



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 1 March 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 on the second Sunday of Lent we will hear a couple of Jesus' parables and consider the mechanisms Jesus used to spread his good news. Can we build an effective Christian corporate culture based around his model of storytelling and hospitality rather than rules and judgement?

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

SINGING WE GLADLY WORSHIP THE LORD (CH4 257)

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

SEEK YE FIRST (CH4 641)

Reading 1: Luke 15: 1-10 read by Eleanor Mitchell

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." 3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

8 "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Reflection 1

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD (I WILL TRUST IN YOU)

Reading 2: Ezekiel 34: 11-16

"For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. 12 As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the

nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. 14 I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. 16 I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

Reflection 2

Prayer

FOR EVERYONE BORN, A PLACE AT THE TABLE (CH4 685)

Grace

Blessing

News

Play Church Play Church session is this afternoon (March 1st), at 3pm. Join us for storytelling and drama games for all ages. We will then have a break over the Easter holiday and be back again for the first Sunday in May.

Zoom bible study Our Lent study 'Gravity Defied' continues this week via Zoom on Wednesday evening at 730pm. If interested, please speak to Rhona for more details!

'Yarn' - The next meeting of the Yarn group will be on Tuesday 10 March at 7pm. Meanwhile their lovely 'Easter Beasties' are on sale in the Acorn Centre. If you can't make it but would like to help make items to sell for the dishwasher fund or for our Easter gifts, please speak to Linda McCreath or Alison Blair.

Kirk Session Our next Kirk session meeting is on Thursday 12 March at 730pm.

IDCT planned pre-election hustings - Any particular questions, subjects you would like to see discussed? If so, let Rhona know.

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