



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 22ND 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

Why am I drawn to desert and mountain fierceness? What impels me to its unmitigated honesty, its dreadful capacity to strip bare, its long, compelling silence? It's the frail hope that in finding myself brought to the edge...I may hear a word whispered in its loneliness. The word is 'love,' spoken pointedly and undeniably to me. It may have been uttered many times in the past but I'm fully able to hear it only in that silence.

Belden Lane, *The Solace of Fierce Landscapes*

Order of Worship

Worship this morning is led by the Revd Fiona Smith

Prelude Chaconne in F minor *J Pachelbel*

Welcome & Intimations

Introit Call to remembrance O Lord *R Farrant*

Call to Worship

Hymn No 124 (Lobe den Herren)

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation"

Prayers of Approach & Confession

Words of Assurance

Time to Talk

Hymn No 485 (Repton)

“Dear Lord and Father of mankind”

A reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 2: 15-17 & 3: 1-7
p2 (OT Section)

Anthem

Almighty God, which hast me brought

T Ford

A reading from the Gospels

Matthew 4: 1-11
p3 (NT Section)

Hymn No 268 (Martyrdom)

“O God of Bethel! by whose hand ”

Sermon

Offering and Dedication

Offertory

Gavotte in A minor

M Camidge

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/www/?page_id=10345. Or you can simply use your mobile and text LNBW01 to 70970 to give £5.

Offering Prayer

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 462 (Dominus regit me)

“The King of Love my Shepherd is”

Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude Praeludium in E minor

N Bruhns

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Intimations

Next Week:

Sunday 1st March

10.30am Morning Worship

Minister’s annual leave: The Minister returns to work on Wednesday 25th Febraury. Those requiring the urgent services of a minister should contact the Joint Session Clerk, Frances McCafferty, during this time. Her contact details can be found on the second page of The Arrow.

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 Abbey Men’s Walking Group meets on Tuesday 24th February at 10.30am, starting from the top of the steps at the west door of the Abbey. Further information can be obtained by email from dunfermlineabbeymwg@gmail.com.

During Lent there is an **Arts and Crafts bible study** on every Wednesday 11am – 12noon in St Leonard’s. This will happen while their Winter Café is open 10am – 1pm.

The **Labour of Love** group meets from 2pm to 3.30pm on Wednesday 25th February in the church halls. All are welcome.

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 today.

Bereavement Support Group meets on Thursday 26th February from 11 am 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.

The hymnbook “**God Welcomes All**” is being explored on Saturday 28th February from 2-4.30pm at St Leonard’s Parish Church, Dunfermline. The Church of Scotland Worship Development Officer, along with Fischy Music and Nancy Crook (church organist) will be introducing some of the music found within the pages. If you would like to go along, please book here <https://uwy1c47.short.gy/my-link>

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.

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 Halls. Book: bit.ly/abbeykids2026

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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