



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 1 June 2025

Welcome to 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 finish our look at the actions and choices made by Jesus' followers in the early months and years after his death and resurrection, by considering Paul's claim that Gentiles were also 'children of Abraham'. If we all belong to same family, what makes that family distinctive and what should our family values be?

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING (CH4 448)

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

FATHER GOD I WONDER (CH4 186)

Reading: Galatians 3: 1-9; 23-29 read by Ann-Marie Coleman

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. 2 I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? 3 Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? 4 Have you experienced so much in vain—if it really was in vain? 5 So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? 6 So also Abraham “believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” 7 Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. 8 Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” 9 So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. 24 So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. 25 Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. 26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Reflection

THERE IS A REDEEMER (CH4 559)

Prayer

LET US BUILD A HOUSE (CH4 198)

Grace

Blessing

News

New website - remember to check out our new church website now live on www.inveruriewestchurch.org. You'll find up-to-date info about services and events and lots of general information about our community here; plus other areas to explore including Rhona's occasional blog (on the Our Minister page) and Sanctuary First daily readings (on the Growing in Faith page)

Encounter magazines are ready for uplift

Fundraising Garden talk and Swift walk - Join our community garden and climate action teams on Thursday 19th June at 7pm for an enjoyable and informative evening. David Hunter from the Habitat People will be giving a talk on 'Gardening for Wildlife' with some native plants on sale. This will be followed by a short 'Walk and Talk' around the centre of town led by Cally Smith of Huntly Swift Group (the walk will leave the centre at 8pm) Tickets are £5 and include tea/coffee and fancy pieces served at 730pm.

Fire Alarm Testing - The Fabric Team will be testing the fire alarm after hospitality time today. This may become a regular weekly pattern as it will save a member of the hardworking team having to come out on a separate day when the building is empty.

Pentecost - Inverurie District Churches Together will be hosting a special Pentecost service at 630pm on Sunday June 8th in the Our Lady church hall on North Street. This will be an ecumenical celebration with input from a range of churches, including ours. If you'd like to help out please speak to Rhona. And please do consider attending and supporting the spirit of Christian unity across denominations for this important shared festival.

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)

Fundraising and Stewardship - If you regularly shop online - or even if you do so only occasionally, there is an easy way to help fundraise for the church. The first step is to register with the Easyfundraising website, at this address: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/inverurie-west-parish-church> After this, whenever you use their link to go to major retailers like Amazon, Tesco or Expedia, and make a purchase, the church gets a small donation. As an example, the last time Rhona booked a holiday, the church got £16! If you need help registering, please chat to one of the Grants team (Janet Duncan, Alison Sharp, Laura Gray, Biff Barrow, Rhona).

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.

Donations to the work of the church (either nationally or to an individual congregation like ours) can be made online at <https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate/11>