



**Inverurie West Church Morning Worship
June 26 2022**

Opening music

Welcome

Thank you for joining our Sunday worship with Inverurie West Parish Church. Whether you are joining us online or on-site; as a newcomer, occasional visitor, or regular, we are delighted to have you with us. This morning's service will be followed by informal communion for those who would like to join us.

Call to Worship

Here in this place (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

Reading 1: 1 King 15-16; 19-21 read by Morag Mitchell

The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. 16 Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.

19 So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. 20 Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you."

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

21 So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

These are the days of Elijah

Reading 2: Luke 9: 51-62

51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; 53 but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. 54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" 55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them. 56 Then he and his disciples went to another village.

57 As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

58 Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

59 He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

61 Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

62 Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Will you come and follow me (CH4 533)

Reflection - The time is now

Prayer

News

I, the Lord of sea and sky (CH4 251)

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

Informal Communion

News

Summer service times - please note that from next week we begin our joint summer services with St Andrew's. This means the start time switches to 10 am for July and August. July services will be held in the West church and August services in St Andrew's

Informal communion will be on offer after the service this morning. All welcome. Teas and coffees will be back on next week.

Family fun and picnic - come join us in Kellands Park after the service next week. This has been organised as a shared church event for all ages. Please spread the word! We hope to make kites, so if you have any colourful plastic (eg old carrier bags) or dowels/sticks we could use, please bring them to the centre over the next fortnight.

Save the date - Bennachie Bike Ride will be on 17 September, starting as usual from Fetternear. More details will be available closer to the time.

Plant sale alternative - We will not be holding an official plant sale this year, but if you have plants you have been nurturing we will have space to sell them in the porch whenever they are ready.

Foodbank - This month they are currently in particular need of: **fruit juice (1 litre long life); UHT milk (full cream/semi skimmed, tinned vegetables; tinned tomatoes; individual jelly/fruit pots; toothpaste; shaving kit (razors/shaving gel)**

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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