



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 26 April 2026

Welcome to morning worship with Inverurie West Parish Church, joined this week 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 combine the celebration of holy communion with the story of the testing of Jesus in the desert. "If we are followers of Jesus, what should we do when we are tested?"

This afternoon there is another opportunity to celebrate the sacrament in a very relaxed style at our family communion at 3pm. All ages welcome.

Please note: There is no junior church this morning, however children are always welcome throughout the main service.

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

AT THE NAME OF JESUS (CH4 458)

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 4: 1-15 read by Isla Maitland

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours."

8 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

11

they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

12 Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

Reading 2: Deuteronomy 8: 1-6

8 Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. 2 Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. 3 He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 4 Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. 5 Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you.

6 Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him.

Reflection

FOR YOUR GENEROUS PROVIDING (CH4 655)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING (CH4 519)

Grace

Blessing

News

All-age communion this afternoon at 3. This is a very relaxed family-friendly (and educational!) version of communion to which all are welcome.

Play church resumes again next 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

Kirk Session - our next meeting is on Tuesday 5 May at 730pm

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 this 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 St Andrew's 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@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 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.inveruriewestchurch.org/giving/> You can also email our treasurer at treasurer@inveruriewestchurch.org