



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2025 • 10.30AM

FEAST OF ST MARGARET

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

O God
who kindled a flame of love
in the hearts of Your servant, Queen Margaret,
and by her humility and kindness made clear
the way of service;
grant that, encouraged by her example
and strengthened by her fellowship,
we who share in her legacy may follow her
in the joyful spending of our lives for others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

(from St Margaret's Chapel Guild Liturgy)

Order of Worship

We welcome the Rev Alistair K Ridland to lead worship this morning

Prelude	Prelude and Fugue in Bb major	<i>Clara Schumann</i>
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Introit	Peace I leave with you	<i>Amy Beach</i>
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Call to Worship

Hear the invitation
that echoes in the ears of Celts, queens and kings,

of monks, priests, and community,
of congregation, town and city,
to be welcomed by Christ
to an encounter with the Holy Spirit on this ground.
Held in the embrace of God
let us celebrate lives shaped by Christ's story.

**Led by the Holy Spirit may we be inspired
to speak words of peace, share in acts of hope,
and offer hands reach out in welcome to friend and stranger,
embracing them with the love of God, enlightened by Christ's presence.**

Hymn No 103 (Rhuddlan)

"Fill your hearts with joy and gladness"

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Welcome & Intimations

Prayers of Approach & Penitence

...Bathed in the light of the legacy of St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland,
and the zeal of her faith,
we are aware of the failings that have marked our days.

**Forgive us for
the pain and hurt we cause,
and for the words never spoken,
and the attention never given.**

Forgive us when do not reveal Christ's light in our lives.

Time to Talk

Hymn No 528 (Prayer of St Francis)

"Make me a channel of your peace"

A reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 58: 6-11
p699 (OT Section)

Anthem

O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht (Cantata 118)

JS Bach

A reading from the Gospels

John 15: 1-17
p106 (NT Section)

Hymn No 291 (Kingsfold)

"When out of poverty is born"

The Life of Margaret – Part 1

I am the light

Sung Prayer Hymn No 784

"Come light, light of God"

Sermon

Offering and Dedication

Offertory

Sicilienne

Maria Theresia von Paradis

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.

Prayers of the People

God of light

Lighten the darkness of our world

Hymn No 519 (Hyfrydol)

“Love divine, all loves excelling”

Benediction

Sung Amen

Organ Postlude

Church bells beyond the stars

Cecilia McDowall

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Intimations

Next Week:

Sunday 23rd November

10.30am Morning Worship

The Minister is on compassionate leave. Should you require the urgent services please contact one of the Joint Session Clerks in the first instance.

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 **Exploring Christian Faith and Church Membership Class** is cancelled for today. The final class is at 12.15pm on 30th November.

An ecumenical service to celebrate the 3rd anniversary of the St Margaret Declaration will take place today, Sunday 16th November at 3pm in Heart of Fife: St Margaret's Church, Glenrothes. The Declaration was signed in Dunfermline Abbey by the Church of Scotland and the Catholic Church in Scotland. The Fife Ecumenical Task Group is pleased that the Heart of Fife Parish and St Mary Magdalen churches in Glenrothes will be hosting a service to mark the anniversary.

The deadline for submissions to the November edition of **The Arrow** is 9.30am tomorrow, Monday 17th November.

The **Men's Club** meets at 9.30am on Wednesday 19th November in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

The **Ladies Forum** meets on Wednesday 19th November at 2pm in the Church Halls when the guest speaker is Jim Feenan whose talk is entitled Safer Falling, Safe Standing.

Art Exhibition: You are invited to attend a special preview of Seasonal Reflections, a Heart for Art exhibition showcasing the work of our wonderful artists from The Abbey Church group, on Friday 21st November in the Abbey Church from 2-3.30pm. The exhibition runs from 21st November - 6th December during Church opening hours.

This year's **Advent Study** will be on Mondays 24th November, 1st, 8th and 15th December at 7pm in the Session Room, Dunfermline Abbey Church Halls, 6 Abbey Park Place. We will be exploring Gemma Simmonds' "Donkey Roads and Camel Treks: A Pilgrims Guide for Advent". Books can be purchased on Amazon for £9.97, and there is a Kindle version.

Bereavement Support Group meets on Thursday 27th November 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.

This year's **St Andrew's Day Lecture** is on Sunday 30th November at 2pm in the church. The speaker is Professor Dauvit Broun, who will be speaking about St Andrews and the Scottish Church. Tickets are £10 and can be purchased at church on a Sunday, from the church office or at www.trybooking.com/uk/FJBK

Greening Service – Sunday 30th November at 10.30am: Members and friends of the congregation are invited to bring a gift to support FASS Community Drug Service in that support of service users and their families. Gifts could be a gift voucher (preferably from Primark, Argos, Farmfoods or Sports Direct) or a small, wrapped gift for children within the age groups 0-4, 5-9 or 9-15. Wrapped gifts should be clearly labelled with the intended age and the contents so that the ADAPT Service can identify an appropriate recipient. Gifts can also be given unwrapped with a supply of wrapping paper, and it will be wrapped later.

Concert: HM Royal Marine Band Scotland's charity Christmas concerts will take place in the Abbey on 10th and 11th December from 7.30-9pm, with doors opening at 6.45pm. Tickets, priced £20, are on sale from OnFife, Carnegie Hall box office and Sew Yarn Crafty. They can also be obtained from Brian Blanchflower and David Fraser.

Used Stamps: This is a reminder to save used stamps. Boxes are on the table at the Church door and windowsill in the Church Halls.

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

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