



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 27 September 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 are looking at Luke 14 in which Jesus dines with a Pharisee, notes the behaviour around the table, and tells a story about the hospitality of heaven. We'll be using this to think about the kind of 'table manners' we need to cultivate here and now.

Today's service will be followed by a short informal service of communion to which all are invited.

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

HERE IN THIS PLACE, NEW LIGHT IS STREAMING (CH4 623)

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

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

Reading : Luke 14: 1-14 read by Sharon Huxtable

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.

Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" 6 And they had nothing to say.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Reflection I

Reading 2: Luke 14: 15-24

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

“But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

“Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

“Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

“The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’

“‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. 24 I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”

Reflection 2

BROTHER, SISTER, LET ME SERVE YOU (CH4 694)

Prayer

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

Grace

Blessing

News

Bible Study - our online bible study group continues on Wednesday 30 September at 730. Newcomers welcome anytime. Ours is a very relaxed group which always has great discussions.

Play Church is on next Sunday afternoon (Oct 4) at 3pm. This is a chance for all ages to explore the bible through drama games and storytelling. It's splendid fun so do come along and invite a pal!

Our **Harvest Sunday** will be celebrated on Oct 11th. We'll be looking for folks to deliver posies, so if you can help please speak to Alison Blair or one of the flower team. Our retiring offering that week will be split between RSAB and Christian Aid so do remember to bring money if you wish to make a contribution. There will also be a sale of jams, chutneys etc.

True Freedom - NENI presbytery is highlighting this upcoming online course designed to help churches and individuals learn more about modern slavery. It begins on Wednesday Sept 16 at 7pm and runs for six weeks. Please contact Mary Cranfield on mcranfield@churchofscotland.org.uk to reserve a place

Exploring membership - Rhona will be running a few sessions this autumn for those curious about/interested in exploring becoming a West church member. Please speak to Rhona for more information.

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.

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