



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 24 May 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 we celebrate Pentecost alongside a story of how Jesus chose to cross social and physical boundaries in order to heal. We'll be thinking about the choices our faith might call us to make, and asking "what should we do to make our choices more Christ like?"

At the same time we will be celebrating the choice to follow Jesus as we welcome the Thomson and Mann families for Rori Ann's baptism.

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship (based on I Corinthians: 13)

In hands that touch
Love is patient, love is kind

In voices that sing together,
Love does not boast, it is not proud.

In hearts that connect
Love conquers anger, keeps no record of wrongs

In the spirit that binds us
Love rejoices with the truth

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

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, COME DWELL WITHIN ME (CH4 722)

Celebration of baptism

Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth

We believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sung Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you:
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.

LOVE DIVINE (CH4 519)

Reading : Luke 5: 12-16 read by Eleanor Mitchell

While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

13 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.

14 Then Jesus ordered him, "Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."

15 Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. 16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Acts 2: 1-11

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what

seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

Reflection

Prayer

BE THOU MY VISION (CH4 465)

Grace

Blessing

News

Pentecost - there will be an IDCT (Inverurie District Churches Together) evening service this evening 24th May at 630 in the Catholic Church hall on North Street to celebrate this festival together. All welcome.

Play Church - will be on again in two weeks on Sunday 7 June from 3pm to 430pm. All welcome to join these sessions of story-telling and drama games. This will be the last Play Church before the summer break.

Walking Treasure Hunt - Quiz master Larry has designed another summer walking treasure hunt to enjoy. We're starting a bit early this year, so the treasure hunt will run from 31st May to the end of July. Sheets are five pounds each and can be picked up at church or in the Acorn Centre during the week.

Exploring membership - If you are curious about/interested in exploring becoming a West church member, this would be a good time to speak to Rhona as she's planning to offer a few sessions about this. Times/dates etc to be confirmed after chatting to those interested.

Bible study - our online zoom bible study continues on Wednesday at 730pm. Our May/June theme is horticultural as we look at a different biblical flower or plant each week. Each session will be stand alone so feel free to come to any or all. If you've never tried bible study this might be your chance to give it a go! We hope to round things off before our July/August break with an in-person garden get together on one of our long Scottish summer evenings in June

July summer services - further to discussions held at session we hope to make our July services a bit different this year as we try out some different worship contexts 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.

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