



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 17 November 2024

Thank you for joining our Sunday 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 story of Jonah, in particular his prayer from the belly of fish.

Call To Worship

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE (CH4 132)

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

LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH (CH4 558)

Reading: Jonah 2

Read by Joyce Petrie

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. 2 He said:

'In my distress I called to the Lord,
and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,
and you listened to my cry.

3

You hurled me into the depths,
into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;
all your waves and breakers
swept over me.

4

I said, "I have been banished
from your sight;
yet I will look again
towards your holy temple."

5

The engulfing waters threatened me,
the deep surrounded me;
seaweed was wrapped around my head.

6

To the roots of the mountains I sank down;
the earth beneath barred me in for ever.
But you, Lord my God,
brought my life up from the pit.

7

'When my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you, Lord,
and my prayer rose to you,
to your holy temple.

8

'Those who cling to worthless idols
turn away from God's love for them.

9

But I, with shouts of grateful praise,
will sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed I will make good.

I will say, "Salvation comes from the Lord."

10 And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Reflection

AMAZING GRACE (CH4 555)

Prayer

GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH (CH4 167)

Grace

Blessing

News

Please vote for a warm sanctuary! Thanks to the brilliant work of our Grants Group, our application for funding to insulate the sanctuary has reached the second stage of the Just Transition Participatory Budget Fund. This is the public voting stage, so we need as many people as possible to vote for us! The voting runs until 27 November at <https://www.jtpbfund.scot/vote>. Posters and slips with information on how to vote are available in the centre.

Get your Christmas baubles! Our pre-loved Christmas decorations are now available in the centre. If you see something you like, please donate as you can.

Next week's service - Next Sunday we will be worshipping with and at St Andrew's at 10 am while Rhona is on annual leave.

Christmas singing - if you'd like to join our singers to do a couple of pieces for our Advent services, there are practice sessions planned for Wednesdays 20th November & 4th, 11th and 18th December in the Acorn Centre gallery.

Rock choir - For more singing, why not join the Aberdeenshire Rock choir for a fabulous evening of entertainment here at the West Church on Friday 22 November at 730pm. Tickets are £10 and available on the door. All proceeds in aid of Prostate Cancer UK'

Kirk Session - our next Kirk Session meeting is on Tuesday 26 November at 730pm

Climate Action 'What's happening in the North East?' - the Climate cafe group is running an evening of conversation and cake on Wednesday 27th November at 730pm the Acorn Centre. Vicky Stigant, who now works for NESCAN, will be there to let us know some of the things happening in our area and how we can be involved.

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.

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>