



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2026 • 10.30AM

DREAMS AND VISIONS – WEEK 5

BLESSING OF BAGS SERVICE

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.

- An offertory plate was available on entry to worship this morning, along with the contactless giving terminal. 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.
- The service is streamed on 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.
- The Wriggly Table, for those who like to do while they listen, is on the south side of the church. There are usually craft activities, puzzle sheets, books and toys for smaller people.
- Wherever there is **Bold print**, please be **Bold** and join in.

Preparation for Worship

God adds sinews, tendons to attach them; flesh, muscles to make them strong, and skin to give them form. Yet still they lie lifeless. It is only when God tells the prophet to speak to the *ruah* — the spirit, or breath — and Ezekiel does so, that the spirit breath blows from the four winds and the bodies live and stand. Divine agency and human response appear interwoven, if not inextricable. Initiative comes from God, who makes sure the prophet participates. Ezekiel calls to the spirit; the spirit enters the people; they come to life, a vast multitude.

Only grace fills the gap between what we are made for and what we ourselves can manage.

Patricia Tull, <https://www.workingpreacher.org>

Order of Worship

Prelude	Three Short Pieces	<i>J Rheinberger</i>
Introit	Jesu dulcis memoria	<i>T Luis de Victoria</i>

Call to Worship

God's Spirit pours through God's people.

God's Spirit inspires prophecy, visions and dreams.

God's people,

lift up your hearts for God is with us;

open your eyes to God's presence with us;

open your hands to the activity of God;

God's Spirit pours through the people of God,

that we may be bearers of the promise of the kingdom of heaven.

Let us worship God.

Hymn No 62 (Onslow Square)	<i>"Sing a new song to the Lord"</i>
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Welcome and Intimations

Opening Prayer

A reading from the Old Testament	Ezekiel 37: 1-14 p820 (OT Section)
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Thought

Hymn No 600 (Skye Boat Song)	<i>"Spirit of God, unseen as the wind"</i>
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A reading from the Old Testament	Joel 2: 28-29 p863 (OT Section)
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Anthem	Locus Iste	<i>A Bruckner</i>
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A reading from the New Testament	Acts 2: 14-21 p89 (NT Section)
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Hymn No 532 (Pescador de Hombres)	<i>"Lord, you have come to the seashore"</i>
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Thought

Blessing of the Bags

Litany of Blessing

Our bags carry pencils, books, meals, activities and plans.

They carry our hopes, worries, friendships and dreams.

As we carry them each day

May we know we carry God's blessing, courage and peace.

Prayer

God bless you as you carry your bag.

May the contents feed your heart,

your imagination, and your hunger.

May you be inspired by all each day brings. Amen

Music for Reflection Chorale Prelude on "Quem pastores" *Healey Willan*

During which the Offering is brought to the Communion Table

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 459 (Diademata)

"Crown him with many crowns"

Benediction

Sung Amen

Organ Postlude

Nachspeil

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Intimations

Next Week:

Sunday 23rd August 10.30am Morning Worship

Minister's Day Off: Tuesday

The **Church Office** is open from 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 deadline for submissions to the September edition of **The Arrow** is tomorrow, Monday 17th August.

The next **Heart for Art** run by CrossReach session is tomorrow, Monday 17th August. It also offers the Playlist for Life Help Point from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The **Summer Concerts**, which start at 12noon, continue with Matthew Beetschen performing on Saturday 22nd August, and William Campbell on 29th August. Quais' Étoiles will offer their final twinkle on Sunday 6th September at 4pm. Admission to all concerts is free, with the hope of generous donations to support church funds.

The **Not Quite Songs of Praise** service is on Sunday 6th September. Those who would like to have their favourite hymn included should send/hand it to MaryAnn by next Sunday, 23rd August.

Nine Abbey members have signed up for the **IT Training Courses** which are being held in the Church Halls from 10am to 12noon on three consecutive Tuesdays (1st, 8th & 15th September). Please bring your mobile phones and iPads etc with you, preferably fully charged. If anyone is now unable to attend please let Brian Blanchflower know asap (07759944452). Spaces are available, and anyone who may now be interested in participating should also let Brian know.

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

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