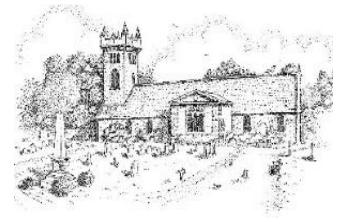




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

Sunday, 11th February 2024

**Today's Service Theme:
Who is Jesus?**

**9.30 Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk
10.30 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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Abbey Church of Scotland, North Berwick Scottish Charity - No SC004761
Dirleton Parish Church Scottish Charity - No SC004533

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Philip Boon

Scripture: Mark 8:27-9:8 read by Peter Keeling

CH 348 Praise the one who breaks the darkness

CH 459 Crown him with many crowns

CH 519 Love Divine

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Mark 8:27-9:8 read by Kate Campbell

CH 348 Praise the one who breaks the darkness

MP 1 A new commandment

Offering Voluntary

The Lord bless you and keep you by John Rutter

MP 109 Crown him with many crowns

MP 449 Love divine

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 11th February

9.30am Sunday service, Dirleton Kirk
10.30am Sunday service, Abbey Church
3.30pm Care Home Service, Astley House
5.30pm Prayer Meeting, Zoom

Monday

10.00am Abbey flower team meeting, Abbey small hall

Tuesday

2.00pm TAG meeting, Abbey large hall

Wednesday

10.00am Dirleton Prayer and Coffee Service

Next Sunday 18th February First Sunday of Lent

Service Theme - Giving it all Away

2.30pm Muddy Church, North Berwick Community Park
6.00pm Evening Communion, Abbey Church

Abbey Communion

You are all welcome to join us next Sunday, 18th February, at 6pm for evening communion.

Abbey Flower Team

We are meeting on Monday at 10.00am in Abbey small hall. All welcome

Tuesday Afternoon Group

We are meeting at 2.00pm on Tuesday in Abbey large hall. The Real Eightsome singers will entertain us with a selection of Scottish songs. All welcome.

Lent Group.

Thursday evenings for 5 weeks, from 7.30pm for an hour (coffee before we start). Based on Isaiah chapter 40, and Paula Gooder's book 'A Way Through the Wilderness' (please let us know if you would like a copy).

February 22nd: 'Embracing Comfort', verses 1-2 (led by David)

February 29th (yes, it's a leap year!): 'Stepping Out', verses 3-5 (led by Simon)

March 7th: 'Becoming Messengers', verses 6-11 (led by Robert)

March 14th: 'Encountering God', verses 21-26 (led by Simon)

March 21st: 'Receiving Fresh Strength', verses 27-31 (led by David)

Reading: Mark 8:27-9:8

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, 'Who do people say I am?'

They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.'

'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah.'

Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.' And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.'

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!'

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.