



**Inverurie West Church Morning Worship
Sunday May 2 2021**

Opening music

Welcome

Thank you for joining our Sunday 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 exploring Jesus' words in the gospel of John when he says 'I am the true vine' and his challenge to be fruitful. What does that mean today?

Call to worship (from Psalm 8)

Lord, O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Who are we that you care for us?
Yet you have crowned us with glory and honour
And granted to us the care of your world

Lord, O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Come let, us worship the Lord

O Lord, our Lord throughout the earth

Opening prayer (including 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

Reading: John 15: 1-8

15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

15:2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

15:3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

15:4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

15:6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

15:7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

15:8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Community garden video

Reflection

Ensemble: O come and let us to the Lord

Prayer

All things bright and beautiful

The Grace

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Blessing

Closing music

News

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

Kirk session - is on Thursday, May 6 at 730 pm via Zoom.

Plant sale - our plant sale will be run on a rolling basis this year, as we cannot be sure whether restrictions will allow a browse and buy type event. Ken will let us

know what is available. This week he has Ailsa Craig tomato plants. French marigolds and Tagetes are almost ready to go. If interested, please contact him on: 620658 or kennethgray@hotmail.co.uk. We will have some volunteers to deliver for those who can't collect. If donating via online/mobile banking, please use the reference 'plant sale'.

Encounter magazine is out today. If you usually get an electronic copy and it doesn't arrive please let Mark or Gillian know on sessionclerk@inveruriewestchurch.org

Christian Aid week is coming up soon. Instead of door to door collections, the local Inverurie churches are offering an e-envelope option for those who are able to donate electronically. You can find the link on <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/inverurie-churches-christian-aid-week-appeal?channel=copy> Donations can also be left at the Acorn Centre. Please mark them 'Christian Aid'.

Flower calendar- now that we are open again for in-building worship we are looking to fill up the flower calendar. Judith has the calendar at the desk of the Acorn Centre if you would like to add your name. If you wish to make a donation to the flower fund you can also leave this at the Acorn Centre.

Combined in-building and online worship - From next week we will be hosting and streaming the 11 am service from the church building, with people able to choose whether to join in person or online. For those attending in the building, we remain under all the ongoing restrictions in terms of limited numbers, masks, social distancing, no singing, no hospitality time, and so forth. We ask, as always, that if you or any of your household have any Covid symptoms, you choose the online or phone option that week.

Apart from joining the in-building and online elements at the same time, not much will change from the type of service we have had over the last year, and in our combined worship on Easter Sunday. Our aim is not to have a two tier system but a shared worship experience which feels real and present whether you are in the building or at home. Please choose whichever you feel most comfortable with at present.

Zoom hospitality after our online services has been an important way to stay connected, so we will continue to offer this. It will start approximately 15 minutes after the end of the service, to allow those who have been in the church building who might wish to join (including Rhona) time to get home. Hospitality time usually lasts anywhere from 30-40 minutes. Feel free to join as and when you are able. You can get the link from Rhona or any of the regular attendees.

If you would like to book to attend a Sunday service in-person 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 website and youtube channels or access the service by phone on 01467 343790 (calls are charged at local rates).

Foodbank wish list: The Aberdeenshire North food bank are looking forward to the re-opening of the St James' place food bank this month, if all goes to plan. Restrictions will still be in place but it will allow a bit more face to face (or mask to mask!) Contact with clients. They are very grateful for your continued support. At the moment they would particularly appreciate donations of: fruit juice (1 litre, long life) tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, jam, shower gel/deodorant, instant mash/tinned potatoes and sponge puddings.

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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