Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 22 November 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 Stuart Smith

Hymn 154 *'How great thou art'*

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Union – Merkinch Bethany Hamilton

Hymn *'Jesus' love is very wonderful'*

Jesus' love is very wonderful (x3)
Oh, wonderful love.
So high, you can't get over it,
So low, you can't get under it,
So wide, you can't get round it,
Oh, wonderful love.

Reading John 18: v 33-37 *(NT p142)* Shyia Blake
Riverside Company

Where We Belong Karen Halkett

Hymn *'My God is all I need'*

Dark, dark is the valley
Faint, the light at my feet
But whatever may face me
My God is all I need

Bright, bright are the treasures
Life may offer to me
But whatever the pleasure
My God is all I need

He is my strength when I cannot go on
Peace when all my power is gone
Hope, although the night is long and deep
He is my song, for he has rescued me
Joy, now he has set me free
Praise, praise to my Father be
My God is all I need

Brief, brief are my days here
Soon my journey's complete
But I look to my Saviour
Where God has met my need
Yes, he has met my need

Chorus

What We Believe Stuart Smith

Celebration and Dedication

Hymn 159 *'Lord, for the years'*

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.

A special welcome to the leaders, girls and their families from the Riverside Girls' Brigade, Karen Halkett, Pastor, Trinity Life Church, and Bethany Hamilton, Scripture Union Merkinch Project.

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

The Guild

- The Work Party will meet on **Wednesday 25 November** at 10.30am in Room 1 and will welcome anyone wishing to join them.
- The next meeting of the Guild will take place on **Tuesday 1 December** at 7.30pm in the hall when there will be a Musical evening, including Christmas carols, by the 'Perfect Harmony' choir. Everyone welcome, not only Guild members.

Lunch/Discussion Group This is for ladies in our congregation who live alone, and the next monthly get together will take place on **Friday 27 November** at 12.30pm at the Redcliffe Hotel. Please telephone Catherine on 01463 235961, Betty on 01463 238384 or Eleanor on 01463 237293 by **Wednesday 25 November** if you are unable to attend.

Blythswood Winter Afternoon Tea will be held in the Kingsmills Hotel on **Friday 27 November** from 1.30-4.00pm. £28 per person, £200 table of 8.

Christmas Fayre - **Saturday 28 November** (10am-12noon). We are now accepting donations for the Christmas Fayre. We are looking for donations for the raffle hampers, bottle stall, filled jars & empty jars for the jar stall, books, toys/games, good quality items for the unwanted gifts, items for cake and candy stall and homemade crafts. The hall will also be open for setting up and receiving donations on *Friday 27 November* – 2:00pm-4:00pm & again at 6:00pm-8:00pm. If anyone can help with the preparation for the Fayre/with the Fayre itself/after the Fayre taking leftover donations to charity shop, please speak to Janet or get in touch with the Church office.

Next Sunday (29 November) The Service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea & coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

INTIMATIONS (*Cont'd)*

Bible Study & Prayer Group Our much delayed next meeting will be on **Sunday 29th November** at 5pm in Room 2 when we will be studying 2 Timothy Ch 4. All are welcome

Scripture Union Scotland – Inverness High School: Local Ministry Hub Prayer Meeting to be held on **Monday 30 November,** 7.30-9.00pm at Merkinch Free Church in Madras Hall.

Forthcoming activities in Ness Bank:
Saturday 5 December, 7.30pm - Highland Hospice Christmas Concert
Sunday 6 December, 7.30pm - Adam Holmes concert
Saturday, 12 December, 4.00-6.00pm : Messy Church – Christmas event

Luwero Community Projects 2026 Calendar - supporting the work of our friend Gabriel in Uganda. Samples of these are displayed in the vestibule, where orders can be placed: wall calendars £10, desk calendars £5. Payment on delivery.

The Open Door Project (& Christian Bookshop, Bank St) has an URGENT NEED for a new trustee/treasurer with Financial experience. Contact Esther Dowey for an informal discussion at todpinverness@gmail.com, or see https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1F9tR1Mgf87/. If you know someone who might be interested, please pass this advert on to them.

Inverness Singers will present 'Christmas in the Highlands' at Inverness Cathedral on **Sunday 6 December** at 2.30pm. Admission £10 (donation of proceeds to Befrienders Highland).

Highland Hospitals Carol Concert (in aid of Young Lives vs Cancer) will take place in Drumossie Hotel on **Sunday 6 December** at 3.00pm. Tickets £20.

The **Acclaim at Christmas** concert will take place in the Free North Church, Bank St, on **Saturday 12 December** at 7.30pm. Free admission, with collection during concert for Neuroblastoma UK.

Highland Foodbank The following items are requested for November and December.

Tined custard/rice pudding	**Diluting Juice**	**Tinned tomatoes**
Tinned potatoes	**Jar of Instant coffee**	**Tinned ham**
Hot water bottle	**Tinned corned beef**	**Razors/shaving foam**
Tin openers		

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