Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 1 November 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.

Our text this morning on All Saints Sunday is from Luke 18 in which Jesus shares a number of parables and conversations about prayer, persistence, and humility. We'll be using these parables and conversations to ask whether, in a world of short cuts and quick fixes, Christian faith invites us to embrace the slow life.

All welcome to stay for tea and coffee after the service.

Welcome and notices

Responsive Call To Worship

We gather today in the presence of God, who was and is and is to come.

All: We come surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, those who kept the faith, finished the race, and now rest in God's peace.

We give thanks for the saints who showed us the way: prophets who spoke truth, teachers who opened Scripture, friends who prayed, and loved ones who lived the gospel before us.

All: Their witness reminds us that the church is not bound by time or place. In Christ, death does not divide us but unites us in one body.

So let us lift our hearts in praise to the Lord of every generation, whose grace was sufficient for them and is sufficient for us.

All: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, from generation to generation, forever and ever. Amen.

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS (CH4 547)

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

IT'S ME, IT'S ME, IT'S ME O LORD (CH4 493)

Reading 1: Luke 18:1-17 read by Isla Maitland

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'
"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'
"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'
"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Reflection part 1

SAYS JESUS COME AND GATHER ROUND (CH4 342)

Reading 2: Luke 18: 18-27

A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honour your father and mother.'"
"All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."
When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.
Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."
Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"
Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

Reflection part 2

Prayer

ONE MORE STEP ALONG THE WORLD I GO (CH4 530)

Grace

Blessing

News

Play Church - our monthly session of storytelling and drama games is on again this afternoon (Nov 1st) at 3 pm. All welcome. It really is a lot of fun!

Encounter Magazines - are ready for distribution today.

Songs of praise style service - at St Andrew's this evening of Sunday Nov 1 at 6 pm featuring the Kellands school choir. There will also be a time of reflection during the service to remember loved ones.

Worship next Sunday at 10 am- a reminder that the service on Nov 8 will start at 10 am and finish by 1040 as is our custom on Remembrance Sunday. This allows us time to join the shared Act of Remembrance at the Town Square.

Bible Study - our online zoom bible study group continues this Wednesday/ Newcomers welcome anytime. Ours is a very relaxed group which always has great discussions.

Ubuntu Christmas evening is on Monday 9 November from 630 to 8 pm. Lots of lovely things to buy.

Yarn Group Christmas fair is on in the chapel on Saturday 14 November from 10 to 1 pm. They are looking for donations of knitted gifts, crafts, home bakes, produce, jigsaws, bottle stall items and gifts. If you can help, please do!

Pre-loved Christmas baubles will be on sale at the church from Sunday 22 November

Soup and Sweet - this church fundraiser will take place on Sunday 29 November from 12-2 after the morning service and informal communion. Tickets £10 available from church and centre.

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@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.

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