

Order of Service: Sunday 21 September 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. Today's service is led by members of our team while Rhona is away on Interim Moderator duties

Welcome & Intimations

Call to worship – Psalm 146 v5 - Morag Mitchell

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL (CH4 63)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer - Morag Mitchell

Address to Children - - Morag Mitchell

JUBILATE EVERYBODY (CH4 65)

Reading 1 – Genesis 27 v 1-4; 15-23 Duncan Hamilton

1 When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son." "Here I am," he answered. 2 Isaac said to him, "I am now old and don't know the day of my death. 3 So now take your hunting gear—your quiver and your bow—and go out to the field and hunt some game for me. 4 Then prepare some tasty food for me, as I like it, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die.

15 Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob. 16 She also covered his hands and the smooth part of his neck with the goatskins. 17 Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made.

18 He went to his father and said, "My father." "Yes, my son," he answered. "Who is it?" 19 Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing."

20 Isaac asked his son, "How did you find it so quickly, my son?" "The Lord your God gave me success," he replied. 21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not." 22 Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau." 23 He did not recognise him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he proceeded to bless him. "

Reading 2 – Genesis 28 v 10-17 Duncan Hamilton

10 Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. 11 When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. 12 He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. 14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. 15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

16 When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." 17 He was afraid and

said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

SING TO THE LORD A JOYFUL SONG (CH4 184)

Poem – From Spill the Beans" read by Margaret Hearne

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (CH4 153)

Address - Alison Sharp

TODAY I AWAKE (CH4 211)

Prayer - Alan Sharp

I HAVE A DREAM (CH4 710)

Final Blessing "The dreams have come and gone"

Grace

News

Zoom Bible study - will recommence on Wednesday 24th September at 7.30 pm. All welcome. If you are interested and not already on our mailing lest, please speak to Rhona for the link.

St Mary's Episcopal church is also running a seven week bible study series, titled The Virtuous Seven beginning Thursday 18 September at 6.30pm in the St Mary's Centre. The series will be led by Chris Stellhorn and is open to all.

Alpha and Youth Alpha Courses - Catalyst church is going to be running these exploring faith courses each Tuesday (with a break for the October holidays) beginning on 23 September and ending 2 December. The courses will be held in the St Andrew's church halls and run from 7.15 to 9pm. All welcome. For more info speak to

Rhona or contact the Catalyst church pastor Don Thomas on don.thomas@catalyst.vin

Acorn Centre - will be closed this week. It will re-open again on Tuesday September 30th

Encounter - please send any submissions to the Encounter team by the morning of Tuesday 22nd.

Play Church - first Play Church was great fun. Save the date if you want to join in the next one on October 5! For more info (or if you would like to help out) please speak to Rhona at 01467 620285 or r.cathcart@inveruriewestchurch.org

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-parishchurch

Foodbank - This month's wish list includes: Small jars of coffee, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned vegetables, Tea bags (40s/80s, please), Packets of cereal bars, Bars of chocolate (100g)

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.

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