



**Inverurie** West Parish Church

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## **Order of Service: Sunday 1 September 2024**

Welcome to 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. During this morning's all-age service we have the delight of welcoming a new member by profession of faith. We'll also be reading from the book of James and thinking about how we can all renew our faith.

### **Welcome and notices**

### **Call To Worship**

## **WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER (CH4 229)**

### **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**

## **BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD (CH4 189)**

### **Profession of faith**

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **I AM A NEW CREATION**

**Reading: James 1: 17-27 read by Joyce Petrie**

**17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the  
Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.**

**18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be  
a kind of first fruits of all he created.**

**19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be  
quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because**

human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

**Reflection -**

**Prayer**

**LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING (CH448)**

**Grace**

**Blessing**

**News**

Encounter magazines are available for uplift today.

**Bennachie Bike Ride** - Thanks to all who helped support the Bennachie Bike Ride yesterday.

**Kirk session** - our next meeting is on Tuesday Sept 10 at 730pm

**Pop-up bistro night** - This mediterranean themed meal will be on 27 September. Tickets are £25, bring your own choice of beverage.

**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** - This month's wish list includes: Small jars of coffee, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned vegetables, Tea bags (40s/80s, please), Packets of cereal bars, Bars of chocolate (100g)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:r.cathcart@inveruriwestchurch.org) by Saturday night, or you can text her on her mobile.

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