



**Inverurie** West Parish Church

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## **Order of Service: Sunday 15 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 fourth Sunday of Lent (and also Mothering Sunday) we move from figs to vines as we look at Jesus' parable about the rebellious tenants in the vineyard and think about order and leadership, disappointment and fruitfulness.

**Welcome and notices**

**Call To Worship**

**THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD (CH4 709)**

**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

### SHE SITS LIKE A BIRD (CH4 593)

#### Reading 1: Isaiah 5: 1-7 read by Alan Harrow

I will sing for the one I love  
a song about his vineyard:  
My loved one had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.

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He dug it up and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with the choicest vines.

He built a watchtower in it  
and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,  
but it yielded only bad fruit.

3

“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

4

What more could have been done for my vineyard  
than I have done for it?

When I looked for good grapes,  
why did it yield only bad?

5

Now I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge,  
and it will be destroyed;

I will break down its wall,  
and it will be trampled.

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I will make it a wasteland,  
neither pruned nor cultivated,  
and briars and thorns will grow there.

I will command the clouds  
not to rain on it.”

7

The vineyard of the Lord Almighty  
is the nation of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;  
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

## Reflection I

### DO NOT BE AFRAID (CH4 191)

#### Reading 2: Luke 20: 9-19 read by Alan Harrow

He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. 10 At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. 12 He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

13 “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

14 “But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ 15 So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

17 Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“‘The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?

18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

19 The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

## Reflection 2

### Prayer

## JESUS CHRIST IS WAITING (CH4 360)

### Grace

### Blessing

### News

The Chaplaincy team at Cornhill hospital in Aberdeen looking to re-start Sunday services for patients within Cornhill in collaboration with local worshipping communities. If anyone is interested in finding out more the Presbytery is hosting an online Teams meeting on Wednesday Mar 18 to discuss what might be involved including boundaries and sensitivities in this type of work.

**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!

**IDCT Holy Week Services** run every evening at 730 pm from Monday 30 March to Friday 3 April. This year they are hosted by St Andrew's. The speakers are Kevin and Lindsay Potter and the theme they have chosen is 'A journey of love'.

Please note a slight change to the rota published in Encounter. The West Church team will now be helping organise the Maundy Thursday evening service (April 2) along with St Andrew's.

There is also a walk of witness on Good Friday morning (3rd) starting at 800 am at Our Lady Roman Catholic Church in North Street and finishing with shared breakfast at St Mary's.

**IDCT pre-election hustings** will be at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30pm. The event is to be organised around pre-prepared questions (candidates won't be taking questions from the floor) so if you have any particular questions or subjects you would like to see discussed please let Rhona know and she can pass these to the organisers for consideration.

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

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