



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026 • 10.30AM

NOT QUITE SONGS OF PRAISE SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

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/www/?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 Wiggly 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

...it wasn't the words or tune. It was the singing.
It was the human sweetness in that yellow,
the unpredicted voices of our kind.

Iain Crichton Smith, *Two Girls Singing*

Order of Worship

Prelude	Lullaby of Birdland	<i>George Shearing</i>
Introit	A new commandment	<i>Richard Shephard</i>

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord from the heavens!

**Praise God, all God's angels,
praise God, all you choirs of heaven.**

Praise God, sun and moon,
praise God, all you shining stars.

**Praise God, you highest heavens,
you galaxies beyond the skies.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for God commanded and they were created.

**God set them in place forever,
and order that they will never pass away.**

Richard Sharples (adapted)
Celebrating Creation: Liturgical Resources

Hymn No 124 (Lobe Den Herren)

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

Welcome and Intimations

Prayer of Approach

Hymn

"Jesus bids us shine"

1. Jesus bids us shine, with a clear, pure light,
Like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world of darkness; so let us shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.
2. Jesus bids us shine, first of all for him;
Well he sees and knows it, if our light grows dim:
He looks down from heaven to see us shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.
3. Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
Many kinds of darkness in the world are found –

Sin, and want, and sorrow, so we must shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Sacrament of Baptism *during which we will sing the blessing:*

**The Lord bless you, and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.**

Members of the congregation are invited to participate by saying “We do” after the question to the congregation and then continue by saying together:

**We will nurture one another in faith,
uphold one another in prayer,
encourage one another in service.**

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 128 (Coe Fen)

“How shall I sing that majesty”

How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;

ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

Hymn No 738 (Austrian Hymn) *“Glorious things of thee are spoken”*

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may smile at all thy foes.

Prayer of Confession

Hymn No 553 (Saffron Walden) *“Just as I am without one plea”*
(verses 1 & 5 sung seated)

Words of Assurance

A reading from the Old Testament Psalm 149
p594 (OT Section)

Anthem O sing to the Lord a new song *Peter Nardone*

A Call to the Universe Ruth Burgess
Acorns and Archangels: Resources for Ordinary Time

Hymn No 519 (Hyfrydol) *“Love divine, all loves excelling”*
(verses 1 & 3)

And Breathe Kirilee Reid
*Autumn: Liturgical Resources for August,
September and October*

Hymn No 189 (Be still) *“Be still”*

Music for Reflection Intermezzo op 117 no 1 *J Brahms*
During which the Offering is brought to the Communion Table

Prayers of the People

during which we will sing Hymn No 159 “Lord for the years” (verses 1, 3 & 5)

Hymn No 352 (Desert/Lyngham)

“O for a thousand tongues to sing”

(verses 1, 2 & 6)

Benediction

Sung Doxology Hymn No 184

“Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth”

(verse 5)

Organ Postlude

The Prince of Denmark’s March

J Clarke

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Intimations

Next Week:

Sunday 13th September 10.30am Morning Worship
*Sacrament of Holy Communion &
Admission of Elders & Renewal of Vows*

Minister's Day Off Wednesday

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

Quais' Étoiles will offer their final twinkle today, Sunday 6th September, at 4pm. Admission is free, with the hope of generous donations to support church funds.

The **Abbey Men's Walking Group** will next meet on Tuesday 8th September 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.

IT Training Course: Following a successful first session on Tuesday the course continues on Tuesday 8th September in the Abbey Halls from 10am to 12noon. Just remember to bring yourself and your fully charged phone or tablet. This week will focus on attachments, photographs and albums. Still some spaces available. Refreshments provided.

The **Royal Society of Edinburgh Curious Festival** has two workshops in Dunfermline Abbey on Wednesday 9th September, as part of. Both workshops focus on interesting parts of the Abbey Church's amazing heritage. The first, "Through the stained-glass window: The science, history and conservation of stained glass", features the mystery of glass fragments returned to the Abbey through the Mail. The second, "In search of lost medieval royal tombs", discusses the ground-penetrating radar research conducted in recent years. Tickets for both events were sold through RSE channels and are sold out.

Labour of Love meets from 2pm to 3.30pm on Wednesday 9th September in the church halls. All are welcome.

The **Kirk Session** meets on Thursday 10th September in the church halls from 7.30 to 9.30pm

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

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