

Inverurie West Church Morning Worship - Oct 2 2022

Welcome

Thank you for joining 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, as we continue to explore some old testament stories, we will be looking at the moment when the people of Israel are stranded by the sea with Pharaoh's soldiers in pursuit as God comes to the rescue.

Call to Worship (Psalm 46: 8-10)

Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

Be still for the presence of the Lord

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

Teach me to dance

Readings: Exodus 14: 5-7; 10-14; 12-29 (NIV) read by Laura Gray

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!" 6 So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. 7 He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them.

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. 11 They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

13 Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. 14 The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, 22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

23 The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. 24 During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. 25 He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

26 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” 27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. 28 The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

29 But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

Reflection: Still or stuck?

These are the Days of Elijah (video)

Prayer

News

You shall go out with joy

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

News

Fundraising Quiz - Thursday 6 October at 700pm in the Acorn Centre. Teams of up to 4 people can enter. Come and join the fun!

'Leprosy - an illness only of biblical times?' - Salomon Sumon Halder, Country Director of The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh will be giving a talk at St Mary's Church Hall on **Saturday 8th October** from 1030 am to 1215. Come along to hear more about the illness and about how lives are being rehabilitated, and to enjoy informal discussion over tea and coffee. For more info, contact Lorna Murray on 625102.

Climate Matters Festival Oct 7th to 9th. Come join us for one or more of the many activities available at the centre for our climate festival weekend. There will be something for everyone and it is all free! Some workshops may require booking. Programme of events available downstairs at the Acorn Centre or online.

Encounter magazines are available for uplift today

Elders' folders are also ready to pick up.

Bible study - continues on Wednesday evenings via zoom. Join us any time for a relaxed evening of brilliant conversation as we follow the story of David. We never know quite where any given discussion is going to take us! No previous bible knowledge necessary.

Acorn Volunteers - Due to a combination of illness and staff annual leave, the rotas for October are a little sparse. If you are a past or current volunteer able to offer a little extra time this month, or if you would like to try volunteering for the first time, we would love to hear from you!

Foodbank Open Day - Aberdeenshire North Foodbank is having an open day at 4 St James Place, Inverurie, on Monday 3 Oct from 12-2. Find out how you can help them and they can help you. #EndHungerinAberdeenshire

Foodbank Wish list - This month they are currently in particular need of: **Tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, jars of sauce (pasta/curry), packets of biscuits, breakfast cereals, packets of cereal bars, shampoo/shower gel/deodorant**

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.

Donations to the work of the church (either nationally or to an individual congregation like ours) can be made online at <https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate/117>