

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 3 May 2026 at 11.00 am

Service will be conducted by Rev David Whillis



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

Malcolm MacBean

Call to Worship

Rev David Whillis

Hymn 160 ***'Praise my soul, the King of heaven'***

Opening Prayers, including the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 185 ***'Come, children, join and sing'***

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading

Psalm 98 (OT p597)

Sheila Proudfoot

Romans 8: 18-22 (NT p195)

Hymn 173 ***'Sing to God new songs of worship'***

Sermon

Music for Reflection

Christian Aid Week 2026 - video

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 519 ***'Love Divine'***

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 Dr David Whillis, Ordained Local Minister, Hilton Parish Church, who is leading worship this morning.

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

Minister's Absence Rev Stuart Smith is involved in a conference in Uganda from **Friday 1 May until 11 May inclusive**. Rev Alex MacPherson will lead worship next Sunday 10 May. 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. 01463 237920.

Acorn – 'Making Mission a Simple Daily Rhythm' Paul Haringman will lead eight weekly sessions on the Acorn Mission booklet, on Thursday mornings from 10.15am-12noon at Culloden Balloch Baptist Church **in May and June**. Contact Paul Haringman on 07837 903277 or [**paulharingman.mission@gmail.com**](mailto:paulharingman.mission@gmail.com).

Church Office The Church Office will be closed on **Monday 4 May**.

Next Sunday (10 May) The service will be conducted by Rev Alex MacPherson. Tea/coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May Volunteers are requested for the delivery of Christian Aid envelopes – no collection is necessary. Keith Gibson will be in the vestibule **today and 10th May** for the distribution of Christian Aid bags and envelopes to volunteers. Keith can be contacted on 07748 574546; or on email [**kgibson578@gmail.com**](mailto:kgibson578@gmail.com).

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Ness Bank Sanctuary Project Details and a video about the Sanctuary Project are now available on the Ness Bank website at www.nessbankchurch.org.uk.

Bethany Christian Trust – have a vacancy for a part-time Recovery and Resettlement Worker (10 hours per week) based in Inverness. The Job Description and further information can be found at <https://www.bethanychristiantrust.com/recovery-and-resettlement-worker-inverness/>. Closing date for applications is **Thursday 7 May**.

Messy Church is being held at Ness Bank on **Saturday 23 May** from **4.00-6.00pm**. (Please note change of day and time). All families are welcome.

Acclaim in Concert The Acclaim choir are presenting a concert in the Free North Church, Bank Street, on **Saturday 23 May** at 7.30pm. Free admission with an opportunity to donate to The Brain Tumour Charity during the course of the evening. Email acclaimchoir@yahoo.com for tickets.

The Open Door Project - A Christian bookshop, with Christian gifts and resources and coffee shop, which also provides a quiet place with Pastoral support, is now open for business in the CYC Building, 12 Bank St, Inverness, and will welcome visitors. Volunteers are also required to assist in the shop. Contact details: 07386 094821; todpinverness@gmail.com .

Journeying, a non-profit ecumenical Christian organisation, is looking for additional team members to plan and lead pilgrim journeys through Britain and Ireland. More detail available at www.journeying.co.uk, or email: info@journeying.co.uk.

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 May and 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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