Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 1 November 2026 at 11.00 am



true and better – Christ the Victor

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 Stuart Smith

Call to Worship *(Congregation standing)*

In Christ we are free from the power of sin
ALL: WE RISE WITH HIM THROUGH THE POWER OF GOD
Once we were dead
ALL: GOD HAS BROUGHT US TO LIFE
Once Christ was crucified
ALL: NOW HE LEADS OUR VICTORY PROCESSION

Hymn 439 ***'Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious'***

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 436 *'**Christ triumphant'***

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading 1st Samuel 17: 4-11, 32-37 *(OT p282/3)* Willie Proudfoot

Hymn ***'Christ, the true and better'***

1. Christ, the true and better Adam
Son of God and Son of man
Who, when tempted in the garden
Never yielded, never sinned
He, who makes the many righteous
Brings us back to life again
Dying, he reversed the curse, then
Rising, crushed the serpent's head

2. Christ, the true and better Isaac
Humble son of sacrifice
Who would climb the fearful mountain
There to offer up his life
Laid with faith upon the altar
Father's joy and only son
There salvation was provided
Oh, what full and boundless love

3. Christ, the true and better Moses
Called to lead a people home
Standing bold to earthly powers
God's great glory to be known
With his arms stretched wide to heaven
See the waters part in two
See the veil is torn forever
Cleansed with blood we pass now through

4. Christ, the true and better David
Lowly shepherd, mighty King
He the champion in the battle
Where, o death, is now thy sting?
In our place he bled and conquered
Crown him Lord of majesty
His shall be the throne forever
We shall e'er his people be

(*M Papa, M Boswell, K Getty © 2020 Getty Music)*

Sermon '*Christ the Victor'*

Anthem **'*Let all mortal flesh keep silence'*** *Cleobury*

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 421 ***'Our Lord Christ has risen'***

Benediction and 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.

No Tea and Coffee Instead of tea/coffee, the Guild are serving a Soup & Sandwich lunch.

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, Newsletters and Free Will Offering envelopes are available for Elders and District Visitors to collect from the vestibule **today**.

Guild Soup and Sandwich Lunch The annual Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held **today** following morning worship. Tickets at £7 are on sale from Guild Members. The proceeds will go to the 'Bear Necessities for Bulgaria' project.

Blythswood Shoe Boxes **Today** is the deadline for returning filled shoeboxes for this year's appeal. Thank you to everyone who's already filled a box or brought goods to help fill a box. Everything will be dropped off at the Blythswood depot, in preparation of the checking days at Culduthel Christian Centre, before making their way to recipients in time for Christmas. If anyone is able to help with filling cars & transporting / unloading to Blythswood depot in the Longman on Monday 2 November, please speak to Janet.

125th anniversary print of our church Please pick up your limited edition print order from Geoff **today.**

The Guild The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 3 November** at 7.30pm in the hall when the speaker will be Rev Alex MacPherson. All welcome.

Messy Church will take place on **Saturday 7 November** from 4.00-6.00pm in the hall. All families welcome.

INTIMATIONS *Cont'd*

Next Sunday (8 November) ***The Service of Remembrance*** will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith and will begin at the earlier time of **10.55am**. Tea & coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

The **Mighty Men of Ness Bank** will hold a highly competitive games night on **Monday 9 November** in Room 1 from 7.30-9pm, with tea and biscuits. All men are welcome.

Kirk Session The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 November** at 7.30pm in Room 2.

Voice of Persecuted Christians (previously Release International) event: to take place at Culloden Balloch Baptist Church on **Monday 16 November** at 7.30pm, when a VoPC partner serving displaced communities in Northern Iraq will talk about his work.

The Canmore Trust – Suicide 'How could I possibly save a life? Conference will take place on **Saturday 21 November** at Culduthel Christian Centre, from 9.00am-4.15pm.

Forthcoming activities:
Saturday 21 November – Tearfund Big Quiz Night at 7.00pm
Sunday 22 November – Service of Remembering, 3.00pm
Saturday 28 November – Christmas Fayre, 10.00am-12noon

Scripture Union Scotland – Inverness High School: Local Ministry Hub Prayer Meeting to be held on **Monday 30 November,** 7.30-9.00pm at Merkinch Free Church in Madras Hall.

The Leprosy Mission Inverness Fund-Raising Committee wish to thank everyone who contributed to their Afternoon Tea on 24 October. The sum of over £1300 was raised to help rebuild Anandaban Hospital in Nepal. Thanks again.

Highland Foodbank The following items are requested for November and December.

Tined custard/rice pudding	**Diluting Juice**	**Tinned tomatoes**
Tinned potatoes	**Jar of Instant coffee**	**Tinned ham**
Hot water bottle	**Tinned corned beef**	**Razors/shaving foam**
Tin openers		

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