

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 2 August 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

Rev Stuart Smith

Call to Worship *(Romans 8.34)*

(Congregation standing)

The Saviour died, but rose again
triumphant from the grave.

ALL: HE PLEADS OUR CAUSE AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND
ALL POWERFUL TO SAVE.

Hymn

'Come people of the risen King'

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
To the morning star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the
earth
We will lift our eyes to him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Come, those whose joy is morning
sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change,
And his mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Chorus

*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world, his people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age;
'Our God is all in all'.

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 522 *'The church is wherever God's people are praising'*

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading

Galatians 3: 1-14 (NT p235)

Malcolm MacBean

Hymn 378 *‘Praise to the holiest in the height’*
Sermon *‘Is this the Real Life?’*
Anthem *‘Be still, for the presence of the Lord’* Evans
Prayers for Ourselves and Others
Hymn 511 *‘Your hand, O God, has guided’*
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

Next Sunday (9 August) The Service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Open Sanctuary during August 2026 There are still a number of spaces available for volunteers to welcome visitors to the Sanctuary this month, Monday to Friday, 11.00am-3.00pm. Please add your name and telephone number on the sheet against whatever time suits you. Only two volunteers are required for each session daily and suitable instructions etc will be issued.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Refuel 26: An outdoor Festival of Faith and unity for all ages, families and denominations will take place from **5th-9th August** at Badaguish, Aviemore. Free to attend, but pre-booking is required via www.refuelScotland.org.uk.

District Visitors There will be a gathering for all Visitors, including Elders, on **Monday 17 August** at 7.00pm in room 1 to share encouragement and support. Anyone new wishing to share in this task is invited to come and join those already involved.

Let the Organ Thunder! Free weekly organ concerts will take place in Inverness Cathedral from 1.15 - 2.00pm every Friday in **August**.

Fauré's Requiem, along with other music by Fauré, will be performed in Inverness Cathedral on **Saturday 29 August** at 7.00pm. Tickets £15, in aid of Highland Hospice, are available from suelightman@gmail.com.

Highland Foodbank The Church's generosity is much appreciated by the Foodbank. Donations of the following items are requested for July and August.

Tins of Ham	Tins of fruit	Tins of carrots
Tins of rice pudding/custard	Tins of potatoes	Instant noodles
Juice (cartons & diluting)	Milk (UHT)	Washing up liquid
Cooking sauce		

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