

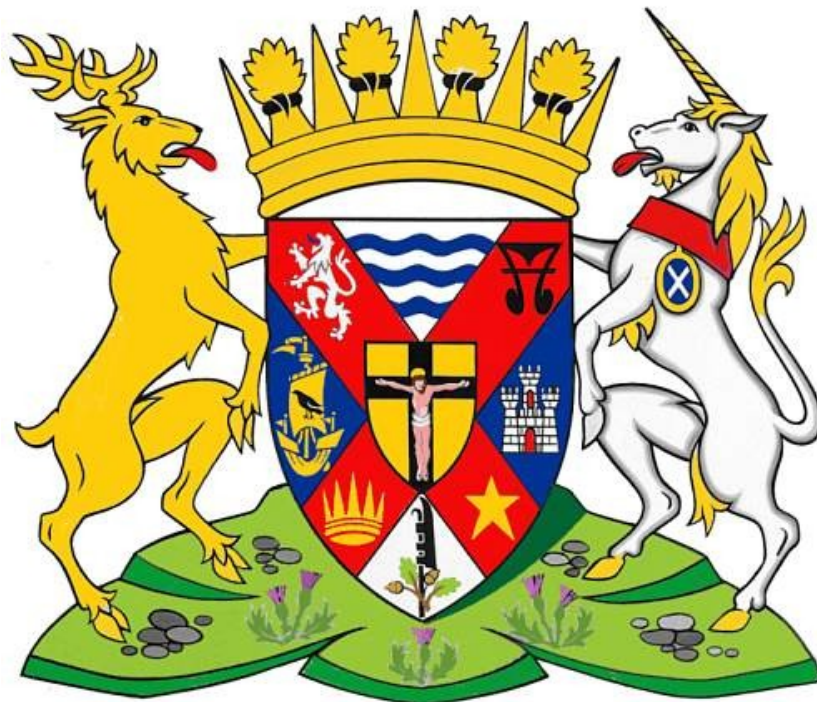
Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 13 September at 11.00 am

The Kirking of the Council



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 18 *‘The earth belongs to God alone’*

Opening Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer

First Reading Jeremiah 29: 4-11 (OT p763) Cllr Bill
Lobban

Introduction: Planning Ahead

Hymn 237 *‘Look forward in faith’*
(Children leave for Sunday School)

Second Reading Revelation 21: 1-4 (NT p329) Cllr Alex Graham

Anthem *‘Lead me Lord’* S S Wesley

Sermon A Future and a Hope

Hymn 721 *‘We bring our broken world’*

Address The Provost of Inverness – Glynis Campbell-Sinclair

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 192 *‘All my hope on God is founded’*

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

**(Could the congregation please remain in the pews until the procession
has filed out)**

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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 Provost, Councillors and officials of Inverness, together with local MSPs, representatives of local schools, essential services, the armed forces, the health service, other statutory bodies and community groups, and friends from our twin city of Augsburg, to our annual Kirking of the Council. It is a great privilege to worship and celebrate together with you.

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

Beetle Drive **Friday 18 September, 7:00pm, in the Church hall.** This will be a lovely social evening with a chance to meet & chat with lots of folk throughout the evening. A great game for all ages. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are £3 in aid of The Cosy Café at the Bught Stop. They will be available to buy this Sunday or on the door on the night.

Next Sunday (20 September) The Rededication of the Guild will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Shoeboxes For Blythswood are all wrapped & will be available from **Sunday 20 September**. Please pick one up from the vestibule and return by Sunday 1 November. There are Christmas cards in most of the boxes, please send a wee message & pop it back in the box.

Ach an Eas The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held next **Sunday, 20 September**, at 3.00pm.

Finding God Among Us **Monday 21 September** at Inshes East Church, 7.15-9.00pm. Come, hear and share stories of what God might be doing here and now.

The Guilds Together Afternoon Tea will be held in the Lochardil Hotel on **Tuesday 22 September** at 2.00pm. The cost is £20 - money and names to be given to Anne Sutherland before 15 September.

The Guild The first meeting will take place on **Tuesday 22 September** at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Rev Stuart Smith. All welcome.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Inverness Street Pastors Two recruitment information evenings will be held at Midmills Church on **Wednesday 23 September**, 7.00-8.00pm or **Saturday 26 September**, 10.00-11.00am. No obligation – go along and see what they do.

Coming soon to Ness Bank

- **Saturday 3 October – Messy Church**, from 4.00-6.00pm. Further details to follow.
- **Sunday 4 October – Harvest Thanksgiving service: 11.00am**. This will include a collection of items for the Food Bank and a retiring offering for the work of Tearfund.

125th anniversary of our church If you wish to purchase a copy of the special edition print of our church, please order and pay me by **Sunday 27 September**. The cost will be **£30**, in cash, or cheque made payable to myself. The prints will come in an A4 sized soft white textured mount suitable for your own A4 sized frame. Each print will be signed and numbered and show the following: *1901 125th Anniversary 2026*. These prints will therefore be different from those available to the public later this year. Contact me on invernairn21@btinternet.com or 07990 621744. *Geoff Thomson*

Highland Foodbank – Harvest Appeal Donating an item or two from the appeal list below will ensure food can be provided for people facing hardship in the community in the weeks leading up to Harvest.

**Tins of Ham
Juice (cartons & diluting)
Crackers/Oatcakes**

**Tins of fruit
Milk (UHT)
Toiletries**

**Tinned meat- mince, stew etc
Washing up liquid
Carrier bags**

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