



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025 •
10.30AM

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 YouTube. Please be aware that you may be caught on camera, although they 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

All which I took from thee I did but take,
Not for thy harms,
But just that thou might'st seek it in My arms.
All which thy child's mistake
Fancies as lost, I have stored for thee at home:
Rise, clasp My hand, and come!"
Halts by me that footfall:
Is my gloom, after all,
Shade of His hand, outstretched caressingly?
"Ah, fondest, blindest, weakest,
I am He Whom thou seekest!
Thou dravest love from thee, who dravest Me."

Francis Thompson, *The Hound of Heaven*

Order of Worship

Prelude Four dances from “Abdelazer” *H Purcell*

Introit Prayer to Jesus *C15 English carol arr RR Terry*

Call to Worship

In deserts of despair, God does not forget us.

God’s mercy is greater than our failings.

When we are lost, God searches until we are found.

When we are broken, Christ gathers us with love.

Come, let us worship the God of mercy and joy!

To God be glory forever.

Hymn No 129 (Church Triumphant) *“The Lord is King! lift up your voice!”*

Welcome & Intimations

Opening Prayer

A reading from the Old Testament Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28
p713 (OT Section)

Anthem Ave maris stella *E Grieg*

A reading from the Gospels Luke 15: 1-10
p75 (NT Section)

Hymn No 501 (Take This Moment) *“Take this moment, sign, and space”*

Sermon

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Invitation of our Lord Jesus Christ

Hymn No 669 (Song 1)

“O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray”

The Narrative of the Institution of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving *during which we say...*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And say...

Sanctus & Benedictus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, O blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

The Breaking of Bread

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

The Sharing of Bread and Wine

The Peace

Prayers of the People

Hymn No 177 (Soli Deo Gloria)

“O God of blessings, all praise to you!”

Benediction

Sung Amen

Organ Postlude

Festival Toccata

P Fletcher

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Intimations

Services This Week:

Wednesday 17 th September	12.15pm Midweek Prayers
Sunday 21 st September	10.30am Morning Worship <i>includes the Blessing of a Child</i> 4pm Pet Blessing Service in the Garden for Heroes

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 is tomorrow, Monday 15th September. It also offers the Playlist for Life Help Point from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The **Men's Club** meets at 9.30am on Wednesday 17th September in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

The **Ladies Forum** meets on Wednesday 17th September at 2pm in the Church Halls when the guest speaker Janet Halcrow will talk about crystal healing.

The deadline for submissions to the October edition of **The Arrow** is 9.30am on Thursday 18th September.

Bereavement Support Group meets on Thursday 25th September 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.

Thinking about Christian Faith or joining the Abbey Church of Dunfermline: The minister would love to hear from those who would be interested in thinking more about Christian faith. During October and November, she hopes to run a series of classes on a Sunday after the church service, allowing those who would like to think a little bit more about their faith. There may also be those who are interested in becoming more closely connected to the Abbey Church of Dunfermline through membership and these classes are also for them.

If you have joined us recently from another Church of Scotland congregation and would like to transfer your membership or were a member of another church, please also speak to the minister.

The Harvest Service takes place on Sunday 5th October. There will be a retiring collection that day for ScotsCare: The charity for Scots in London (<https://scotscare.com>). As we will be marking October as pilgrimage month, in this

offering we notice those who make a pilgrimage to London looking for work or a new life.

If there are those who would like to be involved in planning the Harvest Service please email the minister

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

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Church of Dunfermline

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GUEST ARTIST - CARA SHANLEY - SKETCHING FIVE

Supporting Events

Thursday 9th October
2pm
Stained Glass Window
Pilgrimage

Sunday 5th October
10.30am
Morning Worship Harvest
Supporting ScotsCare

10.30am
Morning Worship
Rev Simon Hessel
Pilgrim Pastor

Churchyard Pilgrimage led by
Tombsones and Tales
2pm
Satined Glass Window
Pilgrimage

Heritage Quarter PastPort Activities for Children from 11th-24th October

Friday 24th October
9.30am
Monks' Pilgrimage
(Dunfermline Abbey to
Limekilns)

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