

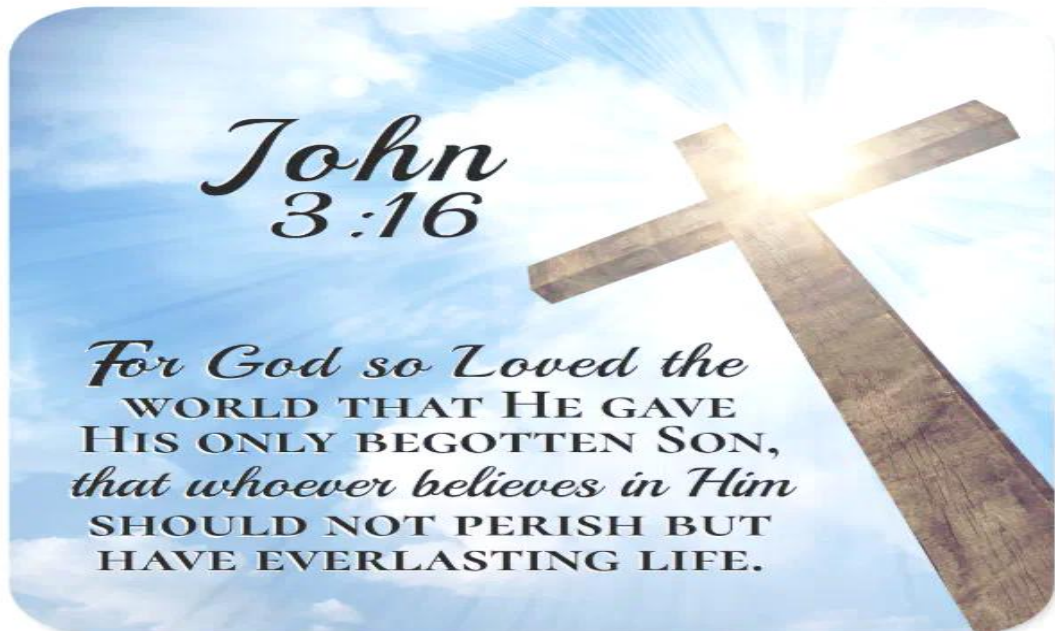
# Church of Scotland

## NESS BANK

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Sunday 10 May 2026 at 11.00 am

Service will be conducted by  
Rev Alex MacPherson



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**

Malcolm MacBean

### **Call to Worship**

Rev Alex MacPherson

**Hymn 124**      ***'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'***

Opening Prayers, including the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

**Hymn 530**      ***'One more step'***

*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

### **Reading**

John 3: 1-16 (NT p119)

Wym Simpson

**Hymn 550**      ***'As the deer pants for the water'***

### **Sermon**

### **Music for Reflection**

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

**Hymn 559**      ***'There is a Redeemer'***

### **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.

**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

**Today's Worship** We warmly welcome Rev Alex MacPherson who is leading worship this morning.

**Communion Invitations** Communion invitations, for Communion on **7 June**, and Newsletters, are available for Elders and District Visitors to collect from the vestibule **today**.

**Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May** Volunteers are requested for the delivery of Christian Aid envelopes – no collection is necessary. Keith Gibson will be in the vestibule **today** for the distribution of Christian Aid bags and envelopes to volunteers. Keith can be contacted on 07748 574546; or on email [kgibson578@gmail.com](mailto:kgibson578@gmail.com).

**Minister's Absence** Rev Stuart Smith is involved in a conference in Uganda **until 11 May**. Rev David Scott, Inshes East Church, (tel 01463 772402) will provide cover for funerals. Hospital visiting will be done by the Pastoral Care Team - contact Mrs Sheila Proudfoot, Tel. 01463 237920.

**Acorn – 'Making Mission a Simple Daily Rhythm'** Paul Haringman will lead eight weekly sessions on the Acorn Mission booklet, on Thursday mornings from 10.15am-12noon at Culloden Balloch Baptist Church **in May and June**. Contact Paul Haringman on 07837 903277 or [paulharingman.mission@gmail.com](mailto:paulharingman.mission@gmail.com).

**Quiz Night – St John's Church** St John's is holding a Quiz Night on **Friday 15 May** at 7.00pm in their church hall, Southside Road, Inverness. Donations at the door. All welcome.

**Next Sunday (17 May)** The service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea/coffee and cake, for Christian Aid, will be served in the hall after the service.

**Ach an Eas** The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held next **Sunday 17 May** at 3pm.

## **INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)**

**Messy Church** is being held at Ness Bank on **Saturday 23 May** from **4.00-6.00pm**. (Please note change of day and time). All families are welcome.

**Acclaim in Concert** The Acclaim choir are presenting a concert in the Free North Church, Bank Street, on **Saturday 23 May** at 7.30pm. Free admission with an opportunity to donate to The Brain Tumour Charity during the course of the evening. Email **acclaimchoir@yahoo.com** for tickets.

**National Youth Choir of Scotland – Regional Choir Summer Concert** NYCOS Inverness Choir will present their latest repertoire in their summer concert in Ness Bank Church on **Tuesday 26 May** at 7.00pm. Admission: Adult £12.00; Concession £10.00; under 16 £8.00, available at the door or online at **https://www.nycos.co.uk/events**.

**The Open Door Project** - A Christian bookshop, with Christian gifts and resources and coffee shop, which also provides a quiet place with Pastoral support, is now open for business in the CYC Building, 12 Bank St, Inverness, and will welcome visitors. Volunteers are also required to assist in the shop. Contact details: 07386 094821; **todpinverness@gmail.com** .

**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 or the equivalent of 526 meals! Donations of the following items would be appreciated in May and June.

**Tins of Ham**  
**Tins of meatballs**  
**Long life fruit juice**  
**Oatcakes**

**Tins of mince/stew**  
**Tins of fruit**  
**Diluting juice**

**Bags of Sugar**  
**Tins of vegetables**  
**Crackers**

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