The Abbey Church of Dunfermline

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 15th November 2026 • 10.30am

Feast of St Margaret

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

In the Reformed tradition, of which the Church of Scotland is part, "saints" are not seen as a special group of exceptionally holy people.
Rather, all who follow Christ and reflect God's love are considered saints.

As Paul wrote to the Romans (1: 7)
"To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints."

A little girl was asked once what a saint was.
After a little thought she said:
"Someone the light shines through"

Why do you think she had this idea of a saint??

Order of Worship

We welcome the Rev Ian Dick to lead worship this morning

Prelude Cantiléne from Suite Brève *Jean Langlais*

Introit Peace I leave with you *Amy Beach*

Call to Worship

God is with you**.** ***God is also with you.***
There are many who have walked the path of life before us,
showing us God's way of love.
We come to give thanks for them.
Today we remember Margaret, Queen of Scots,
known also as St Margaret of Scotland**.**
We remember her and give thanks.
So we join with the Communion of Saints to worship God**.**
We worship God and give thanks that we share in the light inherited from the saints.
Let us worship God.

Hymn No 172 (Lobe den herren) *"Sing for God's glory"*

Welcome & Intimations *an opportunity to greet one another and welcome visitors*

Prayers

Queen Margaret: Who was she?

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

A reading from the Old Testament Isaiah 58: 6-11
p699 (OT Section)

A reading from the New Testament Galatians 5: 22-25
P187 (NT Section)

Anthem Ubi caritas et amor *Maurice Duruflé*

A reading from the Gospels Matthew 25: 31-40
p27 (NT Section)

Hymn No 593 (Thainaky) *"She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters"*

St Margaret – Her legacy

Hymn No 557 (St Margaret) *"O love that wilt not let me go"*

Music for Reflection Légende du Vent *Rachel Laurin*
During which the Offering is brought to the Communion Table

Act of Dedication (we say together)

Generous God, we give you thanks for the life and witness of Saint Margaret whose love for you was shown in her care for the poor, the hungry, and all who were in need.
As we offer these gifts, we dedicate them to your service. Take what we bring and use it for the building of your kingdom, that the vulnerable may be cared for, the lonely befriended, and the Gospel proclaimed. Amen

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern

O God this is our prayer: **help us to be part of the answer**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On Earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us the wrong we have done,
As we forgive those who have wronged us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen

Hymn (Dunfermline)

Your presence God is in this place
Through worship, prayer and praise,
Of myriad saints throughout the years;
With them our songs we raise.

First Ninian and Columba came,
Then Margaret, saint and queen.
Your Word of love they heard and shared;
Christ in their lives was seen.

Through faithful followers o'er the years
Today Christ's love is known;
Help us maintain that chain of faith
To futures yet unknown.

Glory to God the Church proclaims
And to the earth Christ's peace,
Saints past and future shall join in;
God's praise shall never cease.

Closing Sentences

The God of Abraham and Sarah **Stay with us now**
The God of Moses and Elijah **Stay with us now**
The God of Andrew, Peter, James and John
Stay with us now
The God of Mary of Magdala, of Martha, and Dorcas
Stay with us now
The God of Ninian and Columba, of Serf and Margaret.
Stay with us now and always. Amen

Sending & Blessing

Now go in peace to love and serve God and your neighbour.
And the blessing of God, Creator, Saviour and Sprit will stay with you and remain with you in all your ways.

Benediction

Sung Amen

Organ Postlude Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la cathédrale de Soissons *Duruflé*

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Intimations

Next Week:

Sunday 22nd November 10.30am Morning Worship
Led by Rev Colin McIntosh

The **Church Office** will be closed tomorrow, Monday 16th November. It is usually 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

This year's **Heart for Art Christmas card**, created from a painting by Anne Leivesley, will be on sale from today. Each £4 pack contains eight cards, with all proceeds going towards the cost of running our fortnightly art sessions for those living with dementia.

The deadline for submissions to the December/January edition of **The Arrow** is 9.30am tomorrow, Monday 16th November.

The **Men's Club** meets at 9.30am on Wednesday 18th November in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

The **Ladies Forum** meets on Wednesday 18th November at 2pm in the Church Halls when Sheila Howorth will demonstrate Christmas cookery.

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.

St Andrews Day concert of Scottish Music: One of our members, Fergus Duncan, plays in a music group and they are giving a concert in St Leonard's Church on Monday 30th November at 2pm. This will be an enjoyable collection of Scottish music, with lots of tunes that will be familiar. You are all invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided and entry is by donation.

The Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines Scotland will be performing Christmas Concerts on 2nd & 3rd December. 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.

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

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.

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 six, 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.

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.

Sunday 6th December is **Gift Sunday** when we support FASS by giving a gift for children aged from birth to teenage. Please donate a gift which can be wrapped or unwrapped, in which case please supply paper to wrap it. Please also indicate the age of the intended recipient. Gifts may be placed under the Christmas tree.

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

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