



**THE ABBEY CHURCH OF
DUNFERMLINE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2024 • 10.30AM**



Founded in God's love. Serving at the heart of Dunfermline. Welcoming friend and stranger in worship and community.

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Dunfermline Abbey is the known name of the Abbey Church of Dunfermline

Preparation for Worship

You have a God who hears you, the power of love behind you, the Holy Spirit within you, and all of heaven ahead of you. If you have the Shepherd, you have grace for every sin, direction for every turn, a candle for every corner and an anchor for every storm. You have everything you need.

Max Lucado

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.
- A card reader is available at the North Door for those who wish to donate by card.
- The service is streamed 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.

• Wherever there is **Bold print**, please be **Bold** and join in.

• After worship today, Tea and Coffee are served in the North transept.

If you would like to help with this on a rota basis please contact Lorna Edmond on 07752146418 or by email lorna.edmond@talktalk.net.

Order of Worship

Prelude "Streaming" from Glenalmond Suite *Naji Hakim*

Introit Easter glory fills the sky *German, arr WH Monk*

Call to Worship

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

**So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.**

Psalms 63

Hymn No 147 (Lasst Uns Erfreuen) "All creatures of our God and King"
(vs 1,2,3,5 &7)

Welcome & Intimations

Prayer of Approach

Prayer of Confession

**Compassionate God,
we confess that we are those
who have failed to live as You would hope.
We do not always offer love to our neighbour
and instead our wants and desires shape
the choices we make.
In sorrow and repentance,
we seek Your grace
to be renewed for Your purpose.
Amen**

Words of Assurance

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 14 (Crimond)

"The Lord's my Shepherd"

A reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 23
P512 (OT Section)

Anthem The Lord is my shepherd

John Rutter

A reading from the New Testament

1 John 3: 16-24
P237 (NT Section)

Sermon

Hymn No 462 (Dominus Regit Me)

"The King of love my shepherd is"

Offering & Dedication

Offertory "Smiling" from Glenalmond Suite *Hakim*

This time of reflection offers a moment to reflect on the readings we have heard, but also the use of our gifts of time, talent and money in the world. The offertory plate and contactless giving were available on entry into the church, and for those who still wish to donate the offertory bags will be passed amongst the congregation. Donations can also be made on our website donation page, https://dunfermlineabbey.com/www/?page_id=10345. Or you can simply use your mobile and text LNBW01 to 70970 to give £5.

Prayers of the People

Hymn No 363 (Fulda)

"We have a gospel to proclaim"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude "Jubilating" from Glenalmond Suite

Hakim

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Intimations

Minister's Day Off: Friday 26th April
Associate's Day Off: Tuesday 23rd April

Services This Week:

Wednesday 24th April 12.15pm Midweek Prayers
Sunday 28th April 10.30am Morning Worship

The **Church Office** is open 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

Labour of Love: The group meets from 2pm to 3.30pm on Wednesday 24th April in the church halls. All are welcome.

Bereavement Support Group meets on Thursday 25th April at 11 am to 12.30pm in the church hall. The group is open to anyone who has been bereaved, whether or not they are a member of the church. It offers an opportunity for mutual support over a cup of tea or coffee.

Storytime runs on Friday mornings for three-to-five-year-olds and their carers. They will be run by Matt Baines in the church halls at 10.30 am. You can book at <https://bit.ly/StoryTimeAbbey>

Abbey Kids offers messy arts and crafts for children and parents to enjoy from 4pm to 5.30pm in the church halls on Fridays. To book visit <https://bit.ly/AbbeyKids> or for information email Matt at cyf.dunfermline.abbey.church@gmail.com.

Abbey concert: A concert will be given by Rudsambee – a small chamber choir from Edinburgh – at 4pm on Sunday 28th April. They will sing a short programme of unaccompanied sunny Spring music in a wide range of styles from Elizabethan madrigals to contemporary. Admission is free and there will be a collection in aid of the choir and the Abbey. All are very welcome.

Lego Help: On Saturday 4th May visitors to the Abbey are invited to help build a large scale model of the Abbey as it appeared at the time of the Great Fire in 1624. We anticipate a large number of visitors with young children and would value help to direct participants to activities. It takes

place from 10am to 4.30pm but we are just asking people to help for a couple of hours. We are hoping “many hands will make light work”.

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