



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 3 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 as part of our exploration of the early stages of Jesus' ministry in the gospel of Luke we will be looking at what happened when Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth. As we think about home and change and the growth of understanding we will be asking "What should we do when people cannot or will not 'hear'"?

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

LORD, YOU SOMETIMES SPEAK IN WONDERS (CH4 606)

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

THERE'S A SPIRIT IN THE AIR (CH4 616)

Reading 1: Luke 4: 14-30 (Good News) read by Margaret Sangster

14 Then Jesus returned to Galilee, and the power of the Holy Spirit was with him. The news about him spread throughout all that territory. 15 He taught in the synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16 Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures 17 and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written,

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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set free the oppressed

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and announce that the time has come

when the Lord will save his people.”

20 Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, 21 as he said to them, “This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read.”

22 They were all well impressed with him and marvelled at the eloquent words that he spoke. They said, “Isn't he the son of Joseph?”

23 He said to them, “I am sure that you will quote this proverb to me, ‘Doctor, heal yourself.’ You will also tell me to do here in my hometown the same things you heard were done in Capernaum. 24 I tell you this,”

Jesus added, “prophets are never welcomed in their hometown. 25 Listen to me: it is true that there were many widows in Israel during the time of Elijah, when there was no rain for three and a half years and a severe famine spread throughout the whole land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to

anyone in Israel, but only to a widow living in Zarephath in the territory of Sidon. 27 And there were many people suffering from a dreaded skin disease who lived in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha; yet not one of them was healed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

28 When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were filled with anger. 29 They rose up, dragged Jesus out of town, and took him to the top of the hill on which their town was built. They meant to throw him over the cliff, 30 but he walked through the middle of the crowd and went his way.

Reflection

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME (CH4 533)

Prayer

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY (CH4 251)

Grace

Blessing

News

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.

Play church is on this afternoon from 3 to 430 pm. All ages welcome to join these interactive biblical storytelling and drama sessions. Our theme this month is “Earth, wind and fire” as we think about the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and our changing environment.

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

Book sale help please! Our annual Christian Aid book sale will run from the hall from Saturday 9th May until Sat 16th. Volunteers are needed both

for set up on Friday 8th May and then each day until 16th to man the stalls. Margaret Hearne is around after the service to accept help, or her phone no is is Encounter. Donations of books too, plus Jams & Jigsaws will be appreciated.

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.

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

