



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 19TH 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

Pilgrimage is being *restored* and sites and landscapes are being *re-storied* in ways that are significantly different from the pre-Reformation model, involving heritagization of the past and the re-habilitation of pilgrimage for the present and future.

Marion Bowman, "*Rehabilitating*" *Pilgrimage in Scotland: Heritage, Protestant Pilgrimage, and Caledonian Caminos*

Order of Worship

Prelude	Allegro con brio/Allegretto from Organ Sonata No 4 <i>F Mendelssohn</i>
Introit	Adoramus te, Domine <i>Margaret Rizza</i>

Call to Worship

Lift up your heads.
Wonder at the glory of the sky.
Enjoy the circling air, and the changing pattern of the season.
For God is enduring and present
in the turning of each day,
and the passing of our time.
God watches over us.
God shelters us from the darkest of fears and nights,
and walks with us on each path we take.

Let us pause in the presence of God,
and worship God with us.
We lift up our heads.

Based on Psalm 121

Hymn No 119 (Durrow)

“O God, thou art the Father”

Welcome & Intimations

Prayer of Approach & Confession

Compassionate God,
we confess that we are those
who have failed to live as You would hope.
**We do not always offer love to our neighbour
and instead, our wants and desires shape
the choices we make.**
In sorrow and repentance,
we seek Your grace
to be renewed for Your purpose.
Amen

Words of Comfort

Time to Talk

Hymn No 800

“Thuma mina”

A reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 32: 22-31
p31 (OT)

Anthem

Locus iste

A Bruckner

A reading from the New Testament

2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 5
p210 (NT)

Hymn No 81 (French/Dundee)

“I to the hills will lift mine eyes”

Sermon

Offering and Dedication

Offertory

Andante religioso (Sonata 4)

Mendelssohn

This time offers a moment to reflect on the readings we have heard, and 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.

Prayer of Intercession

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 177 (Soli Deo Gloria)

"O God of blessings, all praise to you!"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata 4)

Mendelssohn

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Intimations

Services This Week:

Wednesday 22 nd October	12.15pm Midweek Prayer
Sunday 26 th October	10.30am Morning Worship

Minister's Day Off: Tuesday

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 **Labour of Love** group meets from 2pm to 3.30pm on Wednesday 22nd October in the church halls. All are welcome.

Bereavement Support Group meets on Thursday 30th October 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.

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.

This year's **Lantern Procession** is 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.

The annual **Jar of Compassion Appeal** has launched. Please consider placing a coin in a jar each day until the end of January 2026 in thanksgiving for the food we eat. Money will be shared between ActionAid, who manage our sponsorship of Ibrahim (11) in Sierra Leone, and 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 & January Arrow.

This is the final week of **Pilgrimage Month**. Today at 2pm there is a chance to meet Cara Shanley, the artist behind Sketching Fife, and hear more about her work which has been on display all month. On Wednesday 22nd October there is a churchyard tour led by Tombstones and Tales. Tickets are £5 and can be booked at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FHNG>. Rev Dr Richard Frazer, author of Travels with a Stick: A Pilgrim's Guide to Santiago de Compostela, will give a talk at 6.30pm on Thursday 23rd October and tickets, costing £5, can be booked at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FISL>. Friday 24th October sees a 9.30am start for a Monks Pilgrimage from the Abbey to Limekilns. Register participation at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FHNI>.

The 4th Dunfermline (Abbey) Co Boys' Brigade with Girls Association are going to be delivering Christmas cards for members of the congregation again this year to raise funds for the Company. This is a large undertaking for the company and we are always on the lookout for volunteers to take on a small area to deliver cards. If you would like to volunteer to help us cover an area please let Ian Vernon know by emailing directly to ian.vernon23@gmail.com. Any questions please don't hesitate to contact: Richard Maguire, Daniel Malcolm, Ryan Watson and Ian Vernon. We will be delivering cards to the following locations: Dunfermline, Crossgates, Townhill, Kingseat, Limekilns & Charlestown, Cairneyhill, Crossford, Wellwood and Dalgety Bay at the cost of 50p per card. Cards will be collected and sorted for delivery in the weeks leading up to 14th December, with the final sort taking place on the 14th to allow cards to be delivered before Christmas.

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

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