



Inverurie West and St. Andrew's Parish Church
Sunday, 18th July 2021

Welcome

Intimations

Call to Worship Psalm 34:1

- 'I shall bless the Lord at all times;
His praise will be ever on my lips.' (Psalm 34:1)

Hymn 644 'O Jesus, I Have Promised'

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Assurance of Grace

Readings (Rosie Milne)

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Once the king was established in his palace and the Lord had given him security from his enemies on all sides, he said to Nathan the prophet, 'Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the Ark of God is housed in a tent.' Nathan answered, 'Do whatever you have in mind, for the Lord is with You.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and say to David my servant, This is the word of the Lord: Are you to build me a house to dwell in? Down to this day I have never dwelt in a house since I brought Israel up from Egypt; I lived in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I journeyed with Israel, did I ever ask any of the judges whom I appointed shepherds of my people Israel why they had not built me a cedar house?

'Then say to my servant David: This is the word of the Lord of Hosts: I took you from the pastures and from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have destroyed all the enemies in your path. I shall bring you fame like the fame of the great ones of the earth. I shall assign a place for my people Israel; there I shall plant them to dwell in their own land. They will be disturbed no more; never again will the wicked oppress them as they did in the past, from the day when I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I shall give you peace from all your enemies.

'The Lord has told you that He will build up your royal house. When your life ends and you rest with your forefathers, I shall set up one of your family, one of your own children, to succeed you, and I shall establish his kingdom. It is he who is to build a house in honour of my name, and I shall establish his royal throne for all time. I shall be a father to him, and he will be my son.

Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember then your former condition, Gentiles as you are by birth, 'the uncircumcised' as you are called by those who call themselves 'the circumcised' because of a physical rite. You were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the community of Israel, strangers to God's covenants and the promise that goes with them. Yours was a world without hope and without God. Once you were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus you have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood. For he is Himself our peace. Gentiles and Jews, He has made the two one, and in His own body of flesh and blood has broken down the barrier of

enmity which separated them; for He annulled the law with its rules and regulations, so as to create out of the two a single new humanity in Himself, thereby making peace. This was His purpose, to reconcile the two in a single body to God through the cross, by which He killed the enmity. So He came and proclaimed the good news: peace to you who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access to the Father in the one Spirit.

Thus you are no longer aliens in a foreign land, but fellow-citizens with God's people, members of God's household. You are built on the foundations of the apostles, and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. In Him the whole building is bonded together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him you are also being built with all the others into a spiritual dwelling for God.

Hymn 739 'The Church's One Foundation'

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon:

Hymn 363 'We Have a Gospel to Proclaim'

Prayer of Dedication, Intercession & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever.

Amen

Hymn 448 'Shine, Jesus, Shine'

Blessing

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Friday Fly - our social get-together continues online via Zoom between 11 and 12 on Fridays. All welcome. Contact Rhona for the link

Soup and Sweet - There will be a 'Soup and Sweet' in St. Andrew's Old Hall on Saturday 21st August, when musical entertainment will also be on offer from Murray Cowie, Lesley Edmond and Molly Conn. For more information, please phone Molly on 01467 620612.

Summer worship - Over the summer the congregations of the West and St Andrew's will be sharing services, as we have done in the past. In July the services will be hosted by the West Church and in August by St Andrew's with Rhona and Carl sharing leading, and covering for each other's annual leave periods.

If you would like to book to attend a Sunday service in-person during July you can do this by phoning the Acorn Centre (670850) between Tuesday and Friday or emailing admin@inveruriewestchurch.org by Friday. Please note we can only book one week at a time.

If you are worshipping from home, you can connect as usual via the West church website and youtube channels or access the service by phone on 01467 343790 (calls are charged at local rates).

For in-person attendance at St Andrew's in August, please phone their church office (01467 628740) by 1030 on the Friday before the service. The August services will be online on the St Andrew's Church youtube channel and Facebook page. As in previous summers we will hold the joint services at **10 am throughout July and August**. In September we will return to our usual pattern of services.

Date	Venue	Minister(s)
July 4	West	Rev. R. Cathcart
July 11	West	Rev. R. Cathcart & Rev. C. Irvine
July 18	West	Rev. C. Irvine
July 25	West	Rev. R. Cathcart
Aug 1	St. Andrew's	Rev. R. Cathcart
Aug 8	St. Andrew's	Rev. C. Irvine & Rev. R. Cathcart
Aug 15	St. Andrew's	Rev. C. Irvine
Aug 22	St. Andrew's	Rev. C. Irvine
Aug 29	St. Andrew's	Rev. C. Irvine

Acorn Centre: The Centre will be closed for two weeks from 26th July to 10th August. A huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers for the way they have managed the challenges of the last year and a half. We look forward to being back to enjoying a fly together from the 11th August.

Books for Gaza: There has been a great response to this appeal and Grampian Opportunities are now only taking children's books. Thanks to all who have donated.

Practical help - even if restrictions are lifting, many of us will still need extra support for a while. 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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