



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 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

One of the challenges of our modern life is that we're more connected than ever, yet we also feel increasingly isolated. We have more and more friends on Facebook, but fewer friends that we actually see and talk with in person. We are "linked in" all over the place, yet rates of reported loneliness and depression are skyrocketing. We are connected to more sources of news and information and entertainment via social media, yet seem to be almost drowning in information while simultaneously starved for actual experience, particularly the experience of being in real relationship.

Maybe that's the place to start - with the difference between mere connection and actual relationship. That's what Jesus offers his disciples. Not simply connection - that's not enough to nourish life - but relationship, community, life together.

David Lose "Getting Real"

Order of Worship

Prelude Largo, Allegro, Aria & Two Variations *George Thalben Ball*

Introit Rise up, my love *Healey Willan*

Call to Worship

There is a love
that brought us into being,
gave the universe its birth,
gave life to all that is
and holds us for ever.
We abide in that love.

**There is a love
that stays with us,
never lets us go,
never turns its back,
never forgets,
always dwells in us.
We abide in that love.**

Hymn No 608 (Down Ampney) *“Spirit of truth and grace”*

Welcome and Intimations

Prayer of Approach

Sung Response: Hymn No 793

Stay with me,
remain here with me,
watch and pray,
watch and pray.

Time to Talk

Hymn No 577 (Bunessan) *“Christ be beside me”*

A reading from the Gospels John 15: 1-11
p106 (NT Section)

Anthem If ye love me *Bob Chilcott*

A reading from the New Testament 1 John 4: 7-21
p238 (OT Section)

Hymn No 115 (Amor Dei) *“Love is the touch of intangible joy”*

Sermon

Music for Reflection Folksong Prelude No 2

Peter Warlock

During which the Offering is brought to the Communion Table

Prayer of Dedication

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 622 (Woodlands)

"We sing a love that sets all people free"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

Handel

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Intimations

Next Week:

Sunday 25th October 10.30am Morning Worship
Led by Rev Ian Dick

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

We're into our final week of **Pilgrimage Month**. Events this week: JJ Chalmers – from Afghanistan to a New Path on Wednesday 21st October from 7pm to 8pm. Price: £15. Tickets available on the door. Tombstone & Tales Pilgrimage around the kirkyard on Thursday 22nd October at 11am. Stained Glass Window Pilgrimage on Thursday 22nd October 1 – 2pm with David Fraser. Price: £5. Monks Pilgrimage to Limekilns on Friday 23rd October 10.30am to 1pm with Ian McArtney. Tickets/registration for all events on <https://linktr.ee/DAbbeyChurchEvents> The exhibition continues in The Memorial Chapel until Friday 23rd October.

The **Men's Club** will meet at 9.30am on Wednesday 21st October in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

Ladies Forum will meet on Wednesday 21st October at 2pm in the Church Halls for talk, tea and cake.

Volunteers Required: The Worship team is looking for 14 stewards to accompany the lantern procession from the car park at Andrew Carnegie House, Pittencrieff Park on Friday 13th November, starting at 5.30pm. We are keen to keep this popular family event in the Abbey and the city calendar. If you interested in taking part please email williamsaj9@btinternet.com or add your name and contact details to a list which is in the North Transept. Thank you, Alison Williams.

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 and will be on general sale from ONFIFE, the Carnegie Hall Box Office or Sew Yarn Crafty from Monday 19th October.

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

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