The Abbey Church of Dunfermline

Reign of Christ the King

Sunday 22nd 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

You may find this week's gospel passage quite jarring: the crucifixion in November? What is going on? It is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Sunday that comes at the end of the church year, our quasi-New Year's Eve, and on it our focus is placed upon the "Reign of Christ" or "Christ the King."

Here on the cross, Jesus Christ shows what kind of King he is, and reveals what we already know from the gospels: his reign faces opposition and mockery, but is rooted in loving mercy and prayer. Jesus meets the continuous mockery with mercy, taunts with forgiveness, ignorance and insolence with fortitude, and humility with welcome.

Chelsey Harmon
Commentary from Calvin Theological Seminary

Order of Worship

We welcome the Rev Colin McIntosh to lead us in worship this morning

Prelude Overture, Ode for St Cecilia's Day *GF Handel*

Introit The Lord God omnipotent reigneth *G Thalben-Ball*

Call to Worship

Who is your king?
Jesus is our heart, our soul;
he shows us the Way.

Who is your master?
Jesus shows us the truth of life;
he gives us hope.

Who is your king?
Jesus reigns in life here on earth
and there in the realm of heaven.

Jesus, King of our hearts.
Jesus, hope for our world.

Hymn No 129 (Church Triumphant) *"The Lord is King! Lift up your voice!"*

Welcome and Intimations

Prayer of Approach

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.

Time to Talk

Hymn No 168 (Empathy) *"God weeps at love withheld"*

A reading from the Gospels Luke 23: 32-43
p85 (NT Section)

Anthem O thou the central orb *C Wood*

Contemporary Reading **KING?** *by Bruce Pewer*

King is your word not mine;
Friend I am, and not very choosy,
pagans and prostitutes,
publicans and sinners,
grace is my kingdom.

King is your word, not mine;
Servant I am, no one beneath me,
feet washer and waiter,
serving the least,
love is my kingdom.

King is your word, not mine;
Physician I am, all free of charge,
touching the leper,
expelling the demons,
health is my kingdom.

King is your word, not mine;
A seer I am, seeing God's word
in mustard seed and yeast,
wildflower and ravens,
truth is my kingdom.

King is your word, not mine;
Tradesman I am, honing my craft,
familiar with wood,
hammer and nails,
grace is my kingdom.

Hymn No 374 (The Servant King) *"From heaven you came, helpless babe"*

Sermon

Music for Reflection Sicilienne *Maria von Paradis*
During which the Offering is brought to the Communion Table

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Response: Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Hymn No 447 (Old 124th) *"Sing to the world of Christ our sovereign Lord"*

Closing Responses

Today and tomorrow
In time and eternity
Your kingdom come.

In our world, in our streets
In our homes and communities
Your kingdom come.

In our lives, in our loves
In our hopes and journeys
Your kingdom come.

Benediction & **Choral Amen**

Organ Postlude Alleluyas *Simon Preston*

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Intimations

Next Week:
Sunday 29th November 10.30am Morning Worship
Led by the Very Rev Andrew McLellan

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

Used Stamps: During the next few weeks we are likely to receive letters and Christmas cards so this is a wee reminder to save the stamps. It was recorded a few months ago that the Church of Scotland World Mission is no longer donating the sale of stamps to a World Mission cause. The Scottish collector, however, is still happy to receive used stamps but to donate the proceeds to Alzheimer Scotland.
I am happy to forward stamps brought to the Abbey. Please place them in the box at the door or the one on the windowsill in the Church Hall. I look forward to receiving your stamps - Dorothy J Wilson.

The next **Heart for Art** run by CrossReach session is tomorrow, Monday 23rd November. It also offers the Playlist for Life Help Point from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The **Abbey Men's Walking Group** will next meet on Tuesday 24th November 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.

The **Labour of Love** group meets from 2pm to 3.30pm on Wednesday 25th November in the church halls. All are welcome.

The Heart for Art Exhibition runs until 29th November during normal opening hours in the Memorial Chapel of the Abbey Church.

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. All welcome, refreshments provided, entry 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.

Sunday 6th December is **Gift Sunday** when we support FASS (now known as SSS - Scottish Substance Support) 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.

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 the first course in spring if there are at least eight-10 interested individuals. Each course runs for two hours, over a three-week period, aimed at a basic level of ability. Anyone interested should contact Frances McCafferty, Brian Blanchflower, Ljiliana Katchkin or Lorraine Fraser by 29th November.

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

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