

# Church of Scotland

## NESS BANK

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Sunday 11 October 2026 at 11.00 am



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**

Geoff Thomson

### **Call to Worship (Psalm 121) (Congregation standing) Dugald MacPherson**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help  
come from?

**ALL:** MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD WHO MADE  
HEAVEN AND EARTH

The Lord will keep you from all harm – He will watch over  
your life

**ALL:** THE LORD WILL WATCH OVER OUR COMING AND  
GOING, BOTH NOW AND FOR EVERMORE

### **Hymn 160 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven'**

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

### **Hymn 546 'Prayer is the soul's sincere desire'**

*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**Readings** 2 Chronicles 20: 1-12 (OT p444) Helen MacPherson  
Hebrews 4: 12-16 (NT p278)

### **Hymn 548 'Approach, my soul, the mercy seat'**

### **Sermon**

### **Music for Reflection**

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

### **Hymn 547 'What a friend we have in Jesus'**

### **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.

**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**

**Organist** We warmly welcome Louis Jones who is playing the organ today while Ian is on holiday.

**Minister's Leave** Rev Stuart Smith is on leave until **Wednesday 14 October**. Rev Scott McRoberts (Tel 01463 832601) will provide cover for funerals. Hospital visiting will be done by the Pastoral Care Team - contact Mrs Sheila Proudfoot, Tel. 237920.

**Guild Work Party** The Work Party will meet on **Wednesday 14 October** at 10.30am in Room 1 and will welcome anyone wishing to join them.

**Next Sunday (18 October)** The Service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith at 11.00am. Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

**Ach an Eas** The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held **next Sunday 18 October** at 3.00pm.

**Ness Bank Newsletter** Items for the next Newsletter are welcome at any time, and at the latest by **Sunday 18 October**. Please send your articles to the editor at [nessbmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:nessbmagazine@gmail.com), or if you prefer hard copy, hand them to Elspeth Smith, thank you.

**Ness Bank Craft Group** The Crafties are taking a break on 13 October but will resume on Tuesday **20 October** from 10.00am-12noon.

**The Leprosy Mission's Inverness Area Fundraising Group** are holding an Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 24 October** from 2.00-4.00pm at Midmills Church of Scotland (enter by garden path). Free parking at Crown School car park. Stalls include home baking, preserves, and Leprosy cards. Entry by donation.

## **INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)**

**Blythwood Praise Night** will take place on **Saturday 24 October** at 7.00pm in the Culduthel Christian Centre. Free entry with a chance to donate on the night. All welcome.

**Ness Bank Leaders' Group** The next meeting of the Leaders' Group will be held on **Wednesday 28 October** at 7.30pm in Room 2.

**Blythwood boxes** If you have not already collected a shoebox to fill for Blythwood, please pick one up from the vestibule. If you wish to make a wee donation for a wrapped box, please pop something in the collection tub beside the boxes. Please return completed shoeboxes by **Sunday 1 November**.

**125th anniversary print of our church** I hope to have the limited edition prints available for pickup / delivery from either Sunday 25th October or 1st November. *Geoff Thomson.*

**Retiring Collection – Harvest Thanksgiving** Last week's collection raised a total of £589 for the work of Tearfund.

**Highland Foodbank** The following items are requested for October.

**Tins of Ham  
Juice (cartons & diluting)  
Crackers/Oatcakes**

**Tins of fruit  
Milk (UHT)  
Toiletries**

**Tinned meat- mince, stew etc  
Washing up liquid  
Carrier bags**

## **CONTACT US**

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