



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2025 • 10.30AM

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

The economy, communication networks, landscape and religious and cultural life of Fife, perhaps more than any other region of medieval Scotland, was shaped by the presence of pilgrims and the veneration of saints.

Tom Turpie, *2016 Fife Pilgrim Way Report detailing Historical References to Pilgrimage and the Cult of Saints in Fife*

Order of Worship

We welcome Pilgrim Pastor Simon Hissett to lead our worship this morning.

Prelude	Prelude, Fugue et Variation	<i>César Franck</i>
Introit	Most glorious Lord of life	<i>Kenneth Leighton ("Dunoon")</i>

Call to Worship

Come as the wind to move us;
Come as the light to prove us;
Come as the night to rest us;
Come as the storm to test us;
Come as the sun to warm us;
Come as the stillness to calm us;
Come Lord, come down,
Come in, come among us.

from Veni Creator, Times and Seasons, Celtic Daily Prayer

Hymn No 87 (Martyrdom) *"Lord, from the depths to thee I cried"*

Welcome & Intimations

Prayer of Approach & Confession

...help us instead, at the junctures and temptations of our lives, to seek you –
the God who guides us and will not leave us.

Help us to recognise you, God,
And notice your presence with us, even when it can be hard to detect.
Help us to see opportunities to share your love for all,
To speak words of healing and encouragement to those in need,
And to follow you,
Especially at the times we would rather go our own way,
Knowing that nothing we can do,
Takes away from the love that you have for us.

Time to Talk

Hymn No 535 (Monksgate) *"All who would valiant be"*

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| 1. All who would valiant be
‘Gainst all disaster,
Let them in constancy
Follow the master.
There’s no discouragement
Shall make them once relent
Their first avowed intent
To be true pilgrims. | 2. Who so beset them round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound,
Their strength the more is.
No foes shall stay their might;
Though they with giants fight,
They will make good their right |
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To be true pilgrims.
3. Since, Lord, you will defend
Us with your Spirit,
We know we at the end

Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
We'll fear not what they say,
We'll labour night and day
To be true pilgrims.

A reading from the Old Testament

Jeremiah 6: 16
p717 (OT Section)

Anthem Panis Angelicus

C Franck, arr J Rutter

A reading from the Gospels

Luke 24: 13-35
p86 (NT Section)

Hymn No 443 (He is Lord)

"He is Lord, he is Lord"

Sermon

Offering and Dedication

Offertory Pastorale

Taneli Kuusisto

This time offers a moment of reflection on worship, and on the use of our 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.

Prayers of the People

Hymn No 360 (Noel Nouvelet)

"Jesus Christ is waiting"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Organ Postlude Intrada

Jean Sibelius

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Intimations

Services This Week:

Wednesday 15 th October	12.15pm Midweek Prayer 2.30pm The Beeches
Sunday 19 th October	10.30am Morning Worship

Minister's Annual Leave: MaryAnn is on annual leave until Tuesday 14th October.

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 13th October. 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 15th October in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

The **Ladies Forum** meets on Wednesday 15th October at 2pm in the Church Halls when the guest speaker David Fraser's topic is postcards of old Dunfermline.

The deadline for submissions to the November edition of **The Arrow** is 9.30am on Friday 17th October.

The annual **Jar of Compassion Appeal** has launched. We invite everyone to consider placing a coin in a jar each day from our Harvest Service until the end of January 2026. We do this in thanksgiving for the food we eat. All money raised will be shared between ActionAid, who manage our sponsorship of Ibrahim (11) in Sierra Leone, and the charity UNICEF. We appreciate that you may prefer to donate via cheque or directly into the Abbey bank account in January. Details on how to do this will appear in the December and January Arrow.

Lantern Procession: Planning is underway for this year's Lantern Procession on Friday 14th November at 5.30pm. A team of stewards is needed to ensure the safe travelling of the lantern bearers from our starting point in the Glen to the church. At least 14 volunteers are needed, 8 of whom walk with the procession and the other 6 who are either at the church waiting to greet the group or marking some of the trickier corners on the route.

Thinking about Christian Faith or joining the Abbey Church of Dunfermline: During October and November the minister hopes to offer classes on a Sunday after the service for those who are interested in exploring Christian faith or even church membership. Please be in touch with MaryAnn if you are interested. 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 continues. Today at 12pm there is a churchyard tour led by Tombstones and Tales. Two more can be booked for 18th & 22nd October.

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FHNG>. These tours are £5. Tomorrow some are joining Simon Hessett for a pilgrimage to Cairneyhill. The first outing of the **Men's Walking Group** is on Tuesday 14th October. Contact dunfermlineabbeymwg@gmail.com for more details. A short walk in Pittencrieff Park is at 8.30am on Friday 17th. All events are listed in the flyer available at the door.

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

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