

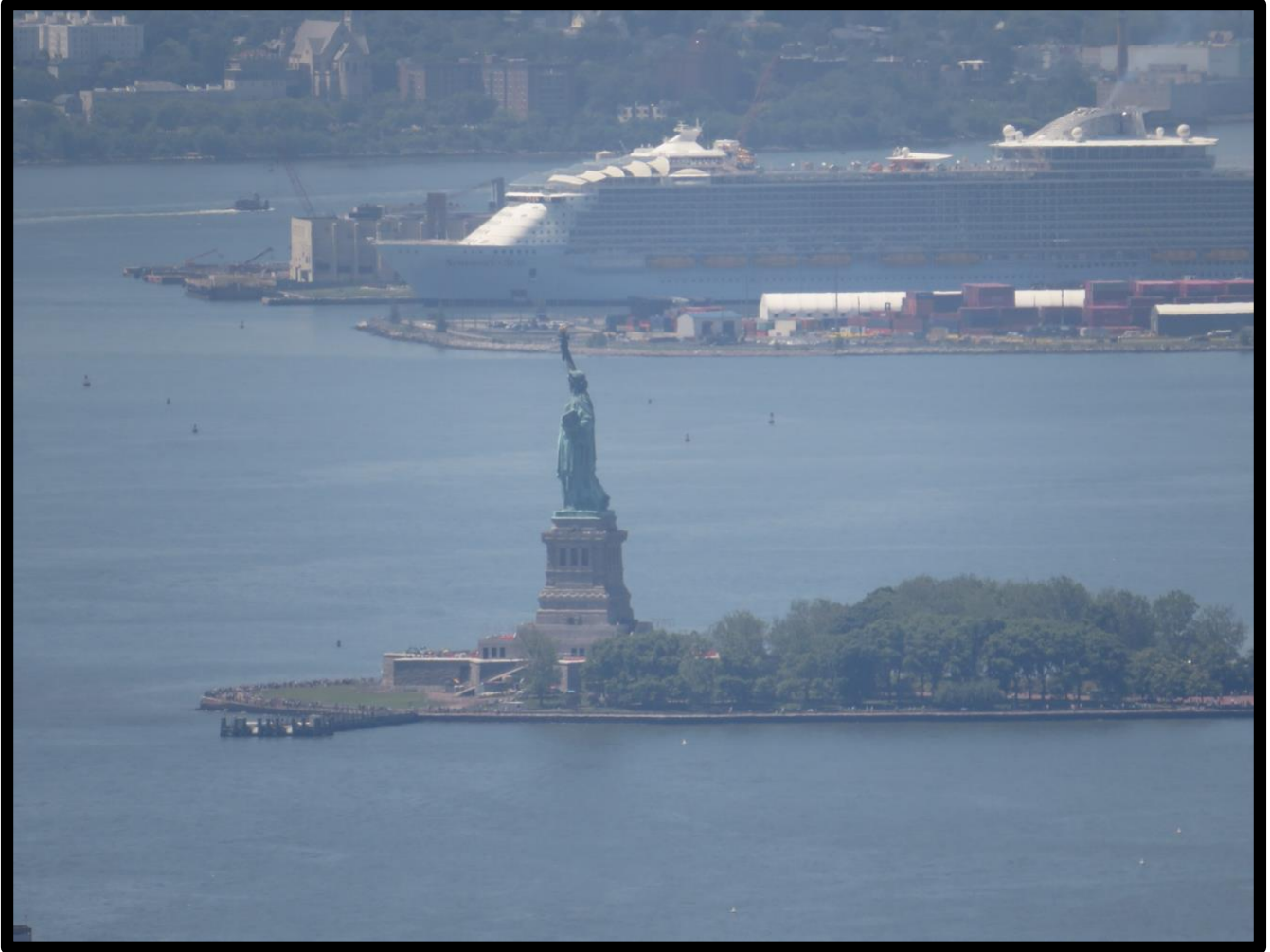


THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2026 • 10.30AM

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

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 Beatitudes as a kind of ladder of perfection is not a new idea. Dante describes the angels singing a particular Beatitude at each cornice of the Mount of Purgatory as souls, released from their need of purification, ascend to heaven. Ambrose preaches the stages of perfection as one Beatitude resting upon the other. Augustine and Hugh of St. Victor play with pairing the Beatitudes with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, virtues and vices.

But I like what Catherine of Sienna says. All the way to heaven is heaven, because you said, “I am the way.” As I strive to live into the Christ life, I taste heaven at each increment of grace, and, I hope and pray, I inadvertently let loose a little of paradise into the world, even if I’m not conscious of either receiving or giving.

Suzanne Guthrie, <http://www.edgeofenclosure.org/epiphany4a.html>

Order of Worship

Prelude Chorale Preludes on Herr Gott, nun schleuss den Himmel
auf and Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr' dahin *JS Bach*

Introit When Mary brought her Treasure
from Psalteriorum Harmonicum 1642

Call to Worship

Into the presence of God we come,
carrying the offerings of our lives.

**We wear the balm of Christ's grace
and the oil of the Holy Spirit's welcome.**

In the presence of God our minds and hearts are prepared
to be bearers of God's love to the world.

**Let us offer justice and love,
and walk humbly in Christ's ways.**

Hymn No 177 (Soli Deo Gloria) *"O God of blessings, all praise to you"*

Welcome & Intimations

Opening Prayer

Time to Talk

Hymn No 634 (Was Lebet, Was Schwebet) *"Child of blessing, child of promise"*

Sacrament of Baptism *during which we will sing the blessing:*

**The Lord bless you, and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.**

*Members of the congregation are invited to participate by saying "**We do**" after the question to the congregation and then continue by saying together:*

**We will nurture one another in faith,
uphold one another in prayer,
encourage one another in service.**

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

Micah 6: 1-8
p880 (OT Section)

Anthem

Nunc Dimitis

Herbert Sumsion

A reading from the Gospels

Matthew 5: 1-12
p4 (NT Section)

Hymn No 465 (Slane)

"Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart"

Sermon

Offering & Dedication

Offertory

Canzona for Organ

Sumsion

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.

Hymn No 685 (A Place at the Table)

"For everyone born, a place at the table"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Nun danket alle Gott

Franz Liszt

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Intimations

Services This Week:

Sunday 8th February

10.30am Morning Worship

Minister's Day Off: Friday 6th February

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 in the church halls is tomorrow, Monday 2nd February. It offers the Playlist for Life Help Point from 10.30am to 12.30pm as part of its support for people with dementia and their carers.

The **Men's Club** meets at 9.30am on Wednesday 4th February in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

The **Ladies Forum** meets on Wednesday 4th February at 2pm in the Church Halls for its AGM, which is followed by a quiz.

Soup@12: Tasty homemade soup, crusty bread, a biscuit, tea and coffee are on offer for £4 on Thursday 5th February from 12 noon to 1.30pm in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

RSCM Scottish Voices are visiting the Abbey to sing a service of Choral Evensong on Saturday 7th February at 4pm. Using the theme of Candlemas, they plan a very attractive programme of choral music including works by Sumsion, Eccard and Bertalot, and Charles Wood's stunning double choir motet "Hail gladdening light". The service will last a little under an hour, and all are very welcome to attend. A perfect way to brighten up a dull February afternoon!

For the past few years, the 4th Dunfermline Abbey Boys' Brigade Company & Girls' Association has enjoyed hosting a Burns Supper. While we had previously intimated a curry evening this year, due to a change in circumstances we can now confirm that we will be returning to our traditional Annual Burns Supper. We warmly invite you to join us for an evening of good food, good company, and great entertainment as we celebrate Scotland's national bard together on **Saturday 7th February, 6.30pm, £15 per person. Menu:** Leek and Potato Soup, Haggis, Neeps and Tatties, and Sheila's famous Sticky Toffee Pudding.

To reserve tickets, email 4thdunfermline@boys-brigade.org.uk.

Fundraiser: There will be a concert on Sunday 1st March at 2pm in the church to raise funds for the Abbey. Liam Forrest and Frances McCafferty, accompanied by Matthew Beetschen, will present a varied programme of music. Details on where to buy tickets will follow but please save the date.

Jar of Compassion Appeal 2025: Sincere thanks to everyone who has supported this annual appeal in aid of UNICEF and our sponsorship of Ibrahim through the

charity ActionAid. Anyone still wishing to return a filled jar or make a donation will be able to do so up until Sunday, 22nd February.

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.

If you are considering **Church Membership** or would like to know more about being part of Dunfermline Abbey, please be in touch with the minister via email. Over the next few weeks she will be exploring Christian faith with those who are interested in what it means to be part of a church community.

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

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