches. Jock chaired a joint meeting of the Dirleton and Abbey Kirk Sessions on 7 November 2025 and preached in both churches on 30 November 2025.

LOCUM MINISTER

Given the general shortage of ministers in the Church of Scotland, it is not always possible to appoint a Locum Minister for the duration of a vacancy. We are therefore pleased to report that Rev Geoff Berry has accepted the appointment as our Locum Minister. Geoff has been associated with our churches for many years and he recently retired as an Army Chaplain. Geoff will conduct Sunday services and will also be employed for two days a week for pastoral and other duties.

ELECTORAL REGISTER

In vacancies, congregations are required to vote on issues such as the election of a Nominating Committee and the appointment of a new minister. Anyone on the congregational roll of our churches is automatically included on the electoral register. Others who attend our churches regularly can apply to be included on the electoral register and notice was given in both churches inviting anyone who wished to be added to apply to do so before Sunday 30 November 2025, when the electoral register was finalised.

PARISH PROFILE

When seeking a new minister, congregations prepare a picture of their work to enable potential candidates to assess whether their strengths and skills are likely to

be attractive to the vacant charge. Work has started on preparing our parish profile which, when approved by the Kirk Sessions, will be circulated widely to those seeking a new ministry.

THE MANSE

Arrangements were made to inspect the Manse shortly after David and Mary moved to their home in Lanark-shire and a schedule was drawn up of work which should be done before a new minister is appointed.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The work of seeking a new minister will fall to a Nominating Committee which will arrange for the post to be advertised, assess applications and arrange to meet those whom the Committee feels might become our new minister. The election of the Nominating Committee is likely to take place in early 2026. When appointed, the Nominating Committee's work will be confidential.

Keith Stewart and Robert Burgon (Session Clerks)

THANK YOU DAVID AND MARY

After two well-attended church services, the congregations of Dirleton Kirk and Abbey Church, North Berwick met in Abbey on Sunday 26 October 2025 to thank Rev Dr David J Graham and his wife Mary on the occasion of his retirement. As people gathered a slide shown was shown of various significant events during David and Mary's time with us.



Tribute was paid to David by the two Session Clerks, Keith Stewart and Robert Burgon, for his long and faithful service to the two churches and local community. Keith read a message from David and Mary's daughter (who sings with the Vienna State Opera) thanking the people of Dirleton and North Berwick for the way in which they had welcomed and supported her family. In making a presentation of a cheque to David, flowers to Mary and a celebratory cake, Robert recalled David's induction service almost exactly 27 years ago when the Graham family had been welcomed to Dirleton and Abbey. He said that David had been an excellent teacher and pastor and had been there with appropriate words and support for so many in the churches and local community in the high points and low points of their lives. David and Mary also received two large Thank You cards from the congregations which had been signed by many people from the churches and community.

Judy Lockhart-Hunter had written a song for the occasion which was sung to the tune of "He's got the whole world in his hands".

In thanking the congregations, David said that he and his family had felt called to North Berwick in 1998 and they had very much enjoyed their time there.

The event ended with a sandwich and cake lunch in the sanctuary and two church.

Letters from the Graham Family

Dear Dirleton and Abbey friends,

We were overwhelmed by the love and generosity of the congregation on our last Sunday with you. The cards and messages were heartwarming, and your generosity was very touching. Thank you for the gift from the church, as well as the individual gifts. It was lovely to see so many people with us, including those who had made a special effort or travelled to be here.

It was a very nice opportunity to chat with you. Apologies if we didn't manage to speak to everyone, we did try!

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and serve the lovely lunch we enjoyed. The cake and flowers also made it a special occasion. It was particularly nice to have our church children involved, they are a valued part of our church today and our hope for the future. We will keep in touch, and as Mary said, we will keep you in our hearts and our prayers.

With our love and thanks, David and Mary

Dear congregations of Dirleton and Abbey,

I'm sorry that I'm not able to join you this Sunday, 26th October, to celebrate Dad's last service as minister. 27 years really is an achievement, and there have been many successes and happy times in both churches over the years.

I'd like to say a special thank you to both congregations for the support you have shown me personally, growing up as "daughter of the manse". From my time as part of the Abbey youth fellowship in my formative years, up to the present day, I have always felt warmly welcomed and encouraged by you all, and I am extremely fortunate to have been supported by a wider church family.

In recent years, when only able to visit occasionally, it's always cheering to be welcomed home on a Sunday morning. Even now when phoning home for a chat, Dad will often say "I visited this person today, and they were asking for you". It's very touching to hear, particularly when someone may be going through a difficult time.

I will always think fondly of Abbey and Dirleton friends, including remembering many who are sadly no longer with us. As a family we often recall stories

from days gone by with a smile. Our lives have been much richer for having met so many kind and generous people as part of church fellowship. That kindness extends from spiritual support and prayers for us, to generous acts including leaving bags of fresh vegetables on the manse doorstep.

I admire the commitment Dad has shown to the spiritual development of both churches over the years, and the grace with which Mum has supported him. I have learned so much from them. Retirement will bring a change of routine, which I hope will mean taking a little more time for themselves. I'm sure Sunday mornings will still involve church, but perhaps only one service!

I wish you all continued fellowship, and physical and spiritual health in the coming years.

With love and gratitude,

Lucy

Tuesday Afternoon Group

We got off to a good start in our new syllabus with Rev. Geoff Berry giving us a clear understanding of the realities of being an Army Chaplain both at home and in war zones. Geoff helped us to consider the pressures on men and women as they aim to provide stability in difficult circumstances around the world.

Ken Gordon entertained us with his thoughts about what he would like to take with him to a desert island and told us about his favourite things in life.

Richard McLauchlan, a Scottish writer who recently published the book "The Bagpipes - A Cultural History" explained about his research and illustrated his talk by playing his bagpipes. Richard was recently interviewed by Jackie Bird on her podcast "Love Scotland" and is becoming well known for his collection of research books which he has written.

December

2nd - Celebrating Christmas in Words and Music

9th - Christmas Lunch at the Glen Golf Club at 12:30

January 2026

13th - "On My Travels Again - Georgia" - Sarah Barlow Sarah will take us through her latest adventure in Georgia. She likes to experience walking and meeting ordinary folk as they go about their daily lives.



27th - "Being a King's Chaplain" - Rev Moira McDonald We shall learn about what is involved in being a King's Chaplain and Moira will give us an insight into her journey as one.



We look forward to your fellowship at the above meetings.

Sheila Burgon and Sally Penman

CAN YOU HELP?

Like most churches, Abbey Church relies on the time and talents of volunteers for many roles. There are usually opportunities for people to help in new ways and we would currently like to see more people helping in the following areas:

THE CHOIR

We have a small, but dedicated choir, leading praise at our services and would like to see this number increasing. Currently, there is only a short practice immediately before the service- and an ability to read music, while useful, is not es-



sential. Do you enjoy singing and think that you could help by joining the choir? If we see a few more people in the choir, then we might even be able to return to singing occasional choral items to supplement our congregational worship. If you would like to help, please contact Robert Burgon.

LITTLE NIPPERS

Although we have seen an increase in the team sup-



porting our Little Nippers Coordinator, Catherine, at the term-time Thursday morning sessions for preschool children and their carers, we can always do with a few more who might have a spare Thursday morning once or twice during a school term. If you would like to help, please contact Catherine Mundell (email: littlenippersnb@outlook.com)

LITTLE NIPPERS

This term at Little Nippers has continued to be



really busy, with lots of little ones and their families and childminders coming along every Thursday morning to join in the fun. The children have been enthusiastically joining in with song time at the end each week - with lots of brilliant actions.

January marks a year since I started leading Little Nippers and I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it so far. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who help out each week to ensure that everything runs smoothly and the children and grown-ups get a snack and drink. It really is appreciated.

Our autumn term comes to an end on Thursday 18th December. We will have a special Christmas celebration that day - so if you're coming along, make sure to don your Festive jumpers!

We will then be back up and running after the holidays on Thursday 8th January.

Little Nippers meets every Thursday during term time from 10.00-11.30am in the church hall. All children age 0-5 and their parents / carers are very welcome so please do spread the word.

If you want any more information about Little Nippers, please contact Catherine at littlenippersNB@outlook.com

Growing Together: A New Chapter for Our Youngest Members

Over the past few years, Abbey Church has nurtured a weekly crèche, offering a welcoming space for our youngest members to play while their parents worship. Though numbers have varied from week to week -sometimes just one child, sometimes up to five the impact has been heart-



Let your light shine!

felt. Parents are deeply grateful to the volunteers who make this offering possible, and we want to say a sincere thank you to everyone who has served on the rota and coordinated this.

As the children grow, we're excited to explore the next step in their journey. In the new year, the crèche will gently evolve into a more structured experience still rooted in play, but with a simple theme each week. We're calling the session 'Little Lights', reflecting our hope that each child will shine brightly as they learn and grow in faith. Each session may include a short story, a song, or a simple craft activity, but nothing is set in stone - all the toys are still there too! The format will develop organically, shaped by the children's needs and those who support the offering. All materials will be provided, so volunteers and children can simply come and enjoy the time together.

To give you a flavour of what's ahead, here are the themes for January and a few ideas for how we could bring these to life for our Little Lights:

- Week 1 - Jan 4

Theme: God Made the World

Story: Creation (Genesis 1)

Song and dance: He's Got the Whole World in His

Hands

- Week 2 - Jan 11

Theme: God Made Me

Story: Adam & Eve (Genesis 2)

Song: God Made Me (to "Twinkle Twinkle" tune)

Craft: Decorate mirrors or reflective materials to celebrate God's creation of each child

- Week 3 - Jan 18

Theme: God Keeps Promises

Story: Noah's Ark (Genesis 6-9)

Song: The Animals Went in Two by Two

Craft: Make rainbow bracelets with coloured beads/

pasta

- Week 4 - Jan 25

Theme: God Chooses Families

Story: Abraham & Sarah (Genesis 12-21)

Song: Father Abraham Had Many Sons

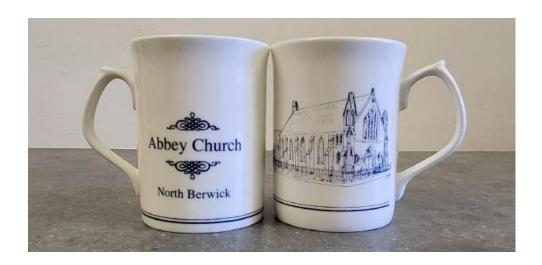
Craft: Explore family trees together

To make this vision a reality, we need more volunteers. If you'd like to support the rota -whether regularly or occasionally - please speak to Rose Leslie or email abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk.

Let's continue to grow together, one little light at a time.

ABBEY CHURCH MUGS

Our mugs are available for sale £6 per mug of £11 for two, payment by cash only at the office.



World Church Committee Winter Appeal

everyone who contributed.

The World Church Committee are once again working to support Bethany
Christian Trust this winter. Bethany
Christian Trust are a charity working tirelessly to end homelessness and provide care for people living on the streets across Scotland. In previous years, we appealed for sleeping bags, and thanks to the generosity of our congregations, we were able to donate a wonderful number of bags to those in need. We are deeply

grateful for the kindness and compassion shown by

This year, Bethany have asked for something a little different: jeans. Warm, durable, and practical, jeans are an essential item for those living on the streets of Scotland. If you can, please take a moment to look through your wardrobe and see if you have any pairs that you no longer wear. We would be thrilled for donations of any jeans that are clean and in good, wearable condition.

Your donated jeans will go directly to people experiencing homelessness, helping them stay warm during the cold winter months. Donations can be dropped off at the Church office. We will deliver all collected items to Bethany during the week commencing 22nd Decem-

ber. If you are unable to bring your jeans before the 21st, don't worry - we will arrange a second drop off in January to ensure that every gift reaches those who need it.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can make a real difference this winter by offering warmth, dignity, and care to those who need it most.

CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT AT ABBEY CHURCH Following the success of last year's screening of The Grinch, we are delighted to invite you and your family to another festive evening together. This year we will be showing the much-loved classic It's a Wonderful Life on Friday 12th December. Doors will open at 4.00pm, with the film beginning promptly at 4.10pm. This timeless story of hope, community, and the value of every life is the perfect way to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Entry is completely free, and tea and coffee will be provided to keep everyone warm and comfortable. You are welcome to bring your own soft drinks and snacks to enjoy during the film if you wish. If anyone attending wishes to make a donation, all funds will be given to Bethany Christian Trust.

We warmly encourage you to come along by yourself or with a group! Invite friends and neighbours, and share in this joyful celebration of Christmas. Let's fill the church with laughter, fellowship, and the spirit of Christmas as we enjoy this treasured film together.

ABBEY CHURCH GREETING CARDS

Christmas is a time for sharing love and encouragement, and what better way to do so than with a thoughtful card? We are pleased to offer a selection of Abbey Church Christmas cards and blank greeting cards for sale.

Cards are available in packs of 5 for £3 or 10 for £5, with payment by cash only. All profits from the sale of these cards will also be donated to Bethany Christian Trust.

By purchasing these cards, you are not only spreading joy to those who receive them but also extending compassion to those in need. Every card sent becomes part of a wider message of hope and care.

Please visit the Church office to pick up your packs. Delivery in North Berwick may be available if required. Please contact abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk Thank you to everyone who has supported the World Church Committee throughout the year. Your generosity and kindness have meant a great deal. If you would like to join our committee, please contact the email address above.

As Christmas approaches, we wish you peace, joy, and time to rest and reflect. May 2026 bring hope and renewal to us all.

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ABBEY CHURCH SUNDAY TEA ROTA

DATE	ON DUTY
7th Dec	Isabel Smith Florence Buchan
14th Dec	Katrina Hendry Irene Nichol
21st Dec	Irene Brodie A.N.Other
4th Jan	Joyce Strachan Sadie Young
11th Jan	Fiona Gibson Linda McLean
18th Jan	Liz Wright Irene Brodie
25th Jan	Dorothy Kirkpatrick Isabel Smith
1st Feb	Sally Penman Morna McClure



Please have a look at our website https://www.abbeychurch.org.uk/

To get information of all the events organised by Abbey Church and Dirleton Kirk.

Sunday Services, prayer meetings, Bible classes, TAG, Little Nippers, to mention but a few.

We have many other groups using our church halls, Pilates classes, Jo Jingles, Conexus Tuition, The Drama Mill, The Brownies, Dunedin Dance, Freedom and Form, Interoception Yoga, JKA Bass Rock Karate, Kundalini Yoga, Dirleton Playgroup, Aileen Orr yoga, Wild Tide Yoga, The Scone Café, Scots Tots & Scots Fling, Erin Taylor Yoga.

If you are interested in hiring our halls on a regular basis or for a 'one off' event please get in touch with Abbey Church office on 01620 892800 or abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk



Church Register

Weddings

15.11.25 Bruce Johnston and Kathryn Garrett

Funerals

11.09.25 Helen (Ella) Aikman

10.11.25 Graeme Robertson

17.11.25 Pam Jones

Pastoral Visits

The Pastoral Team are happy to contact church members if requested. In the first instance, please contact the Church Office (892800). For privacy reasons, any request for a pastoral visit should come from the individual or a family member.

It would also be helpful to have a mobile number, and the details of the person's next of kin.

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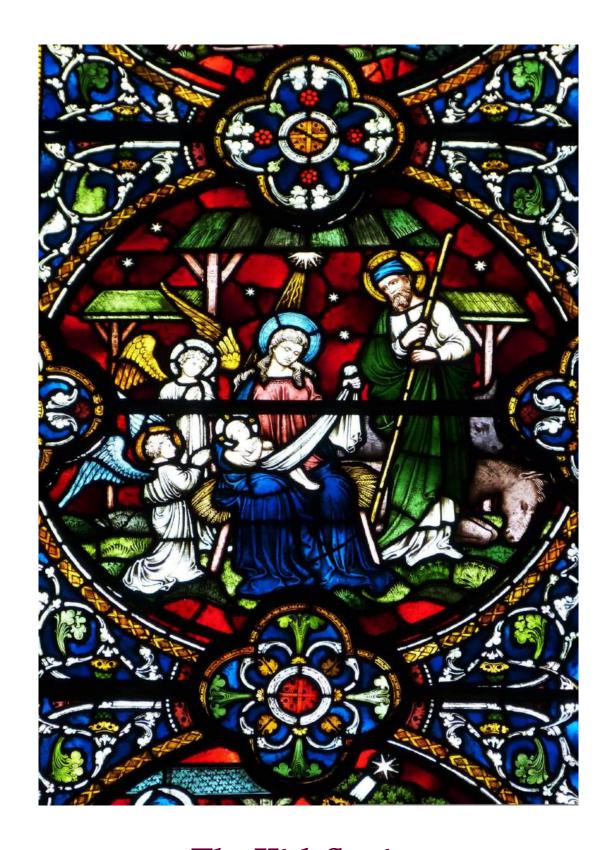
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The Kirk Sessions

and Congregations will be pleased to

welcome you to our services and events

Peace on Earth