



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025 • 10.30AM

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS' SERVICE

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



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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

It was like exploring a place that you have seen in a dream, where everything is just where you expect it and yet everything is a surprise.

Arthur Ransome, *Swallow and Amazons*

Order of Worship

Preludes

The Prince of Denmark's March
Prière à Notre-Dame

J Clarke
L Boëllmann

Introit

O Lord open thou our lips

Barry Rose

Call to Worship

Welcome to this place we are make our home.
Welcome to this place where we learn to love.
Welcome to our home.

**In celebration of being made welcome,
In the excitement of finding home,
In the risk of creating new space,
We celebrate God with us.**

Hymn No 687 (Little Cornard)

"Lord of our growing years"

Welcome & Intimations

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association Act of Dedication

Do you promise to support the work of our Company of The Boys' Brigade with Girls' Association and to pray for their Leaders and young people that God will keep them Sure and Steadfast in their faith?

We do.

The Boys' Brigade Prayer

**Bless, O God, the Boys' Brigade,
and give it greater power
to advance your Kingdom throughout the world.
Grant in your mercy,
that every member, past and present,
may prove steadfast in his fight against evil,
and true in his allegiance to you.
Help us in times of temptation,
make us strong where we are weak,
give us courage in difficulty,
faithfulness in duty,
loyalty in friendship,
and finally, by your mercy,
bring us into your everlasting Kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Girls' Association Prayer

**Bless, O Lord,
The Girls' Brigade here and throughout the world.
Please continue to use it to help girls discover
the reality of your love in Jesus Christ.
Help each Officer and Girl renewing their commitment today
to keep the promise which they have made.
May they seek you earnestly, serve you joyfully,
and follow you faithfully now and always,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn No 737 (Will Your Anchor Hold) *"Will your anchor hold in the storms of life"*

A reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 56: 1-2, 7-7a, 7c-8
p697 (OT Section)

Anthem

Sicut cervus (Like as the hart)

G Palestrina

Thought

A Place for Everyone Activities

- **Making Space** – Making a Lego home
- **Creating Place** – Decorate a plate
- **Making Room** – Door Handle sign
- **Sharing Space** – Paper Bag Pets
- **Finding Words** – Wordsearch

Hymn (The Hope of the Poor)

“The Lord is a home for all the oppressed”

1. The Lord is a home for all the oppressed
in time of trouble and need.
To all who will come and trust in God’s names,
their refuge and strength God will be.

*The needy will not be forsaken,
and the hope of the poor will not die,
for God who is mighty in judgement
does not forget their cry.*

2. Arise, O my Lord, and answer my call,
my heart cries out to be heard.
I’ve no other hope that your gracious love;
I trust you and cling to your word.

The needy...

The Lord has heard our cry, the Lord has heard our cry.
The Lord has not forsaken us, the Lord has heard our cry.

3. So, sing out to God who sits on the throne,
proclaim God’s marvellous ways.
Our rescue has come! For all he has done
we offer our lives in praise.

The needy...

The Lord has heard our cry, the Lord has heard our cry.

Words & Music: Wendall Kimbrough (b.1983) and Dan Wheeler (b. 1974)

Address

Offering and Dedication

Offertory

Elegy

G Thalben-Ball

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/wwp/?page_id=10345. Or you can simply use
your mobile and text LNBW01 to 70970 to give £5.*

Prayers of the People

God of love

Make room for all

Hymn No 685 (A Place at the Table)

“For everyone born, a place at the table”

Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Orb and Sceptre

W Walton

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Intimations

Services This Week:

Wednesday 1 st October	12.15pm Midweek Prayers
Sunday 5 th October	10.30am Morning Worship

Minister's Day Off: Monday 29th 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

Open Manse is today from 3pm – 5pm. Keith and MaryAnn invite you to 3 Perdieus Mount for tea and cake.

The next **Heart for Art** run by CrossReach session is tomorrow, Monday 29th 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 1st October in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

The **Ladies Forum** meets on Wednesday 1st October at 2pm in the Church Halls when the guest speaker, Bob Brownlie, will give a talk on India.

soup@12 is on Thursday 2nd October in the church hall. It offers a simple, but tasty, meal of soup, bread, a biscuit and tea and coffee for £3. 12noon – 1.30pm.

Our celebration of **Harvest** will be on Sunday 5th October. As we are focussing on Pilgrimage in October, this year there will be a retiring collection for ScotsCare (<https://scotscare.com>), a charity that supports Scots who have made their way to London. This is a charity that includes the merged charity Borderline, which support homeless and insecurely housed Scots in London and was once part of the Church of Scotland. Those who would like to be involved in worship that day are asked to be in touch with MaryAnn.

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.

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.

Pilgrimage Month runs from 2nd October to 26th October. This year's exhibition will show work from local artist Cara Shanley, several lengths of walks, some tours inside and outside the church, soup, the launch of the Abbey Men's Walking Group, a Conversation with the Rev Dr Richard Frazer about Caminos and a Pumpkin Trail.

DUNFERMLINE ABBEY'S PILGRIMAGE MONTH - THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER - SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2025

Stretching your legs, your knowledge and your imagination
GUEST ARTIST - CARA SHANLEY - SKETCHING FIFE

Exhibition
Memorial Chapel
4th-24th October

Calendar of Supporting Events

<p>Thursday 2nd October</p> <p>11am Pre-lunch Pilgrimage (30 minute walk)</p> <p>12noon soup@12 A Pilgrim's Lunch</p>		<p>Saturday 4th October</p> <p>10am Sketching Fife Exhibition opens</p> <p>10.30am-12 noon A Harvest Decoration Pilgrimage in the church</p>	<p>Sunday 5th October</p> <p>10.30am Morning Worship Harvest Supporting ScotsCare</p>
<p>Thursday 9th October</p> <p>2pm Stained Glass Window Pilgrimage</p>			<p>Sunday 12th October</p> <p>10.30am Morning Worship Rev Simon Hesselst Pilgrim Pastor</p> <p>12pm-1pm Churchyard Pilgrimage led by Tombstones and Tales</p>

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

<p>Monday 13th October</p> <p>10am Join the Pilgrim Pastor (Dunfermline Abbey - Carineyhill)</p>	<p>Tuesday 14th October</p> <p>10.30am Launch of the Abbey Men's Walking Group (Bereavement Support)</p>	<p>Friday 17th October</p> <p>8.30am Morning Pilgrimage (30 minute walk)</p>	<p>Saturday 18th October</p> <p>11am-12noon Churchyard Pilgrimage led by Tombstones and Tales</p>	<p>Sunday 19th October</p> <p>2pm Meet the Artist</p>
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Heritage Quarter PastPort Activities for Children from 11th-24th October

<p>Wednesday 22nd October</p> <p>2pm-3pm Churchyard Pilgrimage led by Tombstones and Tales</p>	<p>Thursday 23rd October</p> <p>6.30pm Caminos Conversations Rev Dr Richard Frazer Author of "Travels with a Stick: A Pilgrim's Guide to Santiago de Compostela"</p>	<p>Friday 24th October</p> <p>9.30am Monks' Pilgrimage (Dunfermline Abbey to Limekilns)</p>	<p>Sunday 26th October</p> <p>Pumpkin Trail</p>
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Intimations and church notices should be with in the office account by 9.30am on Wednesday.

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GOD'S WELCOME

BASED ON ISAIAH 56: 1-2, 5-8

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