

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 30 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)*

(Congregation standing)

If God is for us, who can be against us?
ALL: SURELY NOT GOD, WHO OFFERED HIS SON
Will he not also freely give us all things?
ALL: NOTHING IN CREATION CAN SEPARATE US
FROM THE LOVE OF GOD
IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD

Hymn 634 'Word of the Father, the life of creation'

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 'I give thanks to you my heavenly Father'

*I give thanks
to you my heavenly Father
You've given me such good things
I give you all my thanks (x2)*

1. For seals and squids
And great blue whales
For slugs and spiders
And a bucket of snails
I give you thanks
For all that you've made
The wonders of creation
Everywhere displayed

2. Prunes and pizza,
Stir-fry, stew
Chocolate and jelly,
All come from you
You feed me, you clothe me
Watch over my sleep
'Cause you are my shepherd
And I am your sheep

3. Father God,
In heaven above
You're holy and just,
With amazing love
You're merciful and kind
And you love to forgive
Being your child,
Is the only way to live.

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

'Giving and Sharing'

Reading Ephesians 4: 23-32 (*NT p244*) Heather MacDonald

Hymn 527 *'Lord, make us servants of your peace'*

Sermon *'Made Completely New'*

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 468 *'Son of God, eternal Saviour'*

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

Bible Study & Prayer Group Please note that owing to holiday commitments, our meeting **tonight** has been **cancelled** but we will resume our studies next month on Sunday 27 September.

Highland Men's Conference on 'Faithfulness' will be held at Culloden-Balloch Baptist Church on **4 & 5 September**. Contact office@cullodenbaptist.com regarding attendance.

Inverness CYC/YMCA – Supper Evening to be held on **Friday 4 September** in Smithton Church, Murray Road. A sign-up sheet, with menu choices, is in the vestibule for anyone who wishes to attend. Menu choices/numbers to be sent to gmgfmaclean@gmail.com.

Blythswood is holding an Auction & Dinner on **Friday 4 September** at the Drumossie Hotel, when members of their Ukrainian partner organisation, Light of Reformation, will be present. Tickets are £50 per person, or book a table of 10 for £480, from blythswood.org/events-for-you.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Next Sunday (6 September) The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith at 11.00am and 4.00pm. There will be a Retiring Collection in aid of Inverness Foodstuff.

Ness Bank Leaders Group – Change of date The next meeting of the Group will now be held on **Wednesday 9 September** at 7.30pm in Room 2.

Coming soon to Ness Bank:

- Sunday 13 September – *Kirking of the Council: 11.00am*
- Sunday 20 September – *Dedication of the Guild: 11.00am*

Highland Hospice has volunteering opportunities in their Academy Street Shop and at the Hospice in Bishops Road. Volunteering Open Days are being held at the Hospice on **Friday 11 September**, 9am-12pm, and **Saturday 12 September**, 11am-1pm.

125th anniversary of our church To celebrate this upcoming anniversary I have commissioned a new painting of the church, as seen from View Place/Haugh Road. A limited edition print and further details will be available soon. Please place your order via the church office, or contact me on 01463 772630/ 07990 621744; invernairn21@btinternet.com

Geoff Thomson

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