



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 20 October 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 David's desire to 'build a house' for God, and our own attempts to keep God where we expect him to be.

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

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

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

OUR GOD IS A GREAT BIG GOD

Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 1-17 read by Morag Mitchell

After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2 he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

3 Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you."

4 But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying:

5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? 6 I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. 7 Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"'"

8 "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. 9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. 10 And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning 11 and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: 12 When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. 15 But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.'"

17 Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.

Reading 2: Luke 1: 30-33

30 But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

Reflection

LET US BUILD A HOUSE (CH4 198)

Prayer

THE CHURCH IS WHEREVER GOD’S PEOPLE ARE PRAISING (CH4 522)

Grace

Blessing

News

WestFest stall - There is a table of goodies for sale after worship this morning. Lots of delicious things to buy!

Communion - A reminder that next week we will be celebrating our bi-annual full-service communion. There will be no junior church that morning, but our 3pm junior church style communion is very relaxed and child focused. All ages welcome at either or both services. Our morning communion will follow the pattern we tried out over the summer.

Gifts Fair - in a couple of weeks, on November 3rd, we’ll be having a Gifts Fair during hospitality time after the service. This is an opportunity to find out about the different working groups and activities which together form our shared church life. Maybe you’ll find something you’d like to get involved in!

Musical Worship Opportunity - If you'd like to join Iain Milne (tenor) and Iain Milne (organist) as part of the choir for the joint service on November 24th at St Andrew's please text or phone Ian on 07429 904180

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

Architectural services - if anyone has a family member, contact, or can give us a recommendation for a local architect to help us take forward the future of the Hall, please speak to Rhona or our session clerks Mark and Gillian.

Foodbank - This month's wish list includes: Tinned spaghetti/macaroni, Tinned meat (hot or cold), Tinned vegetables, Tea bags (40s/80s, please), Tinned tomatoes, Small jars of coffee, Pot noodles/Mug Shots, UHT Milk (semi-skimmed or full cream)

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>

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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