

# Church of Scotland

## NESS BANK

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Sunday 24 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**

*(Congregation standing)*

*We are one in the Spirit*  
**ALL: WE ARE ONE IN THE LORD**  
*May your word inspire us*  
**ALL: MAY YOUR PURPOSE DRIVE US**  
*Let us show that we are Christians by our love*

**Hymn 100 'O Lord, thou art my God and King'**

Opening Prayers, and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

**Hymn 771 'If you believe and I believe'**

*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**Reading** 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 11: 1-15 (OT p274) Mary Thomson

**Hymn 'Oh, to see the dawn'**

1. Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

(Chorus)  
*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath:  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

2. Oh, to see the pain  
Written on your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
Every bitter thought,  
Every evil deed  
Crowning your bloodstained brow.

3. Now the daylight flees,  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry.

4. Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through your selfless love.

(Chorus – v4)  
*This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

**Sermon "Acting in Anger"**

**Anthem**

**'Day by Day'**

*Martin How*

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

**Hymn**

**182**

**'Now thank we all our God'**

**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**

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

**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>.

**Lunch/Discussion Group** This is for ladies in our congregation who live alone, and the next monthly get together will take place on **Friday 29 May** at 12.30pm at the Redcliffe Hotel. Please telephone Catherine on 01463 235961, Betty on 01463 238384 or Eleanor on 01463 237293 by **Wednesday 27 May** if you are unable to attend.

**The Big Spring Sing 2026** The Elsie Normington Foundation is hosting their Big Sing on **Friday 29 May** at 7.30pm in Smithton Church. A collection will be taken for the Haven Centre.

**Next Sunday (31 May)** The service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

## INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

**Race for Life - Sunday 31 May** This Cancer Research Fun Run is a busy race which starts at 11.00am and the riverside road will be closed to cater for the numbers taking part.

**Bible Study and Prayer Group** Our next meeting will be held at 5.00pm next **Sunday 31 May** in Room 2 when we will study Ch 1 of 2 Timothy. A warm welcome is extended to all interested and for the benefit of any new enquiries, the meeting lasts around one hour.

**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](mailto:paulharingman.mission@gmail.com).

**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.

**Kirk Session** The next meeting of the Kirk Session will be held on **Wednesday 10 June** at 7.30pm in Room 1.

**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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