



Inverurie West Parish Church

Order of Service: Sunday 9 March 2025

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 begin our Lent Sundays by considering Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan as we ask God to help us remain unshaken in our commitment to love our neighbours.

Welcome and notices

Call To Worship

I TO THE HILLS (CH4 81)

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

JESUS' HANDS WERE KIND HANDS (CH4 351)

Reading Luke 10: 25-37 : read by Alison Sharp

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Reflection -

WHEN I NEEDED A NEIGHBOUR (CH4 544)

Prayer

JESUS CHRIST IS WAITING (CH4 360)

Grace

Blessing

News

Lent Bible study - Our Lent bible study continues on Wednesday (12th March) at 730pm on Zoom,. We will be using the Sanctuary First theme 'Beginning to Flourish" as the basis for this year's study. All welcome. Contact Rhona for the link.

A podcast on the theme can be found on the Sanctuary First website at <https://www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk/podcast/beginning-to-flourish-pod-1-what-actually-happens-when-we-read-the-bible> or on platforms such as Spotify.

Kirk Session - Our next session meeting is on Tuesday March 11 at 730pm in the Acorn Centre

The Garioch Christian Aid Group - are looking for a new treasurer. If interested please speak to Sheila Rennie or Mark Paterson.

Website - We hope to have our new website launched soon. If you'd like to join our currently very small web team to help with the management and updating of the site we will be having a training session on the afternoon of Friday March 14th run by our wonderful young developer Daniel. Please let Rhona know if you would like to learn more.

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)

Fundraising and Stewardship - If you regularly shop online - or even if you do so only occasionally, there is an easy way to help fundraise for the

church. The first step is to register with the Easyfundraising website, at this address: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/inverurie-west-parish-church> After this, whenever you use their link to go to major retailers like Amazon, Tesco or Expedia, and make a purchase, the church gets a small donation. As an example, the last time Rhona booked a holiday, the church got £16! If you need help registering, please chat to one of the Grants team (Janet Duncan, Alison Sharp, Laura Gray, Biff Barrow, Rhona).

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>