



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 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.

Preparation for Worship

‘Salt’ is the generic name we use to describe any substance produced by the reaction of an acid with a base – a process known as a neutralisation reaction.

All these salts share some characteristics: their ionic bonds, their relatively high melting points, their electrical conductivity when melted or in solution and their crystalline structure as a solid.

Salts, both those occurring naturally and those made by neutralisation processes, are incredibly important substances.

It is estimated that salt has over 14,000 uses ...

<https://saltassociation.co.uk/education/what-is-salt-and-its-properties/>

Order of Worship

Prelude	Prelude	George Dyson
Introit	Let my prayer come up into thy presence	Henry Purcell

Call to Worship

The light of day dawns upon us
and draws us into Christ’s presence.

**Blessed by cleansing waters and seasonal rain,
remembrances of baptism that shape our belonging.**

Called to be salt and light,
we share Christ’s presence in worship and in life.

**We discover
that salt might preserve, but it also draws flaws to the surface,
that light might offer comfort, but it also reveals the hidden.
Let us worship the Creator who delights in justice restored.
May God's ways endure.**

Hymn No 135 (Christe Sanctorum)

“O laughing Light, O first-born of creation”

Welcome & Intimations

Prayers of Approach & Confession

God of kindness,
we celebrate Your kindness
revealed in the glory of creation,
in the variety of colour, shape and shade,
in humour, compassion and warmth.

**Forgive us when we forget the gift we are,
the care that sustains each moment,
the grace that transforms a day.**

**Set us free from the prison of grudging hearts,
means desires,
resentful spirits,
and give us courage to act with justice and generosity
with a love that does not calculate or keep score.**

Adapted from a prayer by Kathy Galloway, *The Pattern of our Days*

Words of Assurance

Time to Talk

Hymn No 764 (Laughter)

“God has made laughter”

A reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 58: 1-9
p698 (OT Section)

Anthem

Sing a new song to the Lord

Arthur Wills

A reading from the Gospels

Matthew 5: 13-20 p4 (NT Section)

Hymn No 593 (Thainaky)

“She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters”

Sermon

Offering and Dedication

Purcell

A time for reflection on all we have heard and experienced, and on 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/wwp/?page_id=10345. Or you can simply use your mobile and text LNBW01 to 70970 to give £5.

Prayers of the People

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 617 (Lux Tremenda)

“Great and deep the Spirit’s purpose”

Benediction & Choral Amen

Organ Postlude Postlude *Dyson*

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Intimations

Next Sunday:

Sunday 15th February 10.30am Morning Worship *includes the Sacrament of Infant Baptism*

Minister's Day Off: Friday

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 **Men's Walking Group** meets on Tuesday 10th February at 10.30am (starting from the top of the steps at the West Door of the Abbey). For details of the walk, please contact dunfermlineabbeywg@gmail.com.

The **Labour of Love** group meets from 2pm to 3.30pm on Wednesday 11th February in the church halls. All are welcome.

Bricks of Wonder: Build Your Own Adventure: A half-term, creative LEGO session exploring faith through creativity on Friday 13th February, 1–3pm in the Church Halls. Book: bit.ly/febyoadventure

The deadline for March's edition of **The Arrow** is Monday 16th February at 9.30am. Early items are appreciated.

Abbey Kids invites families to **Everyday Adventures** this spring - exploring storytelling, imagination, and confidence through art and crafts. Fridays from 20th February, 4–5.30pm in the church hall. Book: bit.ly/abbeykids2026

Could you be a Helping Hero? Messy Church volunteers needed on Saturday 21 February, 12:30–4:30 pm, Abbey Church Halls. Contact Matt if you are able to help at cyf.dunfermline.abbey.church@gmail.com

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 donate will be able to do so up until Sunday, 22nd February.

Fundraiser: On Sunday 1st March at 2pm in the Abbey, Liam Forrest and Frances McCafferty, accompanied by Matthew Beetschen, will present "A Fond Farewell", a fundraising concert for the Abbey. This will be the Liam's final performance in Dunfermline before he heads off to Glyndebourne and then Stuttgart. Tickets, priced £10, are available now from Frances either in church or by phoning or texting 07768 650408 to order.

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.

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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