

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 22 March 2026 at 11.00 am



WHY DID JESUS DIE?

Minister - Rev Stuart Smith

Organist - Mr Ian Livingstone

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

(Please stand when the Bible is carried in to the church)

Welcome and intimations

Stuart Smith

Call to Worship *(Congregation standing)*

The strife is o'er, the battle done
ALL: THE VICTORY OF LIFE IS WON
The song of triumph has begun
ALL: HALLELUJAH!

Hymn 396 *'And can it be?'*

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 558 *'Lord, I lift your name on high'* *(Children leave for Sunday School)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading Romans 3: 21-26 (NT p191) Fiona Macadam

Hymn 391 *'This is your coronation'*

Sermon *"Why did Jesus die?"*

Music for Reflection

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 405 *'We sing the praise of him who died'*

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

WELCOME TO NESS BANK CHURCH...

... especially if you are visiting. Please speak to the welcome team or fill in a pew card to ask questions, seek help, join the congregation or speak to the Minister.

Mobile Devices Please switch these off, or to airplane mode, during the service to avoid interfering with the sound system and livestreaming.

Livestreaming The front five pews and the front of the church may be included in the camera shot. Please avoid these areas if you wish to avoid being recorded.

Tea and Coffee Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Supporting Ness Bank

An offering is taken at the door and dedicated during the service. You can give by cash, cheque, card or phone – or use the QR code here to find our Just Giving page. For regular giving by Standing Order and/or Gift Aid please contact the church administrator.



INTIMATIONS

The Open Door Project Bookshop will open their bookshop, with Christian gifts and resources, in the CYC Building, 12 Bank Street, on **Monday 23 March**, and they seek volunteers to help with running the Bookshop, being available to welcome people, and if needed, give a listening ear. Contact them on : todpinverness@gmail.com.

The Waunakee High School Orchestra, Wisconsin, USA, are giving a concert in the church on **Monday 23 March** at 7.30pm. They will be joined by the Inverness Fiddlers. Admission free, but donations welcome, again for Inverness Foodstuff.

The collection at the ***Orangewood High School*** choir concert on 17 March raised the excellent sum of £563 for Inverness Foodstuff.

The Guild The Guild AGM and supper will be held on **Tuesday 24 March** in the hall at **6.30pm** (please note the earlier time). All welcome.

Inverness Singers

- The Spring concert takes place on **Wednesday 25 March** in Culloden-Balloch Baptist Church, celebrating a century of great songs. Admission £10.

- Some of the Inverness Singers will give a 30-40minute performance at 12.30pm on **Thursday 26 March** in the Eastgate Centre (above the Food Hall) on Highland Hospice Day.

Lunch/Discussion Group This is for ladies in our congregation who live alone, and the next monthly get together will take place on **Friday 27 March** at 12.30pm at the Redcliffe Hotel. Please telephone Catherine on 01463 235961, Betty on 01463 238384 or Eleanor on 01463 237293 by **Wednesday 25 March** if you are unable to attend.

A Festival of Psalms will take place on **Saturday 28 March** from 2.30-3.45pm in the Free North Church, Bank Street, Inverness. Parking is available in the carpark of John Fraser & Son on request (rfinlay122@gmail.com). Entrance by the back gate.

INTIMATIONS (cont'd)

L'Arche are holding an Italian Ristorante event on **Saturday 28 March** at 6.00pm. A 3-course meal, drink and entertainment. There is always a table for people who come on their own so you can meet new people. £35 a ticket. Please contact highlandworkshops@larche.org.uk if you'd like to join in. Raffle available and BYOB.

Next Sunday (29 March) The Palm Sunday service will be conducted by Stuart Smith. Due to Messy Church, there will be no tea/coffee in the hall after the service.

Messy Church will take place next **Sunday 29 March** from 12.30-2.30pm, with lunch together and a chance to experience "Easter Alive". All families are welcome.

Bible Study and Prayer Group The next meeting will be held on **Sunday 29 March** in room 2 at 5.00pm when the study of 1 Timothy will continue, looking at ch 5.

Easter Alive at Ness Bank during Holy Week – an open time in the church to tell and share the Easter story in words, actions, art and music. Opening Times:

Palm Sunday (29 March) – 1pm to 3pm

Holy Week (30 March-3 April) – 10am-1pm and 1pm-4pm

Thursday Evening (2 April) – 6pm to 8pm.

We require volunteers to welcome visitors. If you could spare time that week, please add your name to the list in the Vestibule, or contact the Church Office. Many thanks.

Finding God Among Us by Acorn - Meeting at Inshes East Church on **Monday 30 March**, 7.30-9.00pm, to hear and share stories of what God might be doing here and now.

Good Friday Gathering with Inverness Churches Together at **11am on 3 April** outside M&S at the Farmer's Market location. Meet there or at Ness Bank at 10.30am.

Sunrise Service – Easter Sunday (5 April) Meet at the Islands at 6.15am, and the service will be underway for the sunrise at 6.34am. Breakfast will be available at Midmills Church (formerly Crown Church) afterwards – contact office@midmillschurch.co.uk by 31 March if you wish to have breakfast. A small donation towards costs would be welcome, with anything over being donated to the Launchpad fund.

Highland Foodbank Donations of the following items would be appreciated for the week ahead:

Diluting Juice

Box of Cereal

Small bag of dry Dog Food

Tin of Potatoes

Jar of Jam

Easter Egg

Tin of Mince/Stew

Toothbrush

Plastic carrier bags

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