

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 5 July 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 *(Zimbabwe Liturgy – Ch4 779)*

(Congregation standing)

Come, Holy Spirit, melt and break our hearts of stone

ALL WE GIVE OUR LIVES TO GOD ALONE

Come, Holy Spirit, root us in God's Word

ALL GRANT US THE FAITHFULNESS OF CHRIST OUR LORD

Come, Holy Spirit, bind the broken, find the lost

ALL FILL US WITH THE FIRE AND LOVE OF PENTECOST

Hymn 363 'We have a Gospel to proclaim'

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 530 'One more step along the world I go'

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading Galatians 1, vs 1-10 (NT p233)

James Donaldson

Hymn 248 'For my sake and the gospel's, go'

Sermon 'God's Free Speech'

Anthem 'Jesu, joy of man's desiring'

J S Bach

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 'In Christ alone my hope is found'

1 In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3 There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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 (12 July) The Service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Guild Outing The Guild will have Afternoon Tea on **Tuesday 7 July** at 2.30pm at The Bothy, Ness Castle Lodges. Transport will be available. Contact Anne Sutherland on 01463 238238.

Shoebox Wrapping It's time to prepare the wrapped shoeboxes for the Blythswood appeal. If you would like to help wrap, please come along to the church hall on **Tuesday 7 July, 6pm-9pm, &/or Wednesday 8 July, 9am-9pm**. Boxes/paper/scissors /sellotape will be provided. If you have a tape dispenser, please bring it along, as makes it much easier. Tea/coffee will be available. Pop in for whenever suits – you do not to stay for the whole session(s). It's a lovely social time and a chance to catch up / meet new people. If you prefer to take some home to wrap, please speak to Janet or contact Mary in the office. If you have spare empty shoeboxes, please hand them into the foyer on a Sunday morning by 5 July.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Concerts for Ukraine The Kyiv Classic Accordion Duo are presenting two Concerts for Ukraine, on **Tuesday 14 July** at 7.00pm in the United Reformed Church, Crescent Road, Nairn, and on **Wednesday 15 July** at 7.00 pm in St Michael & All Angels, Abban Street, Inverness. Free entry, but donations gratefully received.

Ness Bank Autumn Newsletter Items for the next Ness Bank Newsletter are welcome at any time, and at the latest by **20 July**. Please send your articles to the editor at nessbmagazine@gmail.com or if you prefer hard copy, hand them to Elspeth Smith.
Thank you.

Open Sanctuary during August 2026 It is proposed to have the Sanctuary open again, as in previous years, during the month of August on a Monday to Friday basis each week from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

A schedule of dates and times is now in the vestibule so please, if you can participate, add your name and telephone number of the sheet against whatever time suits you. Only two volunteers are required for each session daily and suitable instructions etc will be issued.

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 of the equivalent of 526 meals! Donations of the following items would be appreciated in July.

Tins of Ham	Tins of mince/stew	Bags of Sugar
Tins of meatballs	Tins of fruit	Tins of vegetables
Long life fruit juice	Diluting juice	Crackers
Oatcakes		

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