

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 18 January 2026 at 11.00 am



LIKE
FATHER
LIKE
SON

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)

Come, Lord, and be one with us
ALL: **WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO YOUR LOVE**
Come, Lord, and be one with us
ALL: **WE OPEN OUR EYES TO YOUR GLORY**
Come, Lord, and be one with us
ALL: **WE OPEN OUR MINDS TO YOUR GRACE**

Hymn 104 'The Lord of heaven confess'

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 180 'Give thanks with a grateful heart'

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading John 5: vs 1-18 (NT p122) Gillian Forrest

Hymn 497 'Almighty Father of all things that be (v 1,2,5,6)

Sermon "Like Father, like Son"

Music for Reflection

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 'Who is on the Lord's side?'

1. Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King?
Who will be his helpers, other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side? Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side? Who for him will go?
By your call of mercy, by your grace alone,
We are on the Lord's side – Saviour, all your own!
2. Jesus, you have bought us, not with gold or gem,
But with your own lifeblood, for your diadem;
With your blessing filling all who come in need,
You have made us willing, made us free indeed.
By your great redemption, by your grace alone,
We are on the Lord's side – Saviour, all your own.

3. Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe,
 But the King's own army none can overthrow;
 'Round his standard ranging, victory is secure,
 For his truth unchanging makes the triumph sure.
 Joyfully enlisting, by your grace alone,
 We are on the Lord's side – Saviour, all your own.

4. Chosen to be soldiers, in a hostile land,
 Chosen, called, and faithful, for our captain's band;
 In the service royal, let us not grow cold,
 Let us then be loyal, noble, true and bold.
 Master, you will keep us, by your grace alone,
 Always on the Lord's side – Saviour, all your own.

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 Everyone is invited for tea and coffee 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.

Ach an Eas The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held **today** at 3pm.

Ness Bank Newsletter The next edition of the Ness Bank Newsletter will be issued at the beginning of February. Articles for inclusion in the magazine are welcome, and should be sent as soon as possible to nessbmagazine@gmail.com. The final date for receiving articles is **19 January, 2026**.

Finding God among us by Acorn. **Monday 19 January**, at Inshes East. Coffees from 7.15. 7.30-9pm. An evening of deep encouragement and interactive sharing. Come and hear stories of what God might be doing here and now and, only if you like, maybe share one of your own.

Service of Christian Unity “One Body, One Spirit”: **Wednesday 21 January**, 7.00pm, St Stephen's Church (Southside Road).

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Keyholders' Update It would be appreciated if anyone in the congregation who has a key (or keys) to the Riverside entrance doors could email their name, the church group they represent, and/ or their congregational 'title', to Barry Gilbert, Property Convener, at balirohan@btinternet.com.

Next Sunday (25 January 2026) The service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea & coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

The next Messy Church will be **Sunday 8 February** (12.30-2.30pm) on the theme "Who is God?", with a team planning meeting after church on **25 January** (note change of date).

Bible Study and Prayer Group Our first meeting of 2026 will be on **Sunday 25 January** at 5pm in Room 2. We will continue our studies in 1 Timothy looking at Ch 4 and if interested you will be made most welcome.

Back by popular demand: five free sessions on '**What is God doing in the other person?**' at St Stephens church (corner of Old Edinburgh and Southside roads)

We will explore an Acorn parable every other week to ponder together what God might be doing in a situation, to help us go deeper and further in our daily walk with Him.

Monday evenings, 7.30-9pm. January 26, February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23.

More info: paulharingman.mission@gmail.com or 07837903277.

NBC Leaders' Meeting The next meeting of the NBC Leaders Group will be held on **Wednesday 4 February** at 7.30pm in Room 2.

Pathways Course – First Steps in Preaching Tuesdays from **17 February to 5 May**, 7.30-9pm. A course designed to equip, encourage and inspire, run by Highland Theological College and the Presbytery of the Highlands and Hebrides. Contact kathryn.stewart@uhi.ac.uk.

Highland Foodbank Donations of the following items would be appreciated in January & February:

Tins of potatoes/Smash
Tins of ham/corned beef
Boxes of tea
Men's deodorant

Tins of tuna
Tins of meatballs
Shampoo

Tins of mince/stew
1kg bags of rice
Washing up liquid

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