

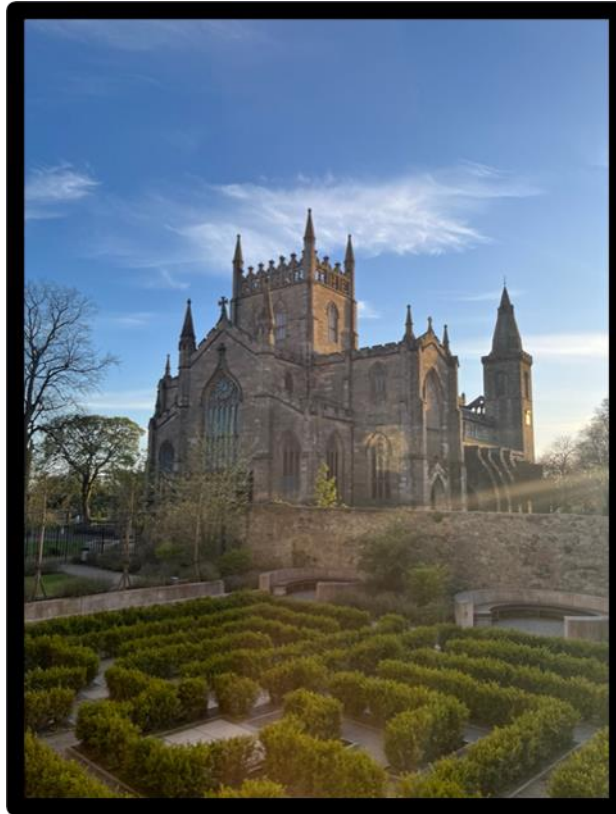


THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY 2026 • 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.

We welcome the Rev Ian Dick to lead worship this morning

Preparation for Worship

Harry S Truman reportedly said:

“It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.”

This sentiment emphasises the importance of collaboration and humility in achieving goals without the need for personal recognition.

The way to get things done is not to mind who gets the credit of doing them.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Chorale Prelude “Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam”

BWV 684

JS Bach

Introit

Out of the flowing river

Leith Fisher/Timothy Redman

Call to Worship

God is with you: ***God is also with you!***

God is in the dawning: ***in the renewal, in the arrival, in the new day.***

God is in the crowd: ***in the church, in the conversation, in the crisis.***

God is in our joys: ***in our sorrows, in our sickness, in our health.***

God is in the stable: ***in the humble, in the stranger, in the poor.***

God is always with us: ***giving us new life, saving us in strife,***

Let us worship God.

Hymn No 334 (Winchester)

“On Jordan’s bank”

Welcome & Intimations

Prayer of Approach

Jesus, Word Made Flesh, we praise you because you show us that God is love:
love which reaches to ***all*** people;
love which does not count the cost of loving;
love which never ends.

Forgive us when we love ourselves and not you.

We praise you because you are The Way:
you are The Way to God;
you lived The Way we want to live;
you guide us on The Way of life.

Forgive us when we take our own way and not yours.

We praise you because you are the Truth:
you are the Truth about God;
you show us the Truth about ourselves;
you show us how to live as true human beings.

Forgive us when we think we know better than your truth.

We praise you because you are the Life:
you lived this earthy life with all its threats and dangers;
you give us the example for life;
you help us to live our lives to the full.

Forgive us when we live for ourselves and not for you.

***Fill us with your Spirit who shows us the way,
reveals the truth, and gives us life.***

Amen

Time to Talk

Hymn No 317 (Incarnation)

“Before the world began one Word was there”

Contemporary Reading

I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal." I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day, down in Alabamalittle black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. ... I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. This is our hope. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.

*From the speech of the Revd Dr Martin Luther King, 26th August 1963
(Martin Luther King Day will be observed on Monday 19th January)*

Hymn No 48 Metrical Psalm 72 (Effingham)

“His large and great dominion”

Anthem

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling

Herbert Howells, arr Malcolm Archer

A reading from the Gospels

John 1: 29-42
p88 (NT Section)

A reading from the Gospels

John 3: 26-36
p91 (NT Section)

Silence – a few minutes for reflection

Sermon

Hymn No 710 (Repton)

“I have a dream, a man once said”

Offering and Dedication

Offertory Benedictus from Messe pour les paroisses *F Couperin*

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 Dedication, Thanksgiving and For Others

O God this is our prayer: ***Show us how to be part of the answer***

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 702 (Blaenwern)

"Lord, in love and perfect wisdom"

Dismissal and Blessing

Go now into the world in peace!
Have courage: take hold of what is good. Never pay back wrong for wrong;
let compassion be your faithful companion and forgiveness your constant friend.
Keep the fires of the spirit burning where love is cold ~
and seeking always what is good and just and keep faith.
And the Blessing of God, Creator, Saviour and Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Psalm Prelude Set 2 No 3 "Sing to the Lord a new song"

Howells

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Intimations

Services This Week:

Sunday 25th 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 next **Heart for Art** run by CrossReach session is tomorrow, Monday 19th January. 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 21st January in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

The **Ladies Forum** meets on Wednesday 21st January at 2pm in the Church Halls when the guest speaker, Roseann Haig, will give a talk on Circle of Comfort.

The **Kirk Session** meets from 7.30 to 9pm on Thursday 22nd January in the Church Halls.

Bereavement Support Group meets on Thursday 29th January 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.

Sincere thanks to those who have been filling jars with coins in support of our annual **Jars of Compassion Appeal**. Please note that filled jars (or a donation) should be brought to Church next Sunday, 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.

For the past few years, the 4th Dunfermline Abbey Boys' Brigade Company & Girls' Association has enjoyed hosting our annual 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 a relaxed and enjoyable 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, Finishing with Sheila's famous Sticky Toffee Pudding.

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

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.

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

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