



**Inverurie** West Parish Church

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## **Order of Service: Sunday 22 December 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 year for the last Sunday in Advent we celebrate the hope of the season through our lively participatory Pop-up Nativity!

### **Sung Call To Worship & Lighting of the fourth Advent candle**

**We are a people of hope;  
We are a people of hope.  
Lighting a candle, we wait for the dawn;  
We are a people of hope.**

**We are a people of peace;  
We are a people of peace.  
Lighting a candle, we work for the dawn;  
We are a people of peace.**

**We are a people of joy;  
We are a people of joy.  
Lighting a candle, we watch for the dawn;  
We are a people of joy.**

**We are a people of love  
We are a people of love.  
Lighting a candle, we welcome the dawn;  
We are a people of love**

**THE FIRST NOWELL**

## 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

## Reading: Luke 2: 8-12

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

## Pop-up Nativity

**LIKE A CANDLE** sung by our Christmas Choir

## SONGS:

**O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED  
AWAY IN A MANGER  
JOY TO THE WORLD**

## Closing words and prayer

## O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

## Grace

## Blessing

## News

**Mince pies and mulled wine** - Join us after the service today for some festive treats!

**Christian Aid Card delivery** - The local card delivery scheme raised the wonderful sum of £1325. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this such a success.

**Advent/ Christmas services** - A reminder of what's still to come:

Tuesday 24th Dec at 4pm	IDCT Christingle service at St Andrew's
Tuesday 24th Dec at 11.30pm	Joint Watchnight service at St Andrew's (carols from 11 pm)
Wednesday 25th Dec at 10 am	Joint Christmas Day worship at the West
Sunday 29th Dec at 11 am	Joint worship at the West

**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@inveruriewestchurch.org](mailto:help@inveruriewestchurch.org)

For prayer requests, joys and concerns, or content which you would like shared on Sunday, please email Rhona on [r.cathcart@inveruriewestchurch.org](mailto:r.cathcart@inveruriewestchurch.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>