



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 22ND 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 YouTube. Please be aware that you may be caught on camera, although they 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

There is the wonderful story (forgive me if you've heard it before but it would be a good opening/closing thought) about the parents who, angling for a bit more time with their coffee and papers, offered their young daughter a puzzle to put together. On one side of an insert of the paper was a current map of the world, so they cut it up and told her they would go out for a walk as soon as she'd put the puzzle together. Fairly happy with themselves, they settled down with their second cup. Two minutes later she came back and said the puzzle was finished. 'How did you manage that?' they said.

'It was easy. There was a person on the other side of the page, so I put the person together and the world followed.'

Life begins with relationships – listening, waiting with each other, realising that we are part of something so much bigger. If we are to bring life, justice, healing – hope, then we need to begin with ourselves and the possibilities our changed lives may bring to the world.

Sally Foster Fulton, *Weekly Worship*,

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/weekly-worship/weekly-worship-2026-march/22-march-fifth-sunday-in-lent-year-a>

Order of Worship

Preludes	Meditation from Sonata No 6	<i>Alexandre Guilmant</i>
Introit	Drop, drop, slow tears	<i>Orlando Gibbons</i>

Call to Worship

From our deepest longings, a cry for attention is shaped.

With open ears, God is listening.

God draws together
tired minds and parched faith,
and those longing for forgiveness.

**Our souls wait, both day and night,
for the hope of God's steadfast love.**

Hymn No 125 (Ombersley)

"Lord of all being, throned afar"

Welcome & Intimations

Prayer of Approach & Confession

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 No 88 (Macpherson's Rant)

"Up from the depths I cry to God"

A reading from the Old Testament

Ezekiel 37: 1-14
p820 (OT Section)

Anthem Ave verum corpus

William Byrd

A reading from the Gospels

John 11: 1-6, 17-27, 38-45
p101 (NT Section)

Hymn No 596 (Carlisle)

“Breathe on me, Breath of God”

Sermon

Offering and Dedication

Offertory

Choral “O quam suavis”

César Geoffray

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.

Prayers of the People

with sung response Hymn No 276 “Wait for the Lord”

Hymn No 352 (Desert)

“O for a thousand tongues to sing”

Benediction & Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Allegro con fuoco from Sonata No 6

Guilmant

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Intimations

Services Next Week:

Wednesday 25th March 12.15pm Midweek Prayers

Sunday 29th March 10.30am Morning Worship

Those joining the Palm Sunday Procession should be at the Mercat Cross for 10.15am. Please remember the clocks go forward this weekend.

Minister's Day Off: Tuesday 24th March

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** will next meet on Tuesday 24th March at 10.30 am (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.

Labour of Love: Wednesday 25th March, 2pm-3.30pm.

Bereavement Support Group meets on Thursday 26th March 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.

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

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.

Holy Week & Easter 2026

Monday 30th March 6pm Dunfermline Abbey (Dunfermline Central Church of Scotlands Together)

Tuesday 31st March 6pm Gillespie Memorial Church

Wednesday 1st April 6pm St Leonard's Church

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April

7pm Evening Service includes the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, 3rd April 7pm Evening Service

Holy Saturday, 4th April 10am-3.30pm Reflective Prayer Stations (Memorial Chapel)

Easter Sunday, 5th April 6.30am Sunrise Service (Palace Wall in the Kirkyard)

10.30am Morning Worship includes Easter Egg Hunt

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