

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

Sunday 21 September 2025
at 11.00 am

Service will be conducted by Professor Bill McBryde



"Domenico Fetti, Moses before the Burning Bush (1613-1614)."

Minister - Rev Stuart Smith

Organist - Mr Ian Livingstone

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and intimations

Professor Bill McBryde

Scripture Sentences and Prayer

Hymn 160 *'Praise, my soul, the King of heaven'*

Prayers including Dedication of Offering and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 153 *'Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father'*
(Children leave for Sunday School)

Scripture Reading Exodus 3: vs 1-21 (OT p58) Heather MacDonald

Hymn 512 *'To God be the glory, great things he has done!'*

Sermon *'The Intervention of God'*

Anthem *'I lift my eyes to the quiet hills'* Baughen

Dedication of the Guild

Guild Dedication Prayer

In faith,
we now dedicate ourselves,
through our worship, prayer and
action,
to serve you faithfully,
to love you with all our heart,
all our soul and all our mind,
and to love one another
as your Son, Jesus Christ, has
shown his love for us.

Renew us, refresh us,
as members of The Guild,
as we continue on our journey
through life.
Guide our thinking and bless all
that we do you your name,
whose we are and whom we
serve,
and in whose name we pray.
Amen

Prayers for ourselves and others

Hymn 514 *'Onward! Christian soldiers'*

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

SUNDAY WORSHIP

28 September 2025 at 11.00am

The service will be conducted by Paul Haringman
Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service

INTIMATIONS FOR TODAY

Welcome We welcome everyone to our service this morning. A special welcome is extended to any visitors who may be worshipping with us. If you have moved to Inverness, we would be very pleased to have you worship with us regularly. Please make yourself known to one of the stewards on duty as you leave, or complete one of the cards situated at the end of the pews.

The Bible Please stand when the Church Officer brings the Bible into the sanctuary for the start of our worship together. Thank you.

Internet Access Please can you ensure that all mobile phones and other devices such as iPads are switched off completely before the service to avoid interference with the sound system. Thank you for your co-operation.

Livestreaming Services are routinely recorded on video and livestreamed. The front five pews in the main block could be in shot (normally the backs of heads only). Also anyone crossing the church in front of the communion table could be in view. If you wish to avoid being recorded, please speak to one of our welcome teams who will be happy to help you choose a seat out of camera shot.

Tea and Coffee Everyone is invited for tea and coffee in the hall after the service.

Ach an Eas The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held **today** at 3.00pm.

Loch Ness Marathon This year's event is on **Sunday 28 September**, with the usual road restrictions, similar to previous years. However this does not prevent us from attending worship and to assist, we have been allocated ten spaces on the riverside, accessed from Castle Road.

Minister on holiday Rev Stuart Smith will be on holiday until **Tuesday 30 September inclusive**. The service on 28 September will be conducted by Paul Haringman (National Director of Acorn in Scotland). Rev David Scott (tel 01463 772402) will provide cover for funerals. Hospital visiting will be done by the Pastoral Care Team - contact Mrs Sheila Proudfoot, Tel. 237920.

Retiring Collection The collection on Communion Sunday on 7 September raised the sum of £246.70 and this has been donated to Inverness Foodstuff. Pam Urquhart, IF Operations Manager, is very grateful to the congregation for their generosity and has asked us to pass on her thanks to everyone who donated. *Finance Team.*

Blythswood Shoe Boxes are now available in the vestibule. Please pick one up, fill it & return by **2 November**. There are leaflets taped to the boxes, explaining what's required to go in a box. The late Shina Grant's family have kindly donated things Shina had ready for the appeal. There are bags in the vestibule from them, with mainly children's pants/socks/vests/hats. Please help yourself if you'd like some to start your box filling. The bags are labelled to help making finding things easier. There is also a donation box if anyone would like to put in a wee donation for a wrapped box.

CrossReach News The Autumn edition from CrossReach is free and can be found in the front vestibule. It contains several mentions of projects in Inverness.

Highland Foodbank The items requested over the Harvest Thanksgiving period are:

Tins of potatoes

Tins of ham

Tins of carrots

UHT Milk

Cornflakes/Weetabix

Shower gel

Small packets of biscuits

Bags for life, new or used

NESS BANK MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

The Guild The first meeting of the Guild will be on **Tuesday 23 September** at 7.30pm in the church hall, when Professor Bill McBryde will be talking on the book of Jonah. All welcome.

Lunch/Discussion Group This is for ladies in our congregation who live alone, and the next monthly get together will take place on **Friday 26 September** at 12.30pm at the Redcliffe Hotel. Please telephone Catherine on 01463 235961, Betty on 01463 238384 or Eleanor on 01463 237293 by **Wednesday 24 September** if you are unable to attend.

Bible Study and Prayer Group Next Sunday, **28 September**, being the last in the month we begin a new study in Paul's Letters to Timothy and Titus. In this study we will discover the dangers of false teaching and the importance of guarding the Gospel. If you are interested you will be most welcome to attend in Room 2 at 5.00pm for an hour.

Christmas Fayre A planning meeting will be held on **Monday 29 September** at 7.30pm. It will be a short meeting to look at this year's Fayre. Anyone welcome to come along with ideas / offer of help for this year's event. If you'd like to be involved but can't manage, please see Janet or contact the Church Office.

Harvest Celebration The Harvest Thanksgiving service will take place on **Sunday 5 October**, and will include a collection of items for the Food Bank and a retiring offering for the work of Tearfund.

GENERAL NOTICES

Lucie Hendry Trio Lucie Hendry, Harpist, accompanied by Chris Amer, Guitar, and Christoffer Skovhus, drums, will present a concert of contemporary folk fusion music on **Friday 26 September** at 7.00pm in Ness Bank Church, followed by refreshments in the hall. Tickets £15 at the door, or via www.luciehendry.com.

A Festival of Psalms will take place in the Free North Church, Inverness on **Saturday 4 October** from 2.30-3.45pm.

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If you would like more information about Ness Bank Church, would like to join our fellowship, or would like to be contacted, please speak to a steward as you leave.