



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 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.

- 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

The world today continues to witness the pharaonic style of economic policies and population control. There are equally many well-meaning citizens of the world who resist these manipulations and spend precious times and life-savings fighting these onslaughts. This same pharaonic world of today is desperately in need of modern day midwives like Shiphraph and Puah. The identification of these two women by name is designed by the narrators to accentuate the immortalization of their memories as models of conscience, courage and character.

Christopher Naseri, *Exodus 1: 15-22 and the Midwives who Dared Pharaoh to Protect Lives*

Order of Worship

Prelude	Largo from Organ Sonata no 2 BWV 526	<i>JS Bach</i>
Introit	Look upon us blessed Lord	<i>JS Bach</i>

Call to Worship

If the God is not with us,

Where would we be?

When the waters rise,

when the way ahead is uncertain,

when we cannot see what lies beyond the present

God is on our side.

When courage is needed,

when unexpected people become bearers of hope,

God is on our side.

We come as we are:

different in talent and skill,

yet one in Christ.

We belong to God and to one another.

We may not have all the answers of faith,

but we come with faith enough to follow.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

Let us worship God.

Hymn No 139 (Laus Deo)	<i>"Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him"</i>
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Welcome and Intimations

Prayer of Approach

Prayer of Confession

Silence

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 No 168 (Empathy)

“God weeps”

A reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 51: 1-6
p691 (OT Section)

Anthem Be thou my vision

Bob Chilcott

A reading from the Gospels

Matthew 16: 13-20
p17 (NT Section)

Hymn No 583 (Benson)

“Spirit divine, attend our prayers”

Sermon

Music for Reflection Chorale Prelude, Vater unser im Himmelreich
BuxWV 219

D Buxtehude

During which the Offering is brought to the Communion Table

Prayers of the People

God, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hymn No 263 (Picardy)

“God of freedom, God of justice”

Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude Toccata in F BuxWV 157

Buxtehude

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Intimations

Next Week:

Sunday 30th 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 **Abbey Men's Walking Group** will next meet on Tuesday 25th August at 10.30am (starting from the top of the steps at the West Door of the Abbey). Further information can be obtained from dunfermlineabbeymwg@gmail.com.

Labour of Love meets from 2pm to 3.30pm on Wednesday 26th August in the church halls. All are welcome.

The next **Summer Concert** is on Saturday 29th August at 12noon when William Campbell will perform. 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.

Nine Abbey members have signed up for the **IT Training Courses** which are being held in the church halls from 10am to 12noon on 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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