



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 8 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. This morning we are looking at the second creation story in the book of Genesis as we begin another year following the narrative lectionary. We'll be thinking about what it means to 'fall' and whether too much knowledge can be a bad thing.

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING (CH4 147) (Verses 1-4 and 7)

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

GOD GAVE ME EYES SO I COULD SEE (CH4 164)

Reading: Genesis 2: 4b-7, 15-17; 3: 1-8 read by Jill Yule

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Reflection

WE LAY OUR BROKEN WORLD (CH4 721)

Prayer

MORNING HAS BROKEN (CH4 212)

Grace

Blessing

News

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

Guild - the first Guild meeting of the season is on Tuesday September 10th at 2pm when Rhona will be speaking on the Guild theme 'Sure Foundations'

Bible study - our relaxed and informal online bible study starts this Wednesday Sept 11 at 730 pm via Zoom. All welcome. No biblical knowledge needed! Please speak to Rhona if you would like the link.

Urgent appeal for winter clothing - Can you help an Iraqi refugee family who arrived this week to Fraserburgh with no winter clothes? Friends of Amal are looking for blankets and cosy clothing items (especially jackets) for:

Mum and Dad - medium size.

3 girls - small - size 8?

1 girl - size 10.

2 boys - both mid twenties - Small.

Please contact Biff Barrow as soon as possible if you can help.

Chaplaincy Cafe - if anyone would like to volunteer to build up our team for this Wednesday lunchtime drop-in at the Academy, please speak to Rhona.

Pop-up bistro night - Just a few tickets left for this mediterranean themed meal 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

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/11>