

# Church of Scotland

## NESS BANK

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Sunday 8 February 2026 at 11.00 am

**Take a seat ...**



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)*

*By your Word, the world was made*

**ALL:**      **THANK YOU, LORD, FOR WHAT WE HAVE**

*Your Prophets spoke: "So says the Lord"*

**ALL:**      **THANK YOU, LORD, FOR WHAT YOU TEACH**

*The Word became flesh and lived among us*

**ALL:**      **THANK YOU, LORD, FOR WHO YOU ARE**

### **Hymn      644      'O Jesus, I have promised'**

### **Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer**

### **All-Age Talk**

### **Hymn      'Better Days' (Watoto Children's Choir)**

Waking up, it's a brand-new day  
All the news feels like Monday morning  
Slow it down, take a breath, rewind  
Got a feeling, if I spread my wings, I'll fly

There'll be days when I lose my way  
Let your word be my guiding light  
There's no limit to your boundless grace  
Got me dancing to the rhythm of your light

*There's a hope down in my heart  
Telling me God's not yet done  
There's a peace I can't explain  
Better days are yet to come*

*Should this life not play along,  
And the night seems not to end  
Let this truth rhyme with my heart  
That better days are yet to come*

*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

### **Reading      John 6: 1-15 (NT p124)      Lilian Gilbert**

### **Hymn      348      'Praise the one who breaks the darkness'**

### **Sermon      "Take a Seat"**

### **Music for Reflection**

### **Prayers for Ourselves and Others**

### **Hymn      236      'March on, my soul, with strength'**

### **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.

**No Tea and Coffee** There will be no tea/coffee after the service due to Messy Church.

### **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 **1 March**, and Newsletters are available for Elders and District Visitors to collect from the vestibule today.

**Messy Church** is today (12.30-2.30pm). An opportunity for families to come together for a relaxed two hours of fun activities, food and interaction with others all wrapped up in a Bible topic. The theme today is 'Who is God?'.

Back by popular demand: five free sessions on '**What is God doing in the other person?**' at St Stephens church (corner of Old Edinburgh and Southside roads)

We will explore an Acorn parable every other week to ponder together what God might be doing in a situation, to help us go deeper and further in our daily walk with Him.

**Monday evenings, 7.30-9pm. February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23.**

More info: [paulharingman.mission@gmail.com](mailto:paulharingman.mission@gmail.com) or 07837903277.

**The Guild** The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10 February** at 2.30pm in room 1 when there will be a discussion on the theme topic "Living Stones". All welcome. (Please note the time and venue).

**Adam Holmes concert** on **Friday 13 February** at 7.00pm in the church. Adam is an acclaimed Scottish singer-songwriter who combines traditional Scottish sounds with modern folk and soulful elements. Tickets £20 at adamholmesmusic.co.uk – gigs (Inverness) or at the door.

**Next Sunday (15 February)** The service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea & coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

**Ach an Eas** The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held next Sunday, **15 February** at 3pm.

## INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

**Inverness Street Pastors** are running two no-commitment events for people to find out more about what they do and how to get involved. The events will take place on **Saturday 14 February**, 10.00-11.30am, and **Tuesday 17 February**, 7.00-8.30pm in Midmills Church (formerly Crown Church), Kingsmills Road. Tel: Mark on 07761 293108, or email [inverness@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:inverness@streetpastors.org.uk).

**Pathways Course – First Steps in Preaching** Tuesdays from **17 February to 5 May**, 7.30-9pm. A course designed to equip, encourage and inspire, run by Highland Theological College and the Presbytery of the Highlands and Hebrides. Contact [kathryn.stewart@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:kathryn.stewart@uhi.ac.uk).

**Crossreach News** The January edition can be found in the front vestibule and lets us all know just how much Social Care is carried out by this department of our Church in Scotland. Please pick one up as they are free.

**Highland Foodbank** Donations of the following items would be appreciated for February:

Tins of potatoes/Smash	Tins of tuna	Tins of mince/stew
Tins of ham/corned beef	Tins of meatballs	1kg bags of rice
Boxes of tea	Shampoo	Washing up liquid
Men's deodorant		



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