The Abbey Church of Dunfermline

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 8th November 2026 • 11.30am

Remembrance Sunday

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

Shall we remember what war is?

What is war?
In the human psyche it is the fatal flaw, a perversion of the human mind, using our greatest brains to create a threat to all mankind.

War is
the profoundest disrespect for the sanctity of human life, the ultimate in racism, the collapse of morality.

War is the ultimate in criminality, the ultimate obscenity, the ultimate crime against humanity.

So shall we honour war?
And shall we now praise broken men? Or shall we remember what war is and give true meaning to "Never Again"?

(seen on a wall in the Airborne Museum Hartenstein, Oosterbeek, near Arnhem, The Netherlands.)

Our service this morning will begin as soon after 11.30am as possible.
The Interim Moderator is part of the Remembrance marking at the Memorials outside.

Order of Worship

We welcome the Rev Derek Lawson to lead us in worship this morning

Prelude Sospiri *Elgar*

Introit They shall not grow old *Douglas Guest*

Call to Worship

Come to offer God your worship and praise,
but also to remember those who have lived and died
in armed conflicts or on peace-keeping duties -
as they sought to serve others.
We will confess with shame those occasions
when nations have lightly chosen war rather than peace.
We will pray for all who still suffer as a result of war
and all forms of armed conflict,
and we will commit ourselves to work with all our strength
to see peace and justice established throughout the world.

Welcome & Intimations

Hymn (The Dambusters March) *"God is our strength and refuge"*

1. God is our strength and refuge,
   our present help in trouble;
   and we therefore will not fear,
   though the earth should change!
   Though mountains shake and tremble,
   though swirling floods are raging,
   God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

2. There is a flowing river,
   within God's holy city;
   God is in the midst of her -
   she shall not be moved!
   God's help is swiftly given,

thrones vanish at his presence -
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

3. Come, see the works of our maker,
learn of His deeds all powerful;
wars will cease across the world
when He shatters the spear!
Be still and know your creator,
uplift Him in the nations -
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

Prayer of Approach & Confession

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.

Call to Remembrance & The Tryst

We will remember them
We will remember them

The Last Post

The Silence

Reveille

Prayer

Act of Commitment

Before God we pledge ourselves
to establish justice and peace,
to feed the hungry and heal the broken,
to welcome the refugee and the stranger,
to console the bereaved,
to bring hope to those in want,
so that all may rejoice
in the glorious liberty of the children of God. Amen.

Hymn No 527 (O Waly Waly) *"Lord, make us servants of your peace"*

A reading from the New Testament Revelation 22: 1-5
p258 (NT)

Anthem Only remembered *H Bonar/I Sankey, arr W Campbell*

A reading from the Gospels Matthew 5: 38-48
p4 (NT)

Hymn No 706 (Rhuddlan No 103) *"For the healing of the nations"*

Thoughts for Remembrance Sunday

Music for Reflection Elegy *G Thalben-Ball*
During which the Offering is brought to the Communion Table

Prayers of the People

Hymn No 266 (Russia) *"God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest"*

Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude Piéce Héroïque *C Franck*

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Intimations

Services This Week:

Wednesday 11th November	10.55am	Remembrance Reflection
Sunday 15th November	10.30am	Morning Worship
	Led by the Rev Ian Dick	

The **Church Office** is open on 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

Icons on Ammo Boxes exhibition: The internationally recognised art project, which has served as a ground for consolidating international efforts in Ukraine's support since 2015, has returned with new exhibits to the Abbey Church this month. The exhibition, featuring new icons which will all be available to buy, will be staged in the Memorial Chapel until 12th November.

The next **Heart for Art** run by CrossReach session is tomorrow, Monday 9th November. It also offers the Playlist for Life Help Point from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The Men's Walking Group meets on Tuesday 10th November at 10.30am (starting from the top of the steps at the West Door of the Abbey). For details of the walk, please contact dunfermlineabbeymwg@gmail.com

The **Labour of Love** group meets from 2pm to 3.30pm on Wednesday 11th November in the church halls. All are welcome.

The **Lantern Procession** takes place on Friday 13th November from 6 - 8pm. Bookings are required and can be made at this link: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/HDPC

The deadline for submissions to the December/January edition of **The Arrow** is 9.30am on Monday 16th November. Early submissions would be appreciated.

Heart for Art Exhibition: You are invited to attend a special preview of Seasonal Reflections, the Heart for Art exhibition showcasing the work of our wonderful artists from The Abbey Church group, on Friday 20th November in the Abbey Church from 2-3.30pm. The exhibition then runs from 21st – 29th November during normal opening hours.

This year the 4th Dunfermline (Abbey) Co Boys' Brigade with Girls Association will again be delivering **Christmas Cards** on behalf of members of the Abbey Church. We will be delivering cards to the following locations: Dunfermline, Crossgates, Townhill, Kingseat, Limekilns & Charlestown, Cairneyhill, Crossford, Wellwood and Dalgety Bay at the cost of 50p per card. This is a large undertaking for the company and if there are any members of the congregation who would be willing to help please get in touch with: Daniel Malcolm - 4thdunfcaptain@gmail.com, Richard Maguire - treasurer.4thdunf@gmail.com or Ian Vernon - Ian.vernon23@gmail.com

This year's **Heart for Art Christmas card**, created from a painting by Anne Leivesley, will be on sale from next Sunday. Each £4 pack contains eight cards, with all proceeds going towards the cost of running our fortnightly art sessions for those living with dementia. Please speak to Liz Wilson should you wish to order cards in advance.

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

New IT course: The Communications Team is considering repeating this inaugural venture next spring if there are at least eight-10 interested individuals. Each course runs for two hours, over a three-week period. They are aimed at a basic level of ability and focus on you getting to know and using your own phone or tablet. Anyone interested should contact Frances McCafferty, Brian Blanchflower, Leeza Clark, Ljiliana Katchkin or Lorraine Fraser by 29th November at the latest.

Annual Toiletry Collection : Sunday 13th December - it is that time of year when once again I ask the congregation to kindly purchase (or donate from their bathroom cabinets) specific toiletries for those less fortunate who do not have the luxury of being able to afford certain toiletries. The specific items we are looking for
are nappies, particularly up to size 6, feminine hygiene products, formula milk - only first milk - please don't buy any other type. The big supermarkets' own brands are fine.
Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet roll.
These are the essentials and all toiletries greatly appreciated. I would like to thank the congregation in advance for their donations and to assure them they make a difference. Please take your donations to the morning service on Sunday 13th December and leave them if possible at the South Door (leading to Palace Walls). I will be there to collect them.
All good tidings to you all for the festive season, Mhairi Weir

Intimations and church notices should be with in the office account by 12noon on Monday. Please note the new deadline.

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