



# THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

### SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 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

Curiosity is a cardinal virtue of the therapeutic process. When I approach clients, I assume the posture of curiosity, taking an "I don't know" position with them. I invite clients to be curious about their lives. Why do they think this or that? Where did they learn that such and so was bad or good? Are they curious about why their families function in a certain way? When someone becomes curious about his own life, he opens the door to transformation and healing. Curiosity is the first step in seeing things through new eyes and can lead to a redemptive revision of the story of one's life.

Margaret B Hess, *A Curious Man*,  
<https://www.religion-online.org/article/a-curious-man-john-31-17/>

## Order of Worship

<b>Prelude</b>	Prelude and Fugue in Bb major	<i>Clara Schumann</i>
<b>Introit</b>	Peace I leave you with	<i>Amy Beach</i>

## Call to Worship

From the darkness of winter,  
we are drawn into the lightening days of spring.

**In the days of Lent,  
our time in the light of Christ grows longer.**

Lift up your eyes,

from the narrow focus of the ground beneath our feet.

**We lift up our eyes  
for the presence of Christ  
shines fresh light on a world in need of justice.**

Hymn No 162 (Leoni)

*“The God of Abraham praise”  
(w1,2,4 & 5)*

## **Welcome & Intimations**

### **Prayer of Approach & Confession**

**God of mercy,  
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.  
We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,  
and great when we are small.  
We have failed in love,  
neglected justice,  
and ignored your truth.  
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.**

Book of Common Worship (PCUSA)

## **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.**

## **Time to Talk**

Hymn (Wairua Tapu)

*“As the wind sang through the trees”*

1. As the wind song through the trees,  
as the stirring of the breeze,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the heart made strangely warm,  
as the voice within the storm,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.  
Never seen, ever known  
where this wind has blown  
bringing life, bringing power to the world,  
as the dancing tongues of fire,  
as the soul's most deep desire,

so it is with the Spirit of God.  
2. As the rainbow after rain,  
as the hope that's born again,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the green in the spring,  
as a kite on a string,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
making worlds that are new,  
making peace come true,  
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,  
as the rising of the yeast,  
as the wine at the feast,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

Shirley Erena Murray  
(GWA 128)

## **A reading from the Old Testament**

Genesis 12: 1-4a  
p10 (OT Section)

**Anthem** God so loved the world

*John Stainer*

## **A reading from the Gospels**

John 3: 1-17  
p90 (NT Section)

**Hymn No 81** (French/Dundee)

*"I to the hills will lift mine eyes"*

## **Sermon**

### **Offering and Dedication**

Offertory Berceuse

*Louis Vierne*

*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](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**

Your kingdom come

**Your will be done**

**Hymn No 161** (St Anne)

*"O God, our help in ages past"*

## Benediction & Choral Amen

**Organ Postlude**      Prelude and Fughetta

*Stainer*

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## Intimations

### Next Week:

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March      10.30am Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Minister's Day Off:**      Tuesday

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](mailto:dunfermline.abbey.church@gmail.com)

At 2pm today 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 at the door.

The next **Heart for Art** run by CrossReach session is tomorrow, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. 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** will meet at 9.30am on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

**Ladies Forum** will meet on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in the Church Halls when guest speaker Steven McLeish will give a talk on the Leprosy Mission.

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

Abbey Kids invites families to **Everyday Adventures** this spring - exploring storytelling, imagination, and confidence through art and crafts. Fridays from 20<sup>th</sup> February, 4–5.30pm in the Church Halls. Book: [bit.ly/abbeykids2026](http://bit.ly/abbeykids2026)

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.

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

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