



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 11 October 2026

Welcome to morning 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 celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving alongside Jesus' parable of the two sons in Luke 15. We will be thinking about the tension between being good stewards and prodigal givers.

All welcome to stay for tea and coffee after the service

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER (CH4 229)

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

FOR THE FRUITS OF ALL CREATION (CH4 231)

Reading : Luke 15:11-32 read by Mark Paterson

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

Reflection

PRAISE GOD FOR THE HARVEST OF OCEAN AND FIELD (CH4 230)

Prayer

COME YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE COME (CH4 233)

Grace

Blessing

News

Bible Study - our online zoom bible study group continues on Wednesdays at 730. Newcomers welcome anytime. Ours is a very relaxed group which always has great discussions.

Harvest Sunday offering - our retiring offering today will be split between Christian Aid and the Scottish agricultural charity RSABI

We are also collecting donations for the Aberdeen Cyrenians Harvest Appeal. They are particularly looking for: tinned food, instant meals, sauce jars, long life milk, toiletries, and hygiene items such as deodorant, body wash and soap. If you can, please bring something for the box.

Harvest posies - our team has prepared a bundle of these to be delivered. Please help if you can!

Guild WestFest - Tasty Guild goodies are for sale downstairs after the service.

Yarn Group - are holding a Christmas Fair in the chapel on Saturday 14 November from 10 to 1 pm. Save the date!

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 - 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)

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@inveruriwestchurch.org by Saturday night, or you can text her on her mobile.

If you wish to support the work of Inverurie West Church financially either with a one-off donation or via regular giving there are details of how to do so on our website at <https://www.inveruriwestchurch.org/giving/> You can also email our treasurer at treasurer@inveruriwestchurch.org