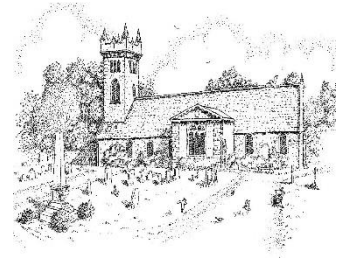


**Abbey Church of Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

Sunday, 18th October 2020

**Today's Service Theme:
The Body in Question**

**9.30 Holy Communion, Dirleton Kirk
Baptism of Heidi Maple Clark
10.30 Morning Worship, Abbey Church**

A printed outline of the service is available by email. The recorded service from Dirleton Kirk will be available online on Sunday afternoon.

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 (**currently working remotely**)
Church Office ☎892800 Website: abbeychurch.org.uk
email: abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk
Church Administrator: Paola Burrows

Abbey Church of Scotland, North Berwick Scottish Charity - No SC004761
Dirleton Parish Church Scottish Charity - No SC004533

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk
Baptism of Heidi Maple,
baby daughter of James and Lucy Clark (Allinson)
Celebration of Holy Communion
9.30am (to 10.20am)

Scripture: Song of Songs 2:3-13 read by Hayley Kirkpatrick
CH4 644 O Jesus, I have promised
CH4 694 Brother, sister let me serve you
CH4 685 For everyone born, a place at the table

Morning Worship, Abbey Church
10.30am (to 11.30am)

Scripture: Song of Songs 2:3-13 read by Isabel Smith
Introit: Intrada on Thornbury by Malcom McKelvey
MP 501 O Jesus, I have promised
MP 1261 Brother, sister, let me serve you
Prelude by Alexandre Boely
CH4 For everyone born, a place at the table

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

Wednesday

10am (until 10.30), Dirleton Prayer Service in Dirleton Kirk

Next Sunday - 25th October

Service Theme - God so Loved the World

These web pages give links to the recordings of services, children's talks, weekly intimations, newsletters, and lots of other church information. Sunday services are uploaded on our YouTube channel, to which our website and Facebook page have links.

Website abbeychurch.org.uk

Facebook Page facebook.com/abbeyanddirleton

YouTube Channel youtube.com/channel/UCVFrDWPjncNroN1Hzjmg5Hg

Our congratulations to Dirleton's Session Clerk Keith Stewart QC, who has been appointed by the Queen (as recommended by the Prime Minister) as Her Majesty's Advocate General For Scotland. This is a hugely responsible position, advising the Crown and the UK Government on matters of Scots Law. We offer Keith (Lord Stewart) our support and prayers in his new role, which is an honour to him and a blessing for our country.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

The Shoe Boxes must be returned by Sunday 25th October at the latest. They can be handed in at either Church on any Sunday between 9am and 10.15am at Dirleton or between 10am and 11.30am at Abbey. Please leave at the back of the churches. Alternatively they can be handed in at Abbey Church Office (Church Street door) any Thursday before the 25th October between the hours of 10am and 1pm. If anyone has difficulty delivering to Church please contact Bel Hardie 01620 890218 and I will arrange to collect the box.

Through a Glass Darkly, Three Journeys through Science, Faith and Doubt with Oxford University Professor of Science and Religion, Professor Alister McGrath.

Thursday 29th at 7.30pm

Science, Faith and Me:

The personal journey of a lapsed atheist.

Friday 30th at 2.30pm

Science, Faith and Doubt:

A Christian academic talks about living with uncertainty.

Saturday 31st at 10.30am

Science, Faith and the meaning of Life:

A Professor of Science and Religion explains why we need more than science.

For more details please go to the booking link

https://www.graspingthenettle.org/events/through_a_glass_darkly_online_conference

Residents from Fidra Nursing Home in North Berwick, led by Abbey member and stroke survivor Donald Skinner, are walking laps of the home to raise vital funds for the North Berwick Stroke Club and Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland. The residents have clocked up a whopping 1,000 laps already. Donald, 87 originally from Edinburgh, suffered a stroke in 2017. He struggled with his mobility and speech as a result of his stroke and left his home in North Berwick to become a resident at Fidra House Nursing Home three years ago. Donald's hard work and determination has meant that he has made a good recovery from his stroke and he certainly hasn't let it hold him back. He is a keen walker but due to Covid-19 and the restrictions that apply he found himself unable to leave the nursing home. Not one to be held back Donald started to enjoy walking around the leafy grounds of Fidra House on a daily basis. Donald, who attended the North Berwick Stroke Club, which is affiliated to Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland, decided he wanted to put these extra steps to good use and help raise vital funds for the group and the charity. Donald said, "Before lockdown, I was attending the North Berwick Stroke Club on a weekly basis and I really enjoyed that. It is great to get together with

people who understand how you are feeling and have had similar experiences following a stroke. I miss seeing them all very much as we are unable to meet right now. I hope that we can all get together again soon. I love walking around the beautiful grounds that we have here at Fidra House, and it has been particularly important over the last few months during lockdown. I had the idea of walking and recording my laps to raise money charity and thought it was something we could all get involved with".

Zandra, Clare and Liz, staff at Fidra House, have been delighted to be part of this fundraising initiative.

If you'd like to get behind Donald, the residents and staff at Fidra Nursing Home, you can help them turn even more kilometres into cash by visiting their Just Giving page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fidrahouse>



The October Christian Aid Quiz should be up on the St-AB website, if not now, then very shortly. I'm not sure if folk from other churches are still aware that the quiz is still going on, but we get very few downloads these days. I thought It would be worth putting a reminder round you all. The quizzes go up on a page on the St-AB website at or near the beginning of each month. There are two ways to find them:

1 - Go to the St Andrew Blackadder site:

<http://www.standrewblackadder.org.uk/> then go to Groups & Activities on the menu and select Christian Aid Quizzes from the dropdown that appears.

2 - Go straight to the quiz page:

<http://www.standrewblackadder.org.uk/index.php/groups-activities/christian-aid-quizzes> This address will stay the same from month to month.

The quiz page contains links to all of this year's quizzes and to the answer sheets up to August. (The answers appear two months after the quizzes they apply to.) They are all PDF files that you can view on screen or print.

As completed quizzes can't be returned in the usual way via churches, we have set up a dedicated email address for that: NBCAquizzes@gmail.com You can either print the quiz and fill it in on paper in the traditional way then photograph it on your phone, or you can just type the answers into an email.

Church Services

To comply with Scottish Government regulations and Church of Scotland guidance, we have to adopt the following procedures:

- All people attending our service must observe a minimum of 2 metres social distancing at all times when in church and on their way in and out of the building. Worshippers will be guided to seats (which have been laid out to maintain social distancing) and should stay in those seats throughout the service. Provision will be made for those from the same household to sit together.
- All worshippers must wear face coverings (unless they have an exemption from doing so) and hand sanitiser will be provided.
- There will be no singing.
- Offerings can be made either on entry or on leaving the church (but will not be uplifted during the service).
- Contact details of all worshippers will be collected and stored for 28 days after the service in accordance with our privacy policy, a copy of which will be on display in church.
- There will be no printed intimations and hymn books and bibles have been removed from the church.
- Toilets will be open, but their use will be restricted to one person at a time.
- Tea and coffee will not be available after the service.
- Please be aware that our services may be recorded and recordings of that morning's service will be made available later on the website. As numbers attending church services have been limited by the Scottish Government and are also dependant on the layout of the church, we will operate a booking system each week.

Bookings can be made by phone or email during church office hours (1000-1300) on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the week prior to the service. To make a booking for that week's service, please either phone during these hours (01620 892800) or email your request to abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk giving details of the names of the people from your household who wish to attend and one contact telephone number and whether you would like to attend Abbey Church or Dirleton Kirk. Please do not leave phone messages and any emails received before Tuesday at

10.00am cannot be accepted. Bookings will only be taken for that week's service and the process for the following Sunday will commence on the Tuesday of that week.

If after booking, you feel unwell on the Sunday, we would respectfully request that you do not attend that service.

Track and Trace during the week. Could we respectfully ask that if you are in the Abbey church building at any time other than Sunday service please register at the side door, whether you are in the building for an hour or a minute. Thank you.

Our Sunday service themes this autumn are based on five short and often overlooked books of the Bible. Sometimes referred to as the 'Five Scrolls' ('*Megilloth*' in Hebrew), the little books of books of Ruth, Esther, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs and Lamentations have struggled to be recognised against the 'giants' such as Isaiah, Genesis or Psalms. They have recently been called 'The Forgotten Books of the Bible'. Yet they have a message as relevant for us today as any other books. Refugees, ethnic cleansing, sexuality, genocide, finding meaning in a confusing world - these are just some of their themes. Two Sunday services will be devoted to each book, with the introductory one today: 'Where can Wisdom be found?'

Try Praying

As a church we have made the Try Praying booklets available to anyone who would like to take one. Most will have been taken by people who have previously no experience of church. This initiative continues to be very successful. Please continue to pray for all those who might read a booklet or visit the Try Praying website, that these spiritual seeds sown would take root in their life, grow and flourish in their life, and pray that people may experience the joy of answered prayer and come to a relationship with Jesus.

If you would like to make a financial contribution towards the cost of these booklets please could you contact David Graham or Stuart Ainslie. There have been many people who have been and continue to be helped spiritually. Thank you

Rev Dr David Graham is emailing the Sunday service to many of our members and friends. If you are not receiving an email and would like to be included in the list please contact Abbey Church office with your details.

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Super Sunday Club is online. We'll continue to explore the Bible with games, stories, songs, crafts and prayer. Aimed at primary ages, but open to all. Come and join us this Sunday at 10.00am on the Abbey Church Facebook page www.facebook.com/abbeyanddirleton/. Also available on Abbey Church Website.

Church Offerings

A number of members have contacted Abbey Church for advice on how they can continue to make financial contributions during the current crisis. This is appreciated as the running costs of the church continue, much as before, including the costs of our staff. In addition, the significant income which we generally receive for the use of our premises has now stopped completely. For those who already contribute via standing order, the church should continue to receive these offerings (and any associated Gift Aid) provided the giver's financial circumstances enable this to continue.

For those able to attend our services, blue envelopes and cash offerings can now be made on entry to the service.

For those who generally contribute through envelopes or by putting cash in the offering bags and who are not yet able to return to church, there are a number of options:

By payment into the Church bank account at the Bank of Scotland either electronically or in person.

By standing order

The Abbey Church's bank account is as follows:

Bank of Scotland

Sort code 80-17-95

Account number 00100437

If remitting offerings via a bank transfer, please use your surname as the reference for the transaction.

The standing order forms are available from the Abbey Church website under giving. These forms should be completed and sent to your own bank branch. Forms and further information can be obtained from Phil Spencer.

If you are a tax-payer and would like the gift-aid to be recovered by the Church, the gift-aid form is also available under giving on the Church website.

DIRLETON OFFERINGS

For standing orders & bank transfers:

Royal Bank of Scotland

Sort code :- 83 26 02

A/C no. :-00136739

Dirleton's Treasurer, David Kirkpatrick, has said that he is also happy to receive cheques etc sent to him at 7, The Glebe, Dirleton EH39 5FB