



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 19 April 2026

Welcome to morning worship with Inverurie West Parish Church, joined for the next couple of weeks by our friends from Inverurie St Andrew's. 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 travel with Luke back to the beginning of Jesus' ministry. As we continue to follow the patterns of Jesus' ministry in the gospel of Luke over the next few weeks we will be asking ourselves the core question, "And what should we do?"

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY (CH4 334)

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: Luke 3: 1-22 read by Duncan Hamilton

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—
2 during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

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Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

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And all people will see God’s salvation.”

7 John said to the crowds coming out to be baptised by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. 9 The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

10 “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

11 John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

12 Even tax collectors came to be baptised. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

13 “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

14 Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”
He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. 16 John answered them all, “I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” 18 And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

19 But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done,

20 Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

21 When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Reflection

SPIRIT OF GOD, COME DWELL WITHIN ME (CH4 722)

Prayer

CHRIST IS OUR LIGHT, THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR (CH4 336)

Grace

Blessing

News

Communion - Next Sunday (Aug 26) we will celebrate our bi-annual double communion. The more structured communion forms part of the morning service at 11 with the smaller family friendly style communion in

the afternoon at 3. (Please note there is no junior church in the morning next week.) All welcome to come to either or both services!

IDCT pre-election hustings There will be a Scottish Parliament elections Hustings, organised by IDCT, in St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Wednesday 22 April at 7:30pm. Candidates - Douglas Lumsden (Con) Maggie Chapman (Greens) Janine Langler (Lab) David Evans (Lib Dems) (John Crawley (Reform) Gillian Martin (SNP). All Welcome.

Quiz night - Our next fundraising quiz night, led by our quiz maestro Larry Young, will be on Saturday 25 April at 7pm in the Acorn Centre. £5 per ticket. Nibbles provided. BYOB and raffle.

Play church resumes again on the afternoon of Sunday May 3rd at 3pm, and then again on Sunday 7 June before pausing for the summer. All ages welcome to join these interactive biblical storytelling and drama sessions

July summer services - further to discussions held at session around our five year action plan, we hope to make our July services a bit different this year as we try out some different worship contexts, spaces and ideas. In aid of this we hope to involve a wider range of people (not just up front) in planning and delivering these four services. If you would be interested in being part of a team to work on this, please speak to Rhona.

The next 'Cuppa and Chat' at St Andrew's will be on Friday 1 May from 10am to 12noon. All welcome.

Membership classes (St Andrew's) For anyone interested in church membership, there will be a series of 6 new member classes (each about 15-20 mins) in the vestry after morning worship on the following Sundays: May 3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st, June 7th and 14th. All welcome.

Soup and Sweet (St Andrew's) There will be a Soup and Sweet in St. Andrew's, on Saturday 6th June, 12noon – 2pm with music by Neil Dawson (fiddle) & Graeme Mitchell (accordion). Tickets @ £10 per person are available from Molly Conn (01467 620612).

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