Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 12 April 2026 at 11.00 am

Service will be conducted by Rev Irene Munro

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

Leader: *We need your presence on the long road, Lord.*
People: ***On the road between fear and hope,***
Leader: *Between the place where all is lost and the place of Resurrection.*
People: ***Like the disciples walking to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!***
Leader: *Let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.*
People: ***Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power***
Leader: *Would all our hearts burn within us when you speak*
People: ***Come, Risen Lord, and be known to us!***

Hymn 482 ***'Come, let us to the Lord our God'***

Opening Prayers, including the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 510 ***'Jesus calls us here to meet Him' (vs1-3)***

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading Luke 24: 13-35 (NT p114) Jack McDonald

Hymn 417 ***'Now the green blade rises'***

Sermon MEETING WITH JESUS

Music for Reflection

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 449 ***'Rejoice! The Lord is King'***

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 Rev Irene Munro who is conducting worship this morning, while Stuart Smith is in Edinburgh for a family baptism.

Office closure The Church office will be closed from **Monday 13 – Wednesday 15 April** inclusive.

Scottish Parliament Election Hustings To take place at Midmills (formerly Crown) Church on **Thursday 16 April,** 7.30-9pm. Questions for candidates can be submitted to **office@midmillschurch.co.uk.**

Next Sunday (19 April) The service will be conducted by Stuart Smith, when there will be a presentation of Long Service Certificates to Elders. Tea/coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Kirk Session will meet at 12.30pm next **Sunday, 19 April**, in room 1, to approve the annual accounts for 2025.

Ach an Eas The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held next **Sunday, 19 April**, at 3.00pm.

Inverness Choral will perform Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' on **Sunday 19 April** at 7.30pm in the Drumossie Hotel. Tickets £16 at the door.

Church Newsletter The deadline for sending articles to the editor for the next issue of the newsletter is **20 April**. Send to email address **nessbmagazine@gmail.com**, or hand paper copy directly to Elspeth Smith (editor) before then. Thanks in advance!

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Craft Group The Crafties are having a break over Easter, and will resume on **Tuesday 21 April** at 10.00am. All welcome. The stall in the vestibule over Easter raised the excellent sum of £430.29 for the Sanctuary Project.

The Baby & Toddlers' Group will not meet during the Easter holidays, and will resume on **Wednesday 22 April** at the slightly later time of ***10.00am until 12noon***. All parents and carers with children under 5 are welcome. The cost is £3.00 per family. For further information on the group, please contact Anne Sutherland tel 238238.

Ness Bank Leaders' Group The next meeting of the Leaders' Group will be held on **Wednesday 22 April** at 7.30pm in Room 2.

Scripture Union Prayer Meeting for **Inverness High School Cluster** (including Merkinch, Dalneigh and Central Primary Schools) will be held in Trinity Life Church (Huntly Place) on **Thursday 23 April** at 7.30pm, to hear about and pray for Christian ministry planned and taking place in the schools.

The **Annual Meeting** of Ness Bank Church will take place after the service on **Sunday 26 April** when the 2025 Annual Accounts will be presented to the congregation, along with a brief update on the Sanctuary Project.

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.**

New Start Highland – a Highland-wide charity who support vulnerable members of the local community. They are recruiting volunteers who can give time, share skills and mentor others, as well as develop new skills and build experience themselves. Contact **louiseanderson@newstarthigland.org**, tel: 07872 009451.

Highland Foodbank Donations of the following items would be appreciated for the week ahead:

Cartons of Juice	**Tins of Corned Beef**	**Tinned Hot Dogs**
Tins of Macaroni or Spaghetti	**Oatcakes**	**Sugar**
Cup-a-Soup or Pot Noodles	**Cartons of Juice**	**Washing up liquid**

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