



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 22 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's fifth Sunday in Lent service is led by both Alison Sharp and Rhona, as we think about authority and trust, and Jesus' ability to distinguish between what is counterfeit and what is true.

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship – Psalm 139:13-14

**For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

**GREAT GOD YOUR LOVE HAS CALLED US HERE (CH4 484 –
omit v 4)**

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

COME WITH ME, COME WANDER (SOGP 23)

Reading 1: Luke 20: 20 – 26 read by Joyce Petrie

20 Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor. 21 So the spies questioned him: “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. 22 Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

23 He saw through their duplicity and said to them, 24 “Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?”

“Caesar’s,” they replied.

25 He said to them, “Then give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

26 They were unable to trap him in what he had said there in public. And astonished by his answer, they became silent.

Reflection 1

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE (CH4 466)

Reading 2: Acts 17: 1-9

17 When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. 2 As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,” he

said. 4 Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women. 5 But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. 6 But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, 7 and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus." 8 When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. 9 Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

Reflection 2

Prayer

THE VOICE OF GOD (CH4 283 – tune 497)

Grace

Blessing

News

Elders Envelopes are ready for collection today

Clock this: A reminder that the clocks go forward next Saturday night/ early Sunday morning. Do put them forward if you don't want to miss our Palm Sunday service!

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

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.

Easter Sunday worship is at 10 am at the West following the early morning service up the Bass (8 am) and shared breakfast (from 9 am) here at the West. All welcome!

Annual leave - Rhona will be on leave for a week after Easter from April 6 to 13th inclusive. Sunday worship on April 12 will be a joint service at St Andrew's.

IDCT pre-election hustings will be at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 22nd April at 730pm. 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.

Quiz night - Our next fundraising quiz night, led by our quiz maestro Larry Young, will be on Saturday 24 April at 7pm in the Acorn Centre. £5 per ticket. Nibbles provided. BYOB and raffle.

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