

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 1 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 (Psalm 19) (Congregation standing)

Your Law, O Lord, is perfect:

Your commands are good.

Your teaching is wise.

Your judgements are fair.

**ALL: MAY THE WORDS OF OUR MOUTHS
AND THE THOUGHTS OF OUR HEARTS
BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU – OUR SAVIOUR
AND LORD**

Hymn 112 'God, whose almighty word'

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 'Better Days' (Watoto Children's Choir)

*Waking up, it's a brand-new day
All the news feels like Monday morning
Slow it down, take a breath, rewind
Got a feeling, if I spread my wings, I'll fly*

*There's a hope down in my heart
Telling me God's not yet done
There's a peace I can't explain
Better days are yet to come*

*There'll be days when I lose my way
Let your word be my guiding light
There's no limit to your boundless grace
Got me dancing to the rhythm of your light*

*Should this life not play along,
And the night seems not to end
Let this truth rhyme with my heart
That better days are yet to come*

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading John 5: 30-47 (NT p123) Barry Gilbert

Hymn 605 'Thanks to God whose word was spoken'

Sermon "How do we know it is true"

Anthem 'From the Rising of the Sun' Ouseley

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 237 'Look forward in faith'

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

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

Guild Work Party The Work Party will meet on **Wednesday 4 February** at 10.30am in Room 1 and will welcome anyone wishing to join them.

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

Next Sunday (8 February) The service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. There will be no tea & coffee after the service due to Messy Church.

Messy Church will be next **Sunday 8 February** (12.30-2.30pm). Messy Church is an opportunity for families to come together for a relaxed two hours of fun activities, food and interaction with others all wrapped up in a Bible topic. Next Sunday the theme is 'Who is God?'.

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. February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23.

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

Adam Holmes concert on **Friday 13 February** at 7.00pm in the church. Adam is an acclaimed Scottish singer-songwriter who combines traditional Scottish sounds with modern folk and soulful elements. Tickets £20 at adamholmesmusic.co.uk – gigs (Inverness) or at the door.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Inverness Street Pastors are running two no-commitment events for people to find out more about what they do and how to get involved. The events will take place on **Saturday 14 February**, 10.00-11.30am, and **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.

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



Watoto

African Children's Choir

Ness Bank Tue 3rd March 7-8.30pm
Admission Free (Donations)

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