

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 21 June 2026 at 11.00 am

The service will be conducted
by Rev Penelope Smirthwaite



Do Not Be Afraid

Matthew 10:24-39

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

Malcolm MacBean

Call to Worship (Isaiah 28: 16)

Rev Penelope Smirthwaite

(Congregation standing)

*Therefore thus says the Lord God
See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone,
a tested stone*

**ALL: A PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE, A SURE
FOUNDATION**

Hymn 247 'Moved by the Gospel'

Prayers of Approach and Confession and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

**Hymn 448 'Lord, the light of your love is shining'
(Shine, Jesus, shine)**

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication of Offering

Readings Song of Songs 8: 6-7 (OT p669) Anne Breen
Matthew 10: 24-39 (NT p15)

Music for Reflection

Sermon

Hymn 721 'We lay our broken world'

Prayers of Intercession – with response

- **Minister:** *We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet*
- **All:** *Lord, let there be love among us*

Hymn 198 'Let us build a house'

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

Today's Worship We warmly welcome Rev Penelope Smirthwaite who is leading worship this morning.

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

Lunch/Discussion Group This is for ladies in our congregation who live alone, and the next monthly get together will take place on **Friday 26 June** at 12.30pm at the Redcliffe Hotel. Please telephone Catherine on 01463 235961, Betty on 01463 238384 or Eleanor on 01463 237293 by **Wednesday 24 June** if you are unable to attend.

Minister's Leave Rev Stuart Smith is on leave until **27 June**. Rev David Scott, Inshes East Church, (tel 01463 772402) will provide cover for funerals. Hospital visiting will be done by the Pastoral Care Team - contact Mrs Sheila Proudfoot, Tel. 237920.

Next Sunday (28 June) The Service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Bible Study and Prayer Group Our next meeting is on **Sunday 28 June** at 5.00pm in Room 2 when we will continue our studies in 2 Timothy Ch.2 All are welcome.

Saying Goodbye Service Saying Goodbye is the primary division of Mariposa International, a UK based charity that provides support to anyone who has suffered the loss of a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in infancy. The Saying Goodbye Service will take place on **Tuesday 30 June** at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness.

Retiring Collection - Communion Sunday The retiring collection on Communion Sunday on 7 June raised £303, and this amount has been given to Inverness Foodstuff. As usual IF are very grateful to the congregation for their continued support" *Finance Team*

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Ness Bank Crafties Next week, **Tuesday 30 June**, will be their last meeting before the summer holidays, and they will start again on Tuesday 18 August in room 1, from 10.00am-12noon.

Shoebox Wrapping It's time to prepare the wrapped shoeboxes for the Blythswood appeal. If you would like to help wrap, please come along to the church hall on **Tuesday 7 July, 6pm-9pm, &/or Wednesday 8 July, 9am-9pm**. Boxes/paper/scissors /sellotape will be provided. If you have a tape dispenser, please bring it along, as makes it much easier. Tea/coffee will be available. Pop in for whenever suits – you do not to stay for the whole session(s). It's a lovely social time and a chance to catch up / meet new people. If you prefer to take some home to wrap, please speak to Janet or contact Mary in the office. If you have spare empty shoeboxes, please hand them into the foyer on a Sunday morning by 5 July.

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.*

Summer Sundays Coffee Rota As you know, two volunteers are required to serve the tea/coffee after the service on Sundays, and a list of dates in July and August is displayed in the vestibule. If you can help, I would be grateful if you could add your name to your preferred date. New volunteers would be very welcome - training can be given!
Mary Thomson

Highland Foodbank The Foodbank has thanked Ness Bank for their kind donations, as the work they do relies on such generosity. In the past four months, Ness Bank has donated 220.8kg or the equivalent of 526 meals! Donations of the following items would be appreciated in June.

Tins of Ham
Tins of meatballs
Long life fruit juice
Oatcakes

Tins of mince/stew
Tins of fruit
Diluting juice

Bags of Sugar
Tins of vegetables
Crackers

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