



**Inverurie West Church Morning Worship  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

## **Opening music**

### **Welcome**

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 continue our journey through Acts, looking at the healings of Aeneas and Tabitha/Dorcus, and consider what the choice to record these particular healings tells us about gospel priorities for the church.

### **Call to Worship (from Micah 6:8 )**

God has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

Come let us worship the Lord

### **Singing we gladly worship the Lord together (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**

### **Reading 1: Acts 9: 32-43 read by Alan Sharp**

32 As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the Lord's people who lived in Lydda. 33 There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralysed and had been bedridden for eight years. 34 "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up. 35 All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

36 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. 37 About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. 38 Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

39 Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

40 Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. 41 He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. 42 This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. 43 Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

### **We cannot measure how you heal (CH4 718)**

#### **Reflection - Preferential treatment**

#### **Prayer**

#### **News**

#### **Beauty for brokenness (CH4 259)**

#### **The Grace**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

#### **Blessing**

#### **Closing music**

#### **News**

**Ukrainian refugee support** - We're working with local partners to put together a small fund to help support Ukrainian refugees who arrive in Inverurie. We will also from time to time be looking for specific items to be donated. If you would like to make a financial donation or help collect suitable items, please speak to Rhona.

**Kirk Session** next meets on Tuesday May 10 at 730 pm

**Christian Aid Book Sale** - Will be taking place this year in Christian Aid week from 16th to 21st May so start gathering your books! Books can be dropped off the week before and left in the cloakroom of the church hall. Margaret Hearne and Hazel Newton can also collect books if you are unable to deliver them. Able bodied

assistants sought for after the service on Sunday 15th to help shift books into the hall and set up tables.

**Christian Aid week** - If you would like to support the local Christian Aid group appeal this year you can donate via e-envelope at <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/garioch-district-christian-aid-group?channel=copy>

**Worship leader course** - Gordon Presbytery are offering a five week series of Thursday evening training sessions in June for those interested in learning more about how to lead worship. Rhona is one of the facilitators and the sessions will be here at the West. It would be great to build up our worship team, so if you fancy giving it a go, do come along! No prior experience or knowledge necessary.

**Save the date** - Bennachie Bike Ride will be on 17 September, starting as usual from Fetternear. More details will be available closer to the time.

**Another save the date!** - A fundraising Soup and Sweet for the garden projects will be held on 12 June after the morning service.

**Plant sale alternative** - We will not be holding an official plant sale this year, but if you have plants you have been nurturing we will have space to sell them in the porch whenever they are ready.

**General Assembly** - Rhona will be attending GA virtually from Sat 21 May to Thursday 26 May. She still plans to lead worship on Sunday 22 May and will be available for urgent pastoral matters.

**Foodbank** - This month they are currently in particular need of: **fruit juice (1 litre long life); UHT milk (full cream/semi skimmed, tinned vegetables; tinned tomatoes; individual jelly/fruit pots; toothpaste; shaving kit (razors/shaving gel)**

**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.

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