



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 19 October 2025

Welcome to morning worship with Inverurie West Parish Church, joined this week by our friends from Inverurie St Andrew's. 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 will look at the story of Samuel choosing David as the future king of Israel and consider how and what we 'look' for in ourselves and our leaders.

Please note: There is no junior church this morning due to the school holidays, however children are always welcome throughout the main service.

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING (CH4 147, verses 1-4 and 7)

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

LORD THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING (CH4 448)

Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 read by Sharon Huxtable

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

4 Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

5 Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either."

9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these."

11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Reflection -

TAKE THIS MOMENT (CH4 501)

Prayer

BE THOU MY VISION (CH4 465)

Grace

Blessing

News

Communion - next week is our biannual full service communion at 11 a.m. followed by informal family communion at 3 pm. All welcome to either or both services.

Zoom Bible study - continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. All welcome. If you are interested and not already on our mailing list, please speak to Rhona for the link.

Encounter - deadline for material for the next magazine is Wednesday 22 October.

WestFest bakes and goodies are on sale after church today

Concert in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 26th October at 2pm – something a little bit different, Jessica Pearson and the East Wind who are a female folk, Americano trio from Canada.

'Love from Crossreach' - Crossreach extends an invitation to their event on Wednesday 29 October at 7:30 pm at Fountainhall Church in Aberdeen, hosted by Church of Scotland moderator Right Rev Rosemary Frew and Crossreach CEO Viv Dickenson. Special guest speaker is Rev Doctor Richard Frazer.

Quiz night - tickets are now available from Joyce Petrie for the quiz night on 22nd November

Play Church - Next one is on Sunday November 2nd. For more info (or if you would like to help out) please speak to Rhona at 01467 620285 or r.cathcart@inveruriwestchurch.org

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

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