



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 2025 • 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.

- 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.

Preparation for Worship

“What would it take for us to embrace Jesus’s vulnerability as our strength? To trade in our images of a conquering God for the mother hen God of this lectionary passage? Maybe what we need most this Lent is not a fox-like divinity who wields his power with sly intelligence and sharp teeth, but a mother hen who calls to us with longing and desperation, her wings held patiently and bravely open. A mother hen who plants herself in the hot center of her children’s terror, and offers refuge *there*.”

Debie Thomas, <https://journeywithjesus.net/essays/2119-the-way-of-the-hen>

Order of Worship

Prelude	Fantasia in five partes	<i>Orlando Gibbons</i>
Introit	In the departure of the Lord	<i>John Bull</i>

Call to Worship

We ask one thing of God, and this is what we seek:
to settle in the house of the God for as long as we live;
to gaze upon God’s beauty and ponder God’s ways
surrounded by the community of faith.

Let us enter God’s presence together,
offering our worship and praise and singing and shouting with joy.

Hymn No 22 (Bishopthorpe)

“The Lord’s my light and saving health”

Welcome & Intimations

Prayer of Approach

Prayer of Confession *during which we sing **Hymn No 777** “Kyrie Eleison”*

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.

A reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
p12 (OT Section)

Time to Talk

Hymn No 573 (Saranam)

“Saranam, saranam, saranam”

A reading from the Gospels

Luke 13: 31-35
P73 (NT Section)

Anthem

Agnus Dei

Thomas Morley

Hymn (Leoni)

“The God of Sarah praise”

1. The God of Sarah praise
the God of dreams long dead
who births new life from barren ground
disarming dread.
Though grief lasts through the night
joy rises with the sun
God leaves us laughing in surprise at
death undone.
2. The God of Abr’ham praise
the God of all who roam

who guides us into foreign lands
and makes our home.
Though darkness shrouds our path
the stars as pledges shine
God's covenant will be fulfilled
by love's design.

3. The God of Hagar praise
the God of "second best"
who sees the lost and overlooked
and calls them blessed
Though wandering alone
through deserts of despair
God leads us to a well of hope
and meets us there

Sermon

Offering and Dedication

Offertory

Lamento

Alexandre Guilmant

This time 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 contactless giving was 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 463 (Schönster Herr Jesu/St Elisabeth)

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Sonata No 6 (first movement)

Guilmant

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Intimations

Services This Week:

Sunday 23rd March

10.30am Morning Worship

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

The next **Heart for Art** run by CrossReach session is tomorrow, Monday 17th March. It is now offering the Playlist for Life Help Point, from 10.30am to 12.30pm as part of its support for people with dementia and their carers.

The deadline for April's **Arrow** is Wednesday 19th March. Early items are appreciated.

The **Men's Club** will meet at 9.30am on Wednesday 19th March in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

Ladies Forum will meet on Wednesday 19th March at 2pm in the Church Halls when the guest speaker is Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Fife, Fiona Robertson.

Story Time runs from 10.30 to 11.30am in the Church Halls on Fridays in March.

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.

Used Stamps: This is a little reminder to save used stamps. Boxes are on the table at the Church door and windowsill in the Church Halls. Proceeds from the sale of the stamps are donated to the World Mission project.

This year's **Lent Study Group** takes place in the Session Room in the church hall at 6 Abbey Park Place on Mondays 17th, 24th, 31st March and 7th and 14th April at 7pm. Over the five weeks the group will be exploring the themes of Wilderness, Fasting, Solitude, Temptation and Preparation. All reading material is provided prior to each group meeting, and those who would like to attend are free to attend all five sessions or come to those that interest them most.

The Bereavement Group next meets on Thursday 27th March in the church hall. The group offers mutual support over tea and coffee and is open to anyone who has been bereaved.

The Robin Chapel Choir will be performing **Fauré's Requiem** and other music in the Abbey Church of Dunfermline on Saturday 22nd March at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 and available from www.tuttievents.com

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

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