



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 14 April 2024

Welcome to worship with Inverurie West Parish Church. Whether you are joining us online or in-person; as a newcomer, occasional visitor, or regular, we are delighted to have you with us. This morning we look at Acts 3 and Peter healing a man who was unable to walk. What might the encounter teach us about who or what we choose to focus on?

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING (CH4 352)

Opening Prayer (Including the Lord's prayer)

Our heavenly father
May your holy name be honoured
May your kingdom come
May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today what we really need
Forgive us the wrong we do
as we forgive those who wrong us

Lead us away from temptation
Keep us safe from evil

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours forever
Amen

Intro to the word

SHE SITS LIKE A BIRD (CH4 593)

Reading 1: Acts 3: 1-10 read by Jill Yule

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer —at three in the afternoon. 2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. 6 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. 8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. 9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 they recognised him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Reflection

FOCUS MY EYES ON YOU (CH4 567)

Prayer

TEACH ME TO DANCE (MP 936)

Grace

Blessing

News

Sunday worship next week (April 21st) while Rhona is on annual leave is a joint service with the St Andrew’s congregation at St Andrew’s at 10 am.

The following week (April 28) is back at the West for our biannual full service communion. You have two opportunities to take part in the sacrament. Join us at 11 for the more formal version and/or at 3pm for the very relaxed informal all-age communion. The latter is a short participatory service geared specifically to cater for small restless human beings but all ages are warmly welcomed!

Expertise sought - As part of our ongoing discussions on the future of the hall our hall group will be examining the title deeds to try to work out such details as precise boundaries. If you, or anyone you know has knowledge or expertise in this area and would be willing to join us, please speak to Rhona.

Fundraising and Stewardship - Registering with the EasyFundraising website is an easy way to use your online shopping to raise a little money for the church. The site is partnered with over 4000 retailers including big names like Amazon, Tesco and Argos. You can begin by following this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/inverurie-west-parish-church>

Foodbank - This month's wish list includes: UHT Milk (semi-skimmed or full cream), Tinned Fish, Tinned custard, Tinned veg (peas/carrots/sweetcorn), Mug Shots/Instant or Pot Noodles, Packets of cereal bars Shampoo, Deodorants (male and female)

The Foodbank are also looking for volunteer drivers to take much needed food parcels to families who find it difficult to get to St James' Place. Deliveries are organised for midday on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A regular commitment isn't required, even once a month would be fantastic. Most deliveries are outwith the town to places like Old Meldrum, Inch, Kemnay, Newmacher or Alford, but some are to the outskirts of Inverurie. Deliveries rarely take more than a hour and there is a small mileage allowance.

Practical help - if you, or anyone you know need shopping, errands etc done, we have lots of volunteers keen to help. For assistance ring Joyce Petrie on 01467 620932 or email help@inveruriwestchurch.org

For prayer requests, joys and concerns, or content which you would like shared on Sunday, please email Rhona on r.cathcart@inveruriewestchurch.org by Saturday night, or you can text her on her mobile.

Donations to the work of the church (either nationally or to an individual congregation like ours) can be made online at <https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate/11>