



# THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025 • 10.30AM

### BLESSING OF BAGS SERVICE

*Founded in God's love. Serving at the heart of Dunfermline. Welcoming friend and stranger in worship and community.*

## Welcome to the Abbey Church of Dunfermline

We are pleased that you have joined us for worship either in the church building or in your own space.

- A card reader is available at the North Door for those who wish to donate by card.
- The service is streamed on YouTube. Please be aware that you may be caught on camera, although both cameras are focussed on the minister, choir, or reader, and those who are taking part in the service.
- Wherever there is **Bold print**, please be **Bold** and join in.

## Preparation for Worship

There is so much to puzzle over, so much to ask God to help us work out, so much that will spill from thought into longing and from longing into prayer. There are questions, and then there is the way we answer them. There are others sharing our world and the Church, who answer them differently. What we need to learn is the gentleness with which Christ approached human beings, however he encountered them. We need that gentleness to deal with dignity with those we cannot begin to understand, to endure with humour those who cannot begin to understand us.

Marjory A. MacLean, *Oh All Right Then: Stories from a Varied Ministry*

## Order of Worship

<b>Preludes</b>	Trumpet Tune for Organ Voluntary in C minor	<i>Andrew Carter</i> <i>Maurice Greene</i>
<b>Introit</b>	Let thy merciful ears, O Lord	<i>Thomas Mudd</i>

## Call to Worship

From the moment of our creation,  
God has been the source of our strength.  
**In God, we take refuge and comfort.**

Before words formed in our mouths,  
God knew us;  
before we walked,  
God guided us.

**We come to praise the One in whom we trust.**

Let us worship all day long,  
**Let us worship in hope and joy.**

(based on Psalm 71)

**Hymn No 533 (Kelvingrove)**

*“Will you come and follow me”*

**Welcome & Intimations**

**Opening Prayer**

**Thought**

**Hymn No 257 (Vienen Con Alegria)** *“Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together”*

**A reading from the Old Testament**

Jeremiah 1: 2-10  
P708 (OT Section)

**Anthem**

Panis Angelicus

*C Saint-Saëns*

**A reading from the Gospels**

Luke 13: 10-17  
P73 (NT Section)

**Hymn No 543 (Christ be our Light)**

*“Longing for light, we wait in darkness”*

**Thought**

**Blessing of the Bags**

**Litany of Blessing**

Our bags carry pencils, books, meals, activities and plans.

**They carry our hopes, worries, friendships and dreams.**

As we carry them each day

**May we know we carry God’s blessing, courage and peace.**

**Prayer**

God bless you as you carry your bag.

May the contents feed your heart,  
your imagination, and your hunger.

May you be inspired by all each day brings. Amen

## **Offering and Dedication**

Offertory

Berceuse

*L Vierne*

*This time offers a moment to reflect on the readings we have heard, but also the use of our gifts of time, talent and money in the world. The contactless giving was available on entry into the church, and for those who still wish to donate the offertory bags will be passed amongst the congregation. Donations can also be made on our website donation page, [https://dunfermlineabbey.com/www/?page\\_id=10345](https://dunfermlineabbey.com/www/?page_id=10345). Or you can simply use your mobile and text LNBW01 to 70970 to give £5.*

**Prayers of the People** during which we will sing Hymn No 776 “Kyrie Eleison”

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father,  
which 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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever. Amen.**

**Hymn No 16** (Brother James’s Air)

*“The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want”*

## **Benediction**

## **Sung Amen**

**Organ Postlude**

Sortie in E flat

*LJA Lefébure-Wély*

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# Intimations

## Services This Week:

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August

12.15pm Midweek Prayer

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August

10.30am Morning Worship

Includes the Sacrament of Baptism

**Minister's Day Off:** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August

The **Church Office** is open on 9.30am – 11.30am on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Leeza Clark can be contacted either by phone, 01383 723005, or by email, [dunfermline.abbey.church@gmail.com](mailto:dunfermline.abbey.church@gmail.com)

The **Labour of Love** group meets from 2pm to 3.30pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August in the church halls. All are welcome.

**Bereavement Support Group** meets on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August from 11am to 12.30pm in the church hall. The group is open to anyone who has been bereaved, whether or not they are a member of the church. It offers an opportunity for mutual support over a cup of tea or coffee.

**Used Stamps:** This is a little reminder to save used stamps. Boxes are on the table at the Church door and windowsill in the Church Halls. Proceeds from the sale of the stamps are donated to the World Mission project.

Intimations and church notices should be with in the office account by 9.30am on Wednesday.

**Quas' Etoiles?**

**FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2025**  
**7PM**

**THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE**  
FREE ENTRY - DONATIONS FOR CHURCH FUNDS  
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

AFTER A SUCCESSFUL FIRST OUTING IN 2024, A CONTRALTO, TWO SOPRANOS, AND A MASTER OF MUSIC RETURN WITH AN ADDED TENOR AND A WIDE RANGING SELECTION OF SONGS, WITH AN ELEMENT OF FUN.

FRANCES MCCAFFERTY, LINDA MILNE, MARYANN RENNIE AND LIAM FORREST WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MATTHEW BEETSCHEN.

DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM

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