



## Order of Service: Sunday 1 February 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 will be looking at the Pharisees' attempts to slander Jesus and thinking about how lies and false accusations contribute to division.

All welcome to join us for tea and coffee after the service.

### Welcome and notices

### Call To Worship

**ALL MY DAYS, I WILL SING THIS SONG OF GLADNESS (CH4 467)**

### 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, UNSEEN AS THE WIND (CH4 600)

#### Reading 1: Luke 11: 14-23; read by Joy Doorghen

Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. 15 But some of them said, “By Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons.” 16 Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven. 17 Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: “Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. 18 If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebul. 19 Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. 20 But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

21 “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. 22 But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armour in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.

23 “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

#### Reflection part I

#### Reading 2: Acts 28: 23-28

23 They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day, and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. He witnessed to them from morning till evening, explaining about the kingdom of God, and from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets he tried to persuade them about Jesus. 24 Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe. 25 They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: “The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors when he said through Isaiah the prophet:

“Go to this people and say,  
You will be ever hearing but never understanding;  
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.”

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For this people’s heart has become calloused;  
they hardly hear with their ears,  
and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,  
hear with their ears,  
understand with their hearts  
and turn, and I would heal them.’

28 “Therefore I want you to know that God’s salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!”

## **O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME AND YOU KNOW ME (CH4 97)**

### **Reflection part 2**

### **Prayer**

## **LET US BUILD A HOUSE (CH4 198)**

### **Grace**

### **Blessing**

### **News**

**Play Church** is on again this afternoon (Feb 1st) from 3 to 4.30. Lots of fun for the whole family as we ‘play’ with different bible stories through storytelling and drama. This month’s session is called ‘Doctor, Doctor’ as we look at stories of healing. Please contact Rhona if you would like more information

**Encounter** magazines are ready for uplift and distribution today

**‘Yarn’** - Following the very successful sale of knitted Christmas puddings and trees, a new handcraft and friendship group is being formed for folks

interested in making items to sell for the dishwasher fund. The first get together is on Wednesday Feb 4th at 7pm in the gallery area of the Acorn Centre. If you'd like further info, or can't attend but would still like to be involved, please speak to Linda McCreathe.

**Zoom bible study** will start up again on Wednesday 11 Feb at 730pm for a six week Lent study leading up to Holy Week. All welcome. Contact Rhona for the link.

IDCT planned pre-election hustings - any particular questions, subjects you would like to see discussed?

**Climate change research project** - The University of Glasgow is looking for people around Scotland to submit a story (fiction or non-fiction) as part of a research project into how people in Scotland think and feel about the changing climate and whether this has an impact on their mental health or emotional wellbeing.

You don't need to have previous writing experience or be an expert on climate change – just an interest in sharing your perspective through creative writing. The deadline for submissions is 28 February 2026. More details can be found at <https://climateshorties.co.uk/>

**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](mailto: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](mailto:r.cathcart@inveruriewestchurch.org) by Saturday night, or you can text her on her mobile.

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