



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 27 April 2025

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. We are delighted to be joined today by our friends from Inverurie St Andrew's. This morning we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's supper and look at Jesus' post-resurrection encounter with two disciples on the road to Emmaus. We will be asking 'what does it take for us to recognise Jesus and how does or should that recognition change us?'

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD (CH4 189)

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

SPIRIT OF GOD COME DWELL WITHIN ME (CH4 722)

Reading: Luke 24:13-35 read by Mark Paterson

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognising him.

17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

19 "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they

recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

Reflection

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH (CH4 417)

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS (CH4 166)

Grace

Blessing

News

All-age communion this afternoon at 3. This is a very relaxed family-friendly (and educational!) version of communion to which all are welcome.

Kirk Session - our next meeting is on Thursday 8 May at 730 in the Acorn Centre.

Christian Aid book sale - our annual book sale runs from Sat 10th - Sat 17th May in the West Church Hall, 10-4pm except Sunday 1-4 pm.

Jams & Jigsaws will be on sale on Sat 10th, from 10am, outside the hall.

Donations of J&J and books welcome. Please hand into Acorn Reception for storage on the hall stage in the week before the sale. If you need your donation collected please phone Hazel Newton (01467 620414)

Volunteers also required for manning the Book Stalls, 10-1pm or 1-4pm. (A pleasant task!) Please contact Margaret Hearne 01651 882274 (this info also in Encounter)

Next 'Cuppa and Chat' at St Andrew's will be in the Chapel of St. Apollinaris this Friday 2 May, from 10am to 12noon. Come along for a friendly blether over a free cup of tea/coffee and biscuit. All welcome.

Inverurie Music is holding a Quiz Night in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Friday 23rd May at 7.00pm. Tickets are available at Novello Gifts, 29 West High Street, or from Rosie Milne, 01467 622577. Price £5.00 per person with teams of no more than 4 people. BYOB etc. There will be a raffle. Come and have some fun.

Silent Auction - There will be a Silent Auction in Aid of Inverurie St. Andrew's Church in the Old Hall on Saturday 24 May, 11am – 1pm, entry and 'bidding number, is £2, with tea/coffee and a buttery available at £3, all welcome. Donations of suitable items to auction will be gratefully received.

Foodbank - We don't have a current wishlist from the Foodbank but regularly needed items include: Tinned spaghetti/macaroni, Tinned meat (hot or cold), Tinned vegetables, Tea bags (40s/80s, please), Tinned tomatoes, Small jars of coffee, Pot noodles/Mug Shots, UHT Milk (semi-skimmed or full cream)

Fundraising and Stewardship - If you regularly shop online - or even if you do so only occasionally, there is an easy way to help fundraise for the church. The first step is to register with the Easyfundraising website, at this address: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/inverurie-west-parish-church> After this, whenever you use their link to go to major retailers like Amazon, Tesco or Expedia, and make a purchase, the church gets a small donation. As an example, the last time Rhona booked a holiday, the church got £16! If you need help registering, please chat to one of the Grants team (Janet Duncan, Alison Sharp, Laura Gray, Biff Barrow, Rhona).

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@inveruriewestchurch.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>