Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 22 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. Special welcome to our friends from Inverurie St Andrew's this morning who are joining us while Carl is on annual leave.

This morning is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday before Advent ushers in a 'new' church year beginning next week. We will be finishing our study of the gospel of Luke with Jesus' post resurrection appearance to the disciples and his ascension into heaven. We will be thinking about Jesus' open arms how faith grows as we look forward and back.

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

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

CHRIST TRIUMPHANT, EVER REIGNING (CH4 436)

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 I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH (CH4 558)

Reading 1: Luke 24: 36-53 read by Linda Duncan

6 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them
and said to them, "Peace be with you."
37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He
said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your
minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see;
a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."
40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And
while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked
them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of
broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence.
44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you:
Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses,
the Prophets and the Psalms."
45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.
46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise
from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of
sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my
Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with
power from on high."

50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his
hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and
was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to
Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple,
praising God.

Reflection

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING (CH4 519)

Prayer

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING (CH4 352)

Grace

Blessing

News

Yarn Group - The Yarn group would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the recent Christmas Fair such a success. The sum of £755 was raised for church funds. For those who missed the sale we will have a stall after the service on Sun 29th.

£140 was also raised for Poppy Scotland from the sale of handmade poppies at the counter

Bible Study -Our online bible study group starts a new Advent study this week (Wednesday Nov 25th at 730 pm) Newcomers welcome anytime. Ours is a very relaxed group which always has great discussions.

Pre-loved Christmas baubles will be on sale at the church from today!

Lights on Inverurie - please note there are likely to be traffic/parking access challenges next Sunday (29th) While we will have access in the morning for worship while the rides etc are being set up, once things are up and running in the afternoon it will not be possible to get cars in or out. Please bear this in mind if staying for the Soup and Sweet or Lights on events.

Soup and Sweet - this church fundraiser will take place next week on Sunday 29 November from 12-2 after the morning service and informal

communion. Tickets £10 available today after the service and during the week from the centre.

Lights on at the West - the church will be open in the afternoon of Sunday November 29th during Lights On Inverurie for tea/coffee/fine pieces.

Jingle and Mingle - we are hosting a Christmas Day Lunch organised by Aberdeenshire Mental Health and Wellbeing Service. This requires us to have someone from the church on duty to represent the church and in case the Jingle and Mingle volunteers need assistance or can't find something! We have volunteers to cover the morning and later afternoon, but if you are able to offer an hour or so between 12 and 3 on Christmas Day, 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 - 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.

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.inveruriewestchurch.org/giving/ You can also email our treasurer at treasurer@inveruriewestchurch.org