

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 26 October 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

Call to Worship – Psalm 103 *(Congregation standing)*

Praise the Lord, O my soul
ALL: ALL MY BEING PRAISES HIM
He forgives all my sins
ALL: HE HEALS ALL MY DISEASES
He keeps me from the grave
ALL: HE BLESSES ME WITH MERCY AND LOVE
He fills my life with good things
ALL: HE LIFTS ME UP ON EAGLE'S WINGS

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

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn *'I may never march in the infantry'*

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| 1. | I may never march in the infantry
Ride in the cavalry, Shoot with the artillery
I may never Zoom o'er the enemy,
But I'm in the Lord's army. | Chorus:

<i>I'm in the Lord's army, yes sir</i>
<i>I'm in the Lord's army</i> |
| 2. | I may never march in the infantry
Ride in the cavalry, Shoot with the artillery
I may never Zoom o'er the enemy,
But I'm in the Lord's army. |
<i>I'm in the Lord's army, yes sir</i>
<i>I'm in the Lord's army</i> |

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading Mark 2, v1-12 (NT p47) Ewen Weatherspoon

Hymn 719 *'The one who longs to make us whole'* (Tune 291)

Sermon *"Healing Matters: Walking the Talk"*

Anthem *'Pray that Jerusalem may have peace'* Stanford

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 352(2) *'O for a thousand tongues'*

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 Everyone is invited for tea and coffee 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

Bible Study & Prayer Group The group will meet **tonight** at 5.00pm in room 2, when we will continue our new study in 1 Timothy, ch 2. If you are interested you will be most welcome.

Guild Work Party The Work Party will meet on **Wednesday 29 October** at 10.30am in Room 1 and will welcome anyone wishing to join them.

Ness Bank Leaders' Group – **Wednesday 29 October** at 7.30pm in Room 2.

Lunch/Discussion Group This is for ladies in our congregation who live alone, and the next monthly get together will take place on **Friday 31 October** at 12.30pm at the Redcliffe Hotel. Please telephone Catherine on 01463 235961, Betty on 01463 238384 or Eleanor on 01463 237293 by **Wednesday 29 October** if you are unable to attend.

Trinity Life Conference 2025 – Truth Grace Love: **Saturday 1 November**, 10am-4pm (including lunch); **Sunday 2 November**, 11am-2pm. Please book a place at <https://trinitylife.churchsuite.com/events/gbdw384u>

Next Sunday (2 November) the service at 11am will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith, There will be no tea & coffee after the service, due to Messy Church.

Messy Church for Children & Families – Next **Sunday 2 November**, 12.30-2.30pm. People with weapons can scare us – and so Paul, when the Romans arrested him, might have felt weak and powerless. Instead he looked at the soldiers' armour and realised how much more strength and protection God had given him. At Messy Church next week we'll be eating, singing, talking, thinking, crafting and playing together as we share God's help. Please come along or share the invitation with others you know.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Blythswood boxes If you've not already collected a shoebox to fill for Blythswood, please pick one up from the vestibule. If you wish to make a wee donation for a wrapped box, please pop something in the collection tub beside the boxes. Start adding boxes to the 'wall' we are building in the sanctuary. Please return completed shoeboxes by **Sunday 2 November**.

Forthcoming activities:

Sunday **9 November** – Remembrance Service, 10.55am (note earlier start time)

Sunday **23 November** – Service of Remembering, 3.00pm.

Tearfund – Big Quiz Night - **Saturday 15 November**, Ness Bank Church, 6.00pm. Come on your own or bring family and friends to form a team for a fun social evening to support Tearfund in bringing an end to extreme poverty and injustice through the work of local churches. All ages and abilities welcome!

Guild Soup and Sandwich Lunch The annual Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held on **Sunday, 16 November** following morning worship. Tickets will be on sale from Guild Members from 2 November. All proceeds will go to the CrossReach 'Playful Beginnings' project.

Christmas Fayre is on **Saturday 22 November** (10am-12noon). Donations may be handed from 2 November. Donations for raffle/hampers, bottle stall, filled jars, cake & candy, toys, unwanted gifts, books, craft are welcome. Please bring any empty jars with lids on 2 November so they can be prepared for the Fayre.

We still need volunteers to help before / during / after the fayre. If you can help in any way, please get in touch with the church office.

Bible for Bairns The Scottish Bible Society will give a free Toddler Bible to all children on their first birthday, and other gifts up to a Children's Bible when they are five. To register a baby born in 2025, Google "Bibles for Bairns".

Highland Foodbank The items currently being requested are:

Tins of potatoes

UHT Milk

Small packets of biscuits

Tins of ham

Cornflakes/Weetabix

Bags for life, new or used

Tins of carrots

Shower gel

The Foodbank wish to thank the members and friends of Ness Bank for the extremely kind and generous donations over Harvest, totalling an amazing 245kgs! This helps them to continue to provide emergency food to people in our communities facing financial crisis.

CONTACT US

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