

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 30 November 2025 at 11.00 am

healing matters

dogged
determination



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 to us - Immanuel

ALL: RANSOME YOUR CAPTIVE PEOPLE

Be with us - Immanuel

ALL: OUR TEACHER AND OUR GUIDE

Remain with us - Immanuel

ALL: OPEN WIDE OUR HEAVENLY HOME

Hymn 277 'Hark the glad sound!'

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 279 'Make way, make way'
(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading Isaiah 49: vs 1-6 (OT p713) Anne Breen
Mark 7: vs 24-30 (NT p55)

Hymn 'What love, my God'

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| <p>1. What love, my God, would bring you
down to earth?
What king would take a low and lonely
birth?
Yet to this dark and broken place you
came
To sleep beneath the stars that you
had made</p> <p>2. What love my God, would send the
way of life
To walk the road, rejected and
despised
That you might know the weakness I
possess
And be my rock of strength and
righteousness</p> | <p><i>O your love, my God like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on
us
O praise the King who came to the
world
In his love like a mighty flood</i></p> <p>3. What love, my God, could hold you to
the tree
To bear that overwhelming debt for
me
The Son of heaven leaves the
Father's side
The healer bleeds, the life was
made to die O your love...</p> <p>4. What love my God, so gracious and
extreme
Was strong enough to come and fight
for me
To go through hell and down into the
grave
And raise me up to see you face to
face O your love</p> |
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“Healing Matters: Dogged Determination”

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 283 *'The voice of God'* (Tune: Woodlands 286)

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

WELCOME TO NESS BANK CHURCH...

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

2026 Flower Calendar The 2026 Flower Calendar is now on the noticeboard in the vestibule. If you wish to donate flowers to the church please add your name to the date of your choice. A very big thank-you to all who donated to flowers in 2025. Anyone interested in joining our Flower Group will be most welcome. If you would like to help please telephone Finella Thomson on 01463 230155.

Parish Christmas Card Ness Bank's Parish Christmas cards detailing Christmas events are available for delivery around the church's new parish **today**. Volunteer 'posties' are required to distribute the cards and promote Ness Bank and its events to its new areas.

Bible Study & Prayer Group Our next meeting will be held at 5.00pm **tonight** when we will be looking at Ch 3 of Paul's letter to Timothy on the subject of Leaders in the Early Church. All are welcome to what is a monthly meeting in Room 2 of the lower Hall.

Grieving with HOPE A service of reflection at Culduthel Christian Centre **tonight** (30 November) at 6.00pm.

Christmas Fayre Many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre. From decorating the hall, making items for sale, donating items, manning stalls, serving teas, washing up, putting out /clearing tables, taking leftovers to charity shop, making hampers, designing posters, all those who came along to support the Fayre on day and anyone else who helped in any way. The total raised was £2911.22! Many thanks and keep an eye out for the date of next year's Fayre.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

The Guild The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2 December** at 7.30pm in the Church Hall when Christmas baskets can be made. All welcome.

The Inverness Singers' Christmas concert is on **Wednesday 3 December** in the Crown Church at 7.30pm. Programmes available from Margaret Livingstone.

Christmas Trees are to be decorated on **Thursday 4 December** and volunteers are required to help from 11.00am onwards. Contact Barry Gilbert, 07973 719313.

Highland Hospice 'Christmas Songs & Carols' concert will take place in the church on **Saturday 6 December** at 7.00pm. Tickets £13 at the door.

Next Sunday (7 December) The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea & coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Highland Hospitals Carol Concert (in aid of Young Lives vs Cancer) Drumossie Hotel on **Sunday 7 December** at 3.00pm. Tickets £16 (cash only) from Triqueta Crafts, the Victorian Market, tel 01463 715140.

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols This joint venture between The Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem and the Companions of the Order of Malta will take place on **Sunday 7 December** at 7.30pm in St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Huntly St. This is to support the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem and the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group.

Highland Foodbank Instead of issuing a specific list for November/December, the Foodbank has launched its Reverse Advent Calendar which lists an item for each day in November. Any donations for November/December should be selected from the Calendar list. Copies of the Reverse Advent Calendar are available in the vestibule or on the notice-board.

CHRISTMAS AT NESS BANK

Sunday 14th December: 11am, Nativity Service – with a Ugandan twist!

Sunday 14th December: 12.30-2.30pm – Messy Church Christmas Party for children and families

Sunday 21st December: 11am, Christmas Story and Songs – the Christmas Angels

Monday 22nd December: 5.00-7.30pm, Christmas Carol Crawl round the riverside churches, starting at Ness Bank

Christmas Eve: Candlelit Watchnight Service – carols from 11pm, service at 11.30pm

Christmas Day: Family Service at 10.30am

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