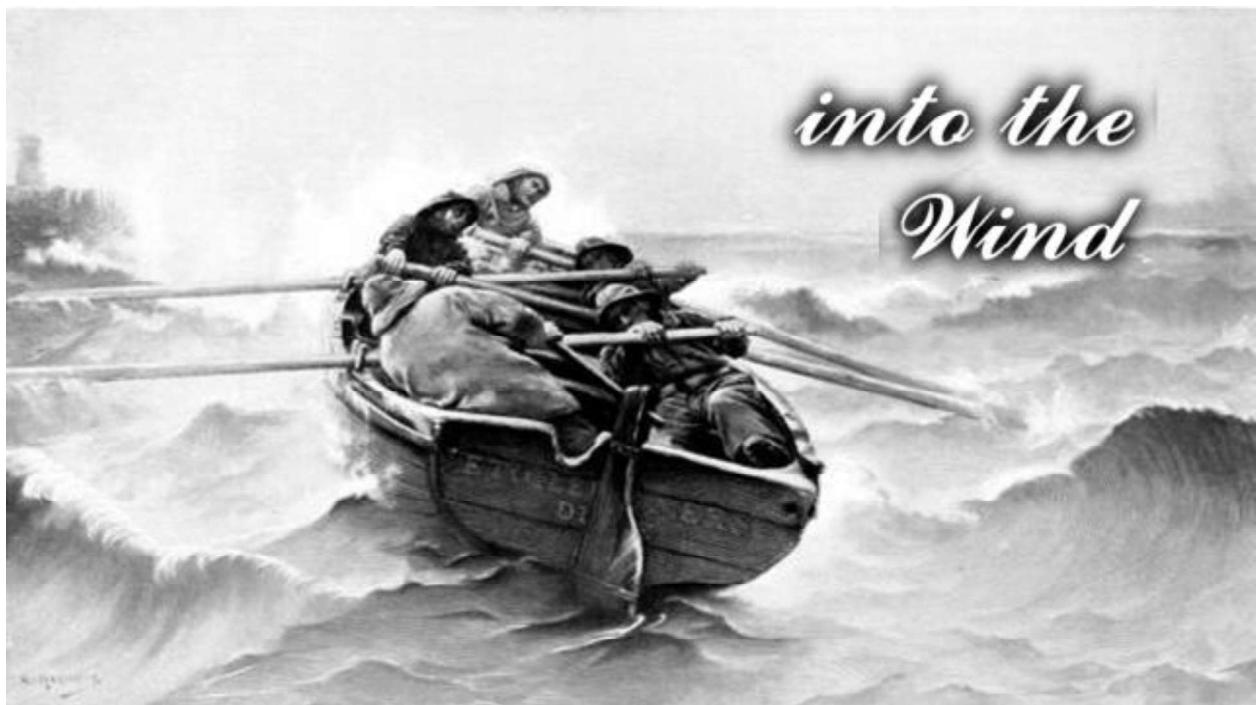


Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 15 February 2026 at 11.00 am



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 - Hymn 49 (Psalm 77) (Congregation standing)

(Verses read alternately by Minister and Congregation)

Hymn 511 'Your hand, O God, has guided'

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 'My Defender' (Tate Butts)

The devil thought He had me, but Jesus
had my soul
He's the one who has control
Sends down an army to stand by my side
He lights up the path, and He shows right
from wrong
And He guides me all along
He is the way, He's the truth, He's alive

When I'm walking through darkness
I know in my heart that God is the name
that I know
The Lord is my shepherd, yeah, He's my
defender, Yahweh
He is great, He is strong, He is mighty,
yeah, that's my God
I can hear Him, He's talking to me, He said
praise in the valley
With my hands to the Heavens, I will rejoice
and I'll sing

He leads by still-water when life's like a
wave
My defender, my defender, Yahweh
My defender, my defender, Yahweh

He's the one who always saves
Always remember, put faith over fear (faith
over fear)

When I'm walking through darkness.....

Glory, Glory on high You are
Worthy, now and all time You are
Holy, God now and forever (ooh)
Glory, Glory on high You are
Worthy, now and all time You are
Holy, God now and forever

The Lord is my shepherd, yeah, He's my
defender, Yahweh
He is great, He is strong, He is mighty,
yeah, that's my God (my God)
I can hear Him, He's talking to me, He said
praise in the valley
With my hands to the Heavens, I will rejoice
and I'll sing

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading John 6: 14-24 (NT p124) Amanda James

Hymn 260 'Eternal Father, strong to save'

Sermon	“<i>Into the Wind</i>”	
Anthem	‘<i>With a voice of singing</i>’	Shaw
Inverness Street Pastors		Monica Paterson
Prayers for Ourselves and Others		
Hymn	251	‘<i>I, the Lord of sea and sky</i>’
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

Communion Invitations Communion invitations, for Communion on **1 March**, and Newsletters are available for Elders and District Visitors to collect from the vestibule **today**.

Ach an Eas The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held **today** at 3.00pm.

Inverness Street Pastors are running no-commitment events for people to find out more about what they do and how to get involved. The next event will take place on **Tuesday 17 February**, 7.00-8.30pm in Midmills Church (formerly Crown Church), Kingsmills Road. Tel: Mark on 07761 293108, or email inverness@streetpastors.org.uk.

Guild Work Party The Work Party will meet on **Wednesday 18 February** at 10.30am in Room 1 and will welcome anyone wishing to join them.

Minister's Leave The Minister will be on leave from **Wednesday 18 February until Saturday 28 February** inclusive. Professor Bill McBryde will be leading worship next Sunday 22 February. Rev David Scott (David.scott@churchofscotland.org.uk; 01463 772402) will provide cover for funerals. Hospital visiting will be done by the Pastoral Care Team - contact Mrs Sheila Proudfoot, Tel. 237920.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Next Sunday (22 February) The service will be conducted by Professor Bill McBryde. Tea & coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Bible Study and Prayer Group will meet next **Sunday, 22 February** at 5pm in Room 2 when we will conclude our study of 1 Timothy ch 4. Anyone interested will be made most welcome.

Blythswood Highland Inter-Church Quiz will be held on **Saturday 7 March** at 7.00pm at Culloden-Balloch Baptist Church. Each church is welcome to enter up to two official teams of four members to compete for the Blythswood Quiz Cup. To register, email neill.prentice@blythswood.org or communications@blythswood.org with team name and church name. Deadline for registration is Monday 2 March. Donations for entry can be made on the evening.

The Passion – Free North Church, Bank Street, Inverness on **Monday 16 March** at 7.00pm. This moving, memorable and ultimately joyful retelling of the Easter events was well received at the Edinburgh Fringe last year. Tickets are £12, from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-passion-tickets-1982341513831>.

Crossreach News The January edition can be found in the front vestibule and lets us all know just how much Social Care is carried out by this department of our Church in Scotland. Please pick one up as they are free.

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

Tins of potatoes/Smash	Tins of tuna	Tins of mince/stew
Tins of ham/corned beef	Tins of meatballs	1kg bags of rice
Boxes of tea	Shampoo	Washing up liquid
Men's deodorant		



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