

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 17 May 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 (Isaiah 6)

(Congregation standing)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
ALL: HIS GLORY FILLS THE WHOLE EARTH

We are a people of unclean lips
**ALL: WE HAVE SEEN THE KING, THE LORD
ALMIGHTY**

Whom shall he send? Who will go for him?
ALL: WE ARE HERE: SEND US!

Hymn 500 'Lord of creation'

Opening Prayers, and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 'Jesus strong and kind'

Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him
For the Lord is good...

Jesus said if I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me
For the Lord is good...

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading 1st Samuel 10: 17-27 (OT p274) Anne Sutherland

Hymn 644 'O Jesus, I have promised'

Sermon "Chosen"

Anthem

'King of all ages'

Paul Isom

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn

502

'Take my life, Lord, let it be'

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, coffee and cake, for Christian Aid, 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

Communion Invitations Communion invitations, for Communion on **7 June**, and Newsletters, are available for Elders and District Visitors to collect from the vestibule **today**.

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

Messy Church Backwards means forward? We're going back to the original Messy Church time (on a **Saturday 4-6pm**) in anticipation of it being more accommodating for families. Our first one is next weekend, **Saturday 23 May**, on the theme of Love when we'll explore and dramatise the story of 'The Good Samaritan'. Tell your friends and neighbours!

Next Sunday (24 May) The service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

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.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Online Donation to Just Giving We have received a very generous donation of £1,000 via our Just Giving page. This has been given anonymously and we would like to say a very big thank you to the donor. The Finance Team plan to use this for the Phase 4 (Sanctuary) project and will be included with other recent donations. *Finance Team*

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.

National Youth Choir of Scotland – Regional Choir Summer Concert NYCOS Inverness Choir will present their latest repertoire in their summer concert in Ness Bank Church on **Tuesday 26 May** at 7.00pm. Admission: Adult £12.00; Concession £10.00; under 16 £8.00, available at the door or online at **https://www.nycos.co.uk/events**.

Inverness Festival of Gospel Male Voice Praise will take place on **Saturday 6 June** at 7.00pm in Inshes East Church. Choirs from all over the UK will take part, with guest artists, the Living Hope Singers, and Gospel Message from Rev Angus MacRae. Free Admission, with a collection in aid of Connecting Carers.

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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