



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER 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 gold, frankincense and myrrh of the Magi are traditionally interpreted as kingship, priesthood and suffering. We all have the capacity, if not the opportunity, to be powerful and wise. We also have a capacity to be holy, and our capacity for suffering is an integral part of that. But wisdom, power and even holiness are gifts we receive from God in order to return them. God is the only giver of gifts who is not insulted when we return the gift. But we return them by using them for God's kingdom, for the furtherance of God's reign on earth.

Gemma Simmonds, Donkey Roads and Camel Treks

Order of Worship

Prelude

Six Short Preludes & Postludes, No 5, Prelude on “Gartan”
Charles Villiers

Introit

Rejoice and be merry

trad Gallery Carol

Call to Worship

Hymn No 322 (In Dulci Jubilo)

“Good Christians, all rejoice”

Welcome & Intimations

Prayer of Approach & Confession

God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ you came among us
as light shining in darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
or trusted good news to be good.
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little,
and hoping for less.
Forgive our doubt,
and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen

Words of Assurance

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.

A reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 63: 7-9

Time to Talk

Hymn No 318 (Quelle est cette odeur agréable)

“Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour”

A reading from the Gospels

Matthew 2: 13-23

Anthem

Coventry Carol

trad English C16

Contemporary Reading

To Egypt
Nicky Gilbert

Hymn No 316 (Gartan)

“Love came down at Christmas”

Sermon

Offering and Dedication

Offertory Prelude on “O Jesulein süß, O Jesulein mild” *MG Fischer*

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

Hymn No 294 (Sussex Carol)

“On Christmas night all Christians sing”

Benediction & Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Postlude Noël XII, “Noël Suisse”

Louis-Claude Daquin

Following the service this morning, there is an opportunity to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. At the end of the service please sit in the pews towards the front of the church. Communion will be served in the round, and so those who would prefer to sit should sit in the chairs at the front, and when indicated the circle for sharing will form around you.

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Intimations

Next Week:

Sunday 4th January

10.30am Morning Worship

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 31st December in the church halls. All are welcome.

Jars of Compassion 2025: Sincere thanks to those who have been filling jars with coins in support of our annual Jars of Compassion Appeal launched at the Harvest Service. Please note that filled jars (or a donation) should be brought to Church on Sunday 25th January, clearly marked Jars of Compassion Appeal. Should you be unable to attend church then donations can be made by cheque, (made payable to The Abbey Church of Dunfermline) and sent to Jars of Compassion Appeal, Abbey Office, 6 Abbey Park Place, Dunfermline, KY12 7PD or by bank transfer using online banking.

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.

For the past few years, the 4th Dunfermline Abbey Boys' Brigade Company & Girls' Association has enjoyed hosting our annual Burns Supper. This year, however, we're adding a little spice and doing something different! We're delighted to invite you to our first **"Evening of Spice, Song and Celebration"** — a Curry Evening, promising a relaxed night of delicious food, good company, and great entertainment. Whether you're a curry connoisseur or simply fancy a fun night out, there'll be something for everyone to enjoy. **Saturday 7th February, 6.30pm, £15 per person, including a 3-course meal (menu to follow)**

To reserve your tickets, please email 4thdunfermline@boys-brigade.org.uk. We'd love to see you there for what's sure to be a very enjoyable evening!

Intimations and church notices should be with in the office account by 9.30am on Wednesday – although please note that they will not be printed in 4th January Order of Service.

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