



# THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025 • 10.30AM

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 11<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY

*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 on YouTube. Please be aware that you may be caught on camera, although both cameras 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

Lord, you are faithful to your promises.  
Through the Spirit you bless us with abounding hope.  
When power seeks to silence justice,  
give us the courage to raise our voice.  
When an end to poverty seems far off,  
renew our faith in your kingdom come on earth.  
When our neighbour reaches out,  
inspire us to respond with overflowing love.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer for Christian Aid Week 2025

## Order of Worship

Preludes	Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag	<i>by various composers</i>
Introit	Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag	<i>JS Bach</i>
Welcome & Intimations		
Introduction		

## Call to Worship

Giver of living water, we thirst for your presence.

**Let your steadfast love be upon us, as we hope in you.**

Bread of life, we hunger for your word.

**Let your steadfast love be upon us, as we hope in you.**

Holy one, you set a path before us, we seek to walk in your ways.

**Let your steadfast love be upon us, as we hope in you.**

Hymn No 214 (Truro)

*"New every morning is the love"*

## Aurelia's story – part one

Opening Prayer (Based on Ephesians 1)

## Prayer of Confession

Response: In your mercy

**Forgive us and help us.**

## Aurelia's story – part two

A reading from the New Testament

Acts 11: 1-18

P126 (NT Section)

Hymn No 544 (Neighbour)

*"When I needed a neighbour, were you there?"*

## Christian Aid Week film

## Aurelia's story – part three

A reading from the Gospels

John 13: 31-35

P105 (NT Section)

Anthem

Most Glorious Lord of Life

*WH Harris*

## Sermon

Hymn No 537 (Mary Morison)

*"We do not hope to ease our minds"*

## Prayer of Intercession

Response: We watch in hope for the Lord:

**our God will hear us.**

## 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.**

## **Sharing the Peace**

## **Aurelia's story – part four**

## **Offering and Dedication**

Offertory                      Prelude on Fairest Lord Jesus                      *Dale Wood*

*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/wwp/?page\\_id=10345](https://dunfermlineabbey.com/wwp/?page_id=10345). Or you can simply use your mobile and text LNBW01 to 70970 to give £5.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn No 362 (Heaven shall not wait)**

*“Heaven shall not wait”*

## **Blessing**

God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
**that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**  
Amen.

## **Organ Postlude**

Resurrection from Suite Pasquale

*Bedrich Janacek*

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# Intimations

## Services This Week:

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May                      12.15pm Midweek Prayers  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May                          10.30am Morning Worship

**Minister's Day Off:**                      Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

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](mailto:dunfermline.abbey.church@gmail.com)

The **Men's Club** will meet at 9.30am on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May in the Church Halls. All are welcome.

The **Ladies Forum** will meet on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2pm in the Church Halls when guest speaker Irene McLellan will give a talk entitled "My Time in Prison".

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

**Bricks of Wonder: Build your Kingdom** – an all-age Lego church event - will take place in the Abbey on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Places are limited and to book visit <https://bit.ly/AbbeyKids2025>

**Bereavement Support Group** meets on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May from 11am 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.

**The 4th Dunfermline (Abbey) BB & Girls Association** will be holding its annual display and awards on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June in the Church halls. Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start - all are welcome to attend.

**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.

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

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