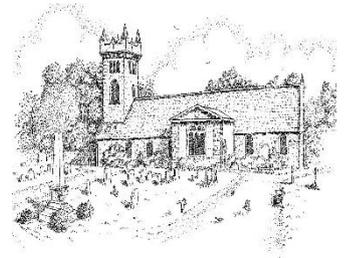


**Abbey Church of Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

Sunday, 22nd November 2020

**Today's Service Theme:
So THIS is Christmas?!**

Today's services will be led by Robert Kane

9.30 Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

10.30 Morning Worship, Abbey Church

A printed outline of the service is available by email. The recorded service from Abbey Church 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

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Diana Buchan

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56 read by David Kirkpatrick

Call to Worship - Isaiah 7 v14

CH4 16 The Lord's my Shepherd

CH4 739 The church's one foundation

CH4 273 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56 read by Isabel Smith

Call to Worship - Isaiah 7 v14

Introit: Variation on "Munich" by Oliver Janes

CH4 16 The Lord's my Shepherd

CH4 739 The church's one foundation

St Anthony Chorale attributed to Haydn

CH4 273 O come, O come, Emmanuel

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 - 29th November

Service Theme - Service will be led by Murdo MacDodnald

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

'Christmas is coming'! And on the lead-up, we traditionally prepare ourselves during the 4 weeks of Advent.

This year we can't meet in person, but I invite you to join us on 'zoom' for an hour on a Tuesday evenings.

To whet your appetite, here is the plan. I'll send the Zoom link and more information nearer the time.

| Advent Group 2020 'Lighten our Darkness' | | |
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| Tuesday evenings at 7pm (until 8pm), meeting on 'zoom' | | |
| Tuesday 1 st December | 'Distance': Jacob-Israel | Genesis 28:10-22 |
| Tuesday 8 th December | 'Playing it safe': Barnabas | Acts 11:19-30 |
| Tuesday 15 th December | 'Who to trust?': Timothy | 2 nd Timothy 1:8-2:2 |
| Tuesday 22 nd December | 'The new normal': Mary's Song | Psalms 146, and Luke 1:39-56 |

Giant Christmas Card. We are again using a Giant Christmas Card, to invite members of the congregation to wish all their friends at Abbey a Happy Christmas. By donating to this year's Christmas charity and having your name(s) added to the Card, savings can be made, if required, by not buying lots of individual cards. The Giant Card will be on display on each Sunday prior to Christmas starting on 29th November.

To make sure that distancing rules are kept, you will be asked on entering church and checking in, if you would like to donate. If you do, your name(s) will be noted and added to the card after the service. A box for donations will be positioned beside the weekly offering plate, just inside the church.

If you have not been attending church but would like to donate, please send a donation directly to the charity and let Milne Brodie know either by phone (894347) or email iandmb@btinternet.com so that your name can be added to the card.

The charity that has been chosen to receive the money raised, along with the Christmas services offerings is: The Trussell Trust Food Bank (also goes under the name of East Lothian Food Bank).

The address of the charity for donations is: The Trussell Trust Food Bank, 3 Civic Square, Tranent, EH33 1LH or online.

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.

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.

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.