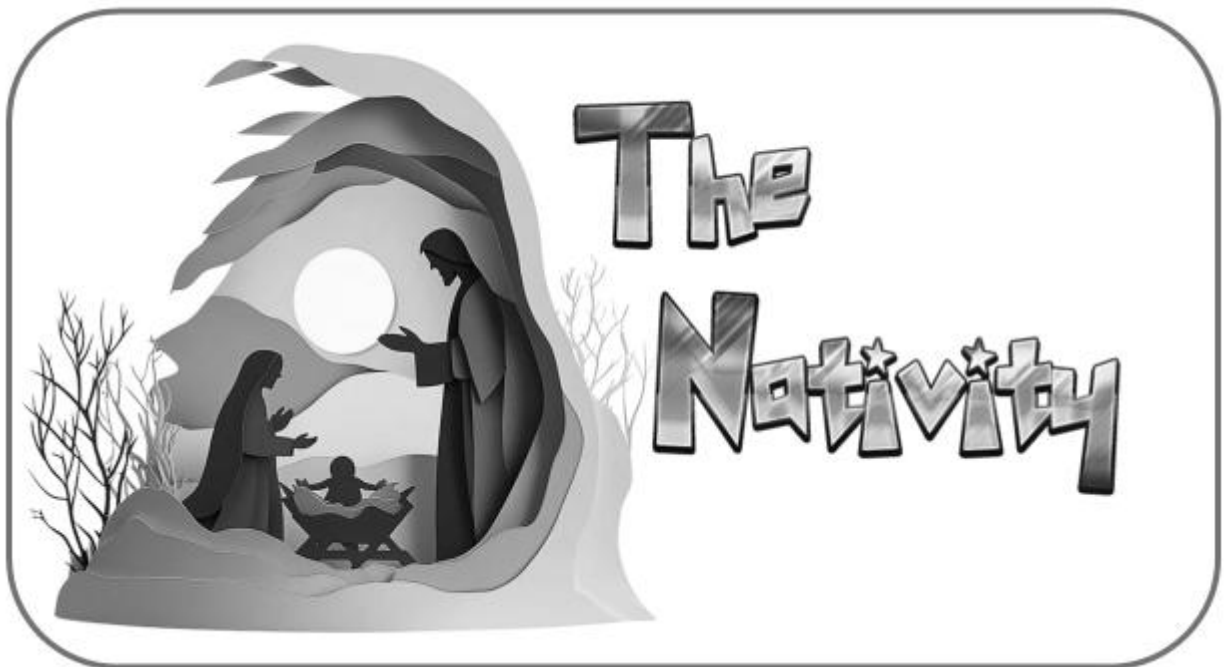


Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 14 December 2025 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

Hymn 310 ‘See him lying on a bed of straw’

The Nativity

Hymn 300 ‘The Virgin Mary had a baby boy’

Hymn 312 ‘Away in a Manger’

Bishop Gabriel Kijjmabu – Luwero Community Ministries

Hymn 320 ‘Joy to the world’

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 is no tea & coffee after the service due to the Messy Church Christmas Party.

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

2026 Flower Calendar The 2026 Flower Calendar is now on the noticeboard in the vestibule. If you wish to donate flowers to the church please add your name to the date of your choice. A very big thank-you to all who donated to flowers in 2025. Anyone interested in joining our Flower Group will be most welcome. If you would like to help please telephone Finella Thomson on 01463 230155.

Retiring Collection - Communion Sunday The retiring collection raised the sum of £194.50 for Inverness Foodstuff. Pam Urquhart, Operations Manager, would like to pass on the gratitude of IF to the congregation for this generous donation which is very much appreciated by them. *Finance Team*

The Guild The next meeting of the Guild will be on **Tuesday 16 December** at 7.30pm in the hall when they will be entertained by Handbell ringers. All welcome.

Christmas in the Garden at Culloden & Ardersier Church (formerly the Barn Church), Culloden, on **Saturday 20 December** from 4.30-6.00pm. All welcome, for carol-singing, Christingle-making, warm drinks and popcorn.

Next Sunday (21 December) Christmas Story and Songs – the Christmas Angels, conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea & coffee will be served after the service.

Ach an Eas The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held next **Sunday, 21 December** at 3pm.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Gifts Required Inverness Foodstuff would be grateful for donations of presents (especially for men) for their Christmas lunch/party on 24 December. Please label any present (wrapped) with gender and age.

Sunday Morning Bible Readers While preparing the next list of readers I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this important part of Sunday worship. It is some time since we have had new volunteers and it would be good to add more people to the pool. Younger members would be very welcome. If you are interested or would like further information please contact the church office on 01463 221812 or email me at nessbankchurch@gmail.com.
Mary Thomson

Highland Foodbank Instead of issuing a specific list for December, the Foodbank has launched its Reverse Advent Calendar which lists an item for each day. Any donations for December should be selected from the Calendar list. Copies of the Reverse Advent Calendar are available in the vestibule or on the notice-board.

CHRISTMAS AT NESS BANK

Sunday 21st December: 11am, Christmas Story and Songs – the Christmas Angels

Monday 22nd December: 5.00-7.30pm, Christmas Carol Crawl round the riverside churches, starting at Ness Bank

Christmas Eve: Candlelit Watchnight Service – carols from 11pm, service at 11.30pm

Christmas Day: Family Service at 10.30am

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