



**Inverurie** West Parish Church

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## **Order of Service: Sunday 2 February 2025**

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 will be looking at Jesus' healing on the Sabbath and thinking about rules and reasons.

### **Welcome and Call To Worship**

### **SINGING WE GLADLY WORSHIP THE LORD (CH4 257)**

#### **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**

### **THIS IS THE DAY (CH4 194)**

**Reading: Luke 6: 1-11**  
**Read by Joy Doorghen**

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grain fields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels. 2 Some of the Pharisees asked, "Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

3 Jesus answered them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? 4 He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." 5 Then Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

6 On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shrivelled. 7 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. 8 But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shrivelled hand, "Get up and stand in front of everyone." So he got up and stood there.

9 Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?"

10 He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was completely restored. 11 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

**Reflection 1 - Rules**

**WE CANNOT MEASURE HOW YOU HEAL (CH4 718)**

**Reflection 2 - Reasons**

**Prayer**

**WILL YOUR ANCHOR HOLD (CH4 737)**

**Grace**

## **Blessing**

## **News**

**Bible study** - Bible study continues on Wednesday 5 Feb on Zoom at 730pm. Between now and Lent are looking at the book of Philippians and its themes of joy, trust and hope in difficult times. All welcome. Contact Rhona for the Zoom link.

**Guild** - next Guild meeting is Monday Feb 10th at 2pm when the speaker will be Iain Telfer sharing the work of SiMBA.

**Website images** - we are in the process of working on a new church website and are needing up to date images of church services and activities. To help us with this, Alan Harrow will be taking some images around service times or at various events over the next few weeks. We will always advise when this is happening and give people the option to sit/stand in a spot where they will not be seen if they do not wish themselves or their children to appear on the site. Alternatively if anyone is very happy to be photographed in close-up we'd be delighted to have some action shots!

**Foodbank** - We don't have a current wishlist from the Foodbank but regularly needed items include: 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)

**Retiring Offering** - Our retiring offering in aid of Shelter Scotland raised a fantastic £333. Thanks to all who helped support this important cause.

**Fundraising and Stewardship** - If you regularly shop online we could use your help. We currently have 15 people registered with the Easyfundraising website as supporters of Inverurie West Church. Between them they have raised £102 for the church simply by registering and then using the link when ordering from Amazon, Tesco, Expedia and the like. As an example, the last time Rhona booked a holiday, the church got £16! If you're able to help, you can begin by following this link <https://>

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/inverurie-west-parish-church](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/inverurie-west-parish-church) or chat to one of the Grants team (Janet Duncan, Alison Sharp, Laura Gray, Biff Barrow, Rhona) and they will talk you through it.

**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.

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>