

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

Sunday 7 September 2025
at 11.00 am

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

God the Builder – Part Two



Minister - Rev Stuart Smith

Organist - Mr Ian Livingstone

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and intimations

Rev Stuart Smith

Call to Worship (Psalm 127 & Matthew 5:14)

(Congregation standing)

ALL: *Unless the Lord builds the house....
THE BUILDERS LABOUR IN VAIN*

ALL: *Unless the Lord watches over the city....
THE GUARDS STAND WATCH IN VAIN*

ALL: *A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.
LET OUR LIGHT SHINE OUT FOR YOU.*

Hymn 82 *'Pray that Jerusalem may have peace'*

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 448 *'Lord, the light of your love is shining'*
(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Readings 1 Chronicles 11: vs 4-9 (OT p408) Jack McDonald
2 Chronicles 36: vs 18-21 (OT p463)
Zechariah 8: vs 1-8 (OT p919)

Anthem *'Be still, for the presence of the Lord'* David J Evans

Sermon *'God the Builder – Part Two - City'*

Hymn 19 *'Ye gates, lift up your heads on high'*

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Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 738 *'Glorious things of thee are spoken'*

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

SUNDAY WORSHIP

14 September 2025 at 11.00am

The Kirking of the Council will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith
Please take your seats in good time if possible, prior to the arrival of the procession

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.

Retiring Collection There will be a Retiring Collection **today** in aid of Inverness Foodstuff.

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

Moderator of the General Assembly The Moderator, the Rt Rev Rosemary Frew, will visit Ness Bank on **Monday 8 September**. A light lunch will be provided at 12.30pm and 30 places are available for anyone who would like to meet her. An opportunity is also being taken to raise some funds for the refurbishment project and a donation of £5.00 is suggested. If you wish to attend please let Malcolm MacBean, Session Clerk, (07745 378531) know as soon as possible.

Minister on holiday Rev Stuart Smith will be on holiday from **Monday 15th until Tuesday 30th September inclusive**. Services will be conducted by Professor Bill McBryde on 21 September and by Paull Harrington (National Director of Acorn in Scotland) on 28 September. Rev David Scott will provide cover for funerals. Hospital visiting will be done by the Pastoral Care Team - contact Mrs Sheila Proudfoot, Tel. 237920.

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

Riverside GB (including Ness Bank and Trinity GB) restarts on **Monday 8 September** at Trinity Hub, Huntly Place with an Enrolment Night from 6.30 to 7.30pm. Forms will be available for parents to fill in while we have activities planned for the girls for the hour.

All girls from P1 to S6 are welcome – for further information, please email riversidegbinv@gmail.com or come along on Monday.

The Moray Firth Guilds Together afternoon tea will be held in the Lochardil Hotel on **Tuesday 16 September** at 2.00pm. The cost is £20 - money and names to be given to any committee member in the week commencing 8 September.

CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) Awareness Training CPR saves lives. For every minute that passes without receiving CPR or having a defibrillator used after cardiac arrest, chances of survival decrease by 10%. Starting CPR as soon as possible gives the person the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest. CPR Awareness Training is offered to all members of the congregation and will take place in the church hall on **Thursday, 18 September** from 7pm until 9pm. This will be a “drop in” session, taking approx. 15 minutes each session.

NESS BANK MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

Guild Rededication Service will take place on **Sunday 21 September**, and 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.

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

Rev Muriel Pearson, Church of Scotland Missionary Partner, based in Tiberias, Israel, will hold an evening meeting (open to everyone) in St Stephen's Church on **Wednesday, 10 September** from 7.00-9.00pm, entitled 'Holding the Space'. As well as speaking about her own work, she will take part in a Q&A session about the current situation in Israel Palestine. The evening, including refreshments, will end with a prayer and reflection for peace with justice.

Inverness YMCA/CYC is holding a Supper Evening in Smithton Free Church on **Friday 12 September** at 6.00pm for 6.30pm for the purpose of raising funds and fostering fellowship. The guest speaker is Rev Stuart Smith. If you wish to attend, contact George MacLean. Secretary, YMCA (gmgfmaclea@gmail.com) by Sunday 7 September.

Thrive '25 – Inverness Conference - to learn, connect and thrive as a Christian in your workplace. **Tuesday 16 September**, 6.30-9.30pm at King's Inverness, Smithton, £15. See Eventbrite for details and booking.

Friends of Cameron House The Crown & Old High St Stephen's Church Joint Pastoral Care Team are holding an Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 20 September** from 1.00-3.00pm in the Crown Church, Kingsmills Road, Inverness. Entry by donation.

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. Refreshments afterwards.

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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.