



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST 2025 • 10.30AM

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

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.

Photography: Visitors and congregation members are reminded that photography is not permitted during worship. Those wishing to take photographs are asked to wait until the end of the service when specific shots can be repositioned.

Preparation for Worship

Recent generations of Christians have thought about the heavenly home as a different *place*. The more Jewish way to think about it is as a different *time*, an era of peace that God's Messiah would usher in. The Resurrection prompts an adjustment on that Jewish worldview, namely, that the next age of life-in-peace has already begun, overlapping with the passing away of the old age. So what does it mean to begin living according to the new age in the face of the waning powers of the old age?

Girardian Lectionary, <https://girardianlectionary.net/reflections/year-c/proper17c/>

Order of Worship

Prelude	Sonata No 7 in F Minor Op 127	<i>Josef Rheinberger</i>
Introit	O Lord, my God, to Thee	<i>Jacques Arcadelt</i>

Call to Worship

Hymn No 181 (Lucerna Laudoniae) *“For the beauty of the earth”*

Welcome & Intimations

Opening Prayer

Time to Talk

Hymn No 633 (Shipston) *“Child of blessing, child of promise”*

Sacrament of Baptism *during which we will sing the blessing:*

**The Lord bless you, and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.**

Members of the congregation are invited to participate by saying “We do” after the question to the congregation and then continue by saying together:

**We will nurture one another in faith,
uphold one another in prayer,
encourage one another in service.**

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.**

A reading from the Old Testament

Jeremiah 2: 4-13
p709 (OT Section)

Anthem

Lord, I Trust Thee

GF Handel

A reading from the Gospels

Luke 14: 1, 7-14
p74 (NT Section)

Hymn No 183 (Billing)

"Fill now our life, O Lord our God"

Sermon

Offering & Dedication

Offertory

Chorale Prelude on "Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend"

BWV 632

JS Bach

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. Or you can simply use your mobile and text LNBW01 to 70970 to give £5.

Hymn No 522 (The Bard of Armagh)

"The church is wherever God's people are praising"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Test Drive

John Powell (transcribed Anna Lapwood)

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Intimations

Services This Week:

Wednesday 3rd September

12.15pm Midweek Prayer

Sunday 7th September

10.30am Morning Worship

3pm Reflections at the Peace Pole

Minister's Day Off: Friday 5th September

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

The next **Heart for Art** run by CrossReach session in the church halls is tomorrow, Monday 1st September. It is now offering the Playlist for Life Help Point, from 10.30am to 12.30pm as part of its support for people with dementia and their carers.

The **Men's Club** meets for the start of the new season at 9.30am on Wednesday 3rd September in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

The **Ladies Forum** meets on Wednesday 3rd September at 2pm in the Church Halls when the guest speaker is the Minister.

Soup@12: Tasty homemade soup, crusty bread, a biscuit, tea and coffee are on offer for £3 on Thursday 4th September from 12 noon to 1.30pm in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

We are pleased to announce the **4th Dunfermline (Abbey) BB & Girls' Association** has kicked off a brand new session, which started on Friday 29th August in the Church Halls with our enrolment night. We've got a fantastic year ahead filled with fun, friendship, and new adventures. From games and crafts to badge work and community projects, there's something for everyone.

New Members Welcome! If your young person is looking for a place to grow, learn, and make lasting friendships, we'd love to have them join us.

Anchor Section (P1-P3) and Junior Section (P4-P6) meet from 6.30 to 8pm

Company Section (P7-S2) and Senior Section (S3-S6) meet from 7.30 to 10pm

For more information have a look at our Facebook page, speak to Ricky in church or simply pop along on a Friday night.

You don't need a ticket for **Quas' Etoiles' Concert** on Friday 5th September at 7pm in the church. They do need an audience. Frances McCafferty, Linda Milne and MaryAnn Rennie are delighted to be accompanied by Matthew Beetschen, and to add Liam Forrest to their blend of voices. Bring friends! Tell people about it, so they might come too! There will be a retiring collection with proceeds going to supporting the upkeep of the church.

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.

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