

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 2 November 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 19) (Congregation standing)

The Law of the Lord is perfect
ALL: STRENGTHEN US WITH YOUR WISDOM
The Law of the Lord is just
ALL: DELIGHT US WITH YOUR TRUTH
The Law of the Lord is worth more than gold
ALL: BLESS US THROUGH OUR OBEDIENCE

Hymn

‘Bless the Lord, O my soul’

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day
dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies
before me
Let me be singing when the evening
comes

Chorus

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn

771

‘If you believe and I believe’

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading

Mark 2: vs 23- 3: vs 6 (NT p48)

Anne Sutherland

Hymn

41

‘O God, give ear unto my cry (Tune 268)

Sermon

“Healing Matters: Legal Complications”

Music for Reflection

Wedding Blessing – Chrissie and Sandy Renfrew

Hymn

336

‘Christ is our light’

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.

No Tea and Coffee There is no tea/coffee after the service today, due to Messy Church.

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

Blythswood boxes **Today** is the deadline to return a filled box for this year's collection. Please add your filled shoebox to the 'wall' we are building in the sanctuary. If you are able to help transport the filled boxes and donations to the Blythswood depot on Longman Road, please contact the Church office.

Messy Church for Children & Families – **Today**, 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 we'll be eating, singing, talking, thinking, crafting and playing together as we share God's help.

Ness Bank **Cosy Café** at the **Bught Stop** on Mondays from **3 November**, 1.00-2.30pm, All Welcome.

The Guild The next meeting will be a Guest Night at Crown Church, Midmills Road, on **Tuesday 4 November** at 7.30pm, when the subject will be the 'Bear Necessities' project. All welcome.

Next Sunday (9 November) The Service of Remembrance will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith and will begin at the earlier time of **10.55am**. Tea & coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

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 at £5 are on sale from Guild Members. All proceeds will go to the CrossReach 'Playful Beginnings' project.

INTIMATIONS (cont'd)

Kirk Session The next meeting of the Kirk Session will be held on **Wednesday 19 November** at 7.30pm in Room 1.

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

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

The Leprosy Mission Afternoon Tea Many thanks to all who helped and those who came along, enjoyed the friendship and fellowship, and of course, the home baking. The excellent sum of £1916.79 was raised to help restore the crumbling Danja Hospital in Niger.

The Open Door Project Christmas Book Stalls, including Christian books, bibles, children's books, Christmas cards, Calendars & Gifts, will be held at CYC (12 Bank Street) on Fridays and Saturdays at 10.00am-3.00pm from **21 November until 20 December**. Tea/coffee will be served.

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".

CrossReach – Cameron House Care Vacancies A critical shortage of Carers and Senior Carers is being experienced at Cameron House, which provides compassionate, person-centred care for older people, including those living with dementia. Anyone interested in these vacancy opportunities should contact www.jobtrain/crossreach.

Inverness Street Pastors are seeking a Senior Coordinator, a paid, permanent, part-time post, working 3 days per week, including some weekend and evening work. Contact Mark Hadfield – mark@loveinverness.org, tel 07761 293108. Closing date **27 November**.

Highland Foodbank Instead of issuing a specific list for November/December, the Foodbank has launched its Reverse Advent Calendar which lists an item for each day in November. Any donations for November/December should be selected from the Calendar list. Copies of the Reverse Advent Calendar are available in the vestibule or on the notice-board.

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