

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 12 July 2026 at 11.00 am



Minister - Rev Stuart Smith

Organist - Mr Ian Livingstone

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

(Please stand when the Bible is carried into the church)

Welcome and intimations

Rev Stuart Smith

Call to Worship *(Timothy Dudley-Smith)*

(Congregation standing)

Lord of the church, we long for our uniting
true to one calling, by one vision stirred.

ALL ONE CROSS PROCLAIMING AND ONE CREED RECITING,
ONE IN THE TRUTH OF JESUS AND HIS WORD!

ALL So lead us on, till toil and trouble ends,
one church triumphant one new song shall sing:

ALL TO PRAISE HIS GLORY, RISEN AND ASCENDED,
CHRIST OVER ALL, THE EVERLASTING KING!

Hymn 110 'Glory be to God the Father'

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 533 'Will you come and follow me?'

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading Galatians 2: vs 1-10 *(NT p234)*

Gillian Forrest

Hymn 'What gift of grace (Yet not I, but through Christ in me)'

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy,
 my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love,
 my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine,
 I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, his power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won,
 and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been
paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my
pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow
Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me
home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Sermon **‘Many Churches, One Church’**

Music for Reflection

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn **739** **‘The church’s one foundation’**

Benediction and 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

Organist We warmly welcome Louis Jones who is playing the organ today whilst Ian is on holiday.

Next Sunday (19 July) The Service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Ach an Eas The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held next **Sunday, 19 July** at 3.00pm.

Concerts for Ukraine The Kyiv Classic Accordion Duo are presenting two Concerts for Ukraine, on **Tuesday 14 July** at 7.00pm in the United Reformed Church, Crescent Road, Nairn, and on **Wednesday 15 July** at 7.00 pm in St Michael & All Angels, Abban Street, Inverness. Free entry, but donations gratefully received.

Ness Bank Autumn Newsletter Items for the next Ness Bank Newsletter are welcome at any time, and at the latest by **20 July**. Please send your articles to the editor at nessbmagazine@gmail.com or if you prefer hard copy, hand them to Elspeth Smith.
Thank you.

Open Sanctuary during August 2026 It is proposed to have the Sanctuary open again, as in previous years, during the month of August on a Monday to Friday basis each week from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

A schedule of dates and times is now in the vestibule so please, if you can participate, add your name and telephone number on the sheet against whatever time suits you. Only two volunteers are required for each session daily and suitable instructions etc will be issued.

Shoeboxes Thank you to everyone who help support the shoebox wrapping. We now have over 150 boxes all wrapped and ready for distributing in September. We DO NOT require any more boxes this year.

Highland Foodbank The Church's generosity is much appreciated by the Foodbank. Donations of the following items are requested for July and August.

Tins of Ham	Tins of fruit	Tins of carrots
Tins of rice pudding/custard	Tins of potatoes	Instant noodles
Juice (cartons & diluting)	Milk (UHT)	Washing up liquid
Cooking sauce		

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