



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 29 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 will be looking at Psalm 23, read for us this morning in the Doric. In partnership with Jesus' words in John 10, we'll be thinking about how to discern the shepherd's voice amidst the efforts of those trying to harness our attention for their own ends.

After the main service, there will be a short informal communion service for all who wish to participate.

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD (CH4 14)

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

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD (I WILL TRUST IN YOU)

Reading 1: Psalm 23 read by Margaret Harrow

The Lord is ma Shepherd; I'll nae wint for nithin.
He couries me doon in the green girss o hame.
Like sparklan waters, He caa's me te quateness;
He bosies ma saul back tae lyfe jist e same.

For His Name's sake He leads me through stracht an richt pathways,
Though I gyang by the Glen o Daith's Shadaw forbye.
I'll fear me nae evil: Yer crummock will curb me,
But Yer crook will gie comfort, for Ye're waulkin nigh.

Ma table ye've set oot afore aa ma faes, Lord.
Wi lle o anointan, Ye've blissit ma croon.
Ma quaich's rinnan ower an Gweed an Luiv chase me
Aa ma days till Yer Hoose, far, for aye, I'll lay doon.

Reading 2: John 10: 1-4

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

Reflection part I

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY (CH4 540)

Reflection part 2

Prayer

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME (CH4 533)

Grace

Blessing

Informal Communion

News

Summer services - please note our joint services start next week and we will be switching as usual to a 10 am start for July and August. July services will be hosted at the West and August services at St Andrew's.

Junior church - today is the last junior church until after the summer, but children are still always welcome at services. We'll try to have something in the 'Play as you worship' box to keep them amused. Restless wee ones can also go downstairs with a parent if they feel the need for more space.

Encounter magazine - our summer edition is out today and available for distributors.

'Play church' - Rhona is working on some ideas for a new monthly group for children on a Sunday afternoon, beginning in September. More information will be provided over the summer, but if you're interested in finding out more, please speak to Rhona.

Clothing donations sought - Westhill Community Church and Kingshill Parish Church are once again looking for good quality lightly used men's clothing for asylum seekers whom they are assisting. They are in particular need of: backpacks, lightweight jackets, trousers/jeans, joggers, tshirts, trainers and shoes

Donations can be dropped off at Westhill Community Church on:

Tuesday, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am – 3pm
Or

Kingshill Church on:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12 noon

If you have suitable items but no transport to take them to Westhill, they can be left in the Quiet Room at the Acorn Centre until we can arrange a drop off.

Garden Party Save the date! Sunday July 27th. Isla, Sharon & Alison are having another of their popular garden parties this summer, in aid of the maintenance of the organ.

Bike Ride - Fetternear Hall is now booked on Saturday 30 August for the Bennachie Bike Ride. Plenty time to get 'race fit'! Meanwhile, volunteers are definitely needed. Please speak to Joyce Petrie if you are able to help.

Fire Alarm Testing - The Fabric Team will be testing the fire alarm after Informal communion today.

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@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.

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>