



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 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

If a preacher pretends not to know that life is hard and waves are high, any message of comfort becomes dishonest

Frederick Buechner

Order of Worship

We welcome the Very Rev Andrew McLellan to lead us in worship this morning

Prelude Four dances from Abdelazer *Henry Purcell*

Introit Jubilate Deo *Benjamin Britten*

Call to Worship

Jesus said The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls

We come seeking the beauty, truth and goodness of God

Hymn No 83 (Old Hundredth) *“All people that on earth do dwell”*

Welcome and Intimations

Prayer of Praise & Confession

Time to Talk

Hymn No 718 (Ye banks and braes) *“We cannot measure how you heal”*

A reading from the Old Testament Isaiah 55: 6-13
p696 (OT Section)

Anthem O guam gloriosum *Tomás Luis de Victoria*

A reading from the Gospels Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-46
p14 (NT Section)

Sermon

Hymn No 358 (St Denio) *“The great love of God”*

Music for Reflection Allegretto grazioso (from six pieces for organ)
Frank Bridge

During which the Offering is brought to the Communion Table

Prayer of Dedication; Prayer for Others

God in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who 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 736 (Sine Nomine)

“Give thanks for life”

Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Prelude & fugue on a theme of Victoria

Britten

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Intimations

Next Week:

Sunday 8th November 10.50am Remembrance Service at the World War One Memorial
11.30am Morning Worship
Led by Rev Derek Lawson

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 **Men's Club** will meet at 9.30am on Wednesday 4th November in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

Ladies Forum will meet on Wednesday 4th November at 2pm in the Church Halls when guest speaker Neil Proven will talk about his career in the ambulance service.

Soup@12 is on Thursday 5th November from 12noon to 1.30pm in the Church Halls. On offer, for £4, is a choice of homemade soups, crusty bread, chocolate biscuits and tea and coffee. All are welcome.

You are invited to support this year's **Jar of Compassion Appeal** by placing a coin in a jar each day in thanksgiving for the food you eat, from now until Sunday 24th January. All money raised will be shared between ActionAid which manages our sponsorship of Ibrahim (12) in Sierra Leone and the charity UNICEF.

The Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines Scotland will be performing Christmas Concerts in Dunfermline Abbey on Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd December from 7.30 - 9pm. These concerts are again being organised by Dunfermline Rotary Club with all proceeds going to local charities. Tickets, £20, are available now from Brian Blanchflower or David Fraser or ONFIFE, the Carnegie Hall Box Office or Sew Yarn Crafty.

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

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