

# Church of Scotland

## NESS BANK

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Sunday 29 March 2026 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**      *(Congregation standing)*

*Give thanks to the Lord because he is good.*

**ALL: HIS LOVE IS ETERNAL**

*Let all those who worship him say,*

**ALL: HIS LOVE IS ETERNAL**

*In my distress, I cried to the Lord*

**ALL: HE ANSWERED ME AND SET ME FREE**

### **Hymn 367 'Hosanna, loud Hosanna'**

**Reading:** Psalm 118: 19-27 (OT p611)      Esther MacRae

**Prayer (Ps118:28-29)** *You are our God, and we give you thanks  
We proclaim your greatness.  
We give thanks to you, because you are good,  
And your love is eternal. Amen*

**All-Age Talk**      The Head Stone

### **Hymn 'Come on and celebrate'**

Come on and celebrate.

His gift of life we will celebrate –  
the Son of God who loved us,  
and gave us life.

We'll shout your praise, O King.  
You give us joy nothing else can  
bring.

We'll give to you our offering of  
celebration praise.

*Come on and celebrate,  
celebrate, celebrate and sing –  
celebrate and sing to the King.  
Come on and celebrate,  
celebrate, celebrate and sing –  
celebrate and sing to the King.*

*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

**Reading**      Matthew 21: 1-11 (NT p30)      Malcolm MacBean

**Talk**      Crowd Control

## Hymn

## *'Oh, to see the dawn'*

Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

(Chorus)

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame,  
bore the wrath:  
We stand forgiven  
at the cross.*

2. Oh, to see the pain  
Written on your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
Every bitter thought,  
Every evil deed  
Crowning your bloodstained brow.

3. Now the daylight flees,  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry.

4. Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through your selfless love.

(Chorus – v4)

*This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven  
at the cross.*

## Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11 (NT p248)

Mary Thomson

## Talk

Come Down to Earth

## Anthem

*'Hosanna to the Son of David'*

*D. Halls*

## Prayers for Ourselves and Others

## Hymn

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*'At the name of Jesus'*

## 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** Due to Messy Church, there will be no tea/coffee 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

**Messy Church** takes place **today** from 12.30-2.30pm, with lunch together and a chance to experience "Easter Alive". All families are welcome.

**Bible Study and Prayer Group** The next meeting will be held **tonight** in room 2 at 5.00pm when the study of 1 Timothy will continue, looking at ch 5.

**Easter Alive** at Ness Bank during Holy Week – an open time in the church to tell and share the Easter story in words, actions, art and music. Opening Times:

Palm Sunday (29 March) – 1pm to 3pm

Holy Week (30 March-3 April) – 10am-1pm and 1pm-4pm

Thursday Evening (2 April) – 6pm to 8pm.

We require volunteers to welcome visitors, especially on Monday morning. Please add your name to the list in the Vestibule, or contact the Church Office. Many thanks.

The collection taken at **The Waunakee High School Orchestra, USA**, concert on 23 March raised the excellent sum of £254 for Inverness Foodstuff.

**Finding God Among Us** by Acorn - Meeting at Inshes East Church on **Monday 30 March**, 7.30-9.00pm, to hear and share stories of what God might be doing here and now

**Good Friday Gathering** with Inverness Churches Together at **11am on 3 April** outside M&S at the Farmer's Market location. Meet there or at Ness Bank at 10.30am.

**Sunrise Service – Easter Sunday (5 April)** Meet at the Islands at 6.15am. Breakfast at Midmills Church (formerly Crown Church) afterwards – book by 31 March via [office@midmillschurch.co.uk](mailto:office@midmillschurch.co.uk). A small donation towards costs would be welcome.

**Next Sunday (5 April)** The service will be conducted by Stuart Smith. Tea/coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

**Church Newsletter** The deadline for sending articles to the editor for the next issue of the newsletter is **20 April**. Send to email address [nessbmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:nessbmagazine@gmail.com), or hand paper copy directly to Elspeth Smith (editor) before then. Thanks in advance!

The **Annual Meeting** of Ness Bank Church will take place after the service on **Sunday 26 April** when the 2025 Annual Accounts will be presented to the congregation.

**Highland Foodbank** Donations of the following items would be appreciated for the week ahead:

**Diluting Juice**

**Tin of Fruit**

**Box of Cereal**

**Tin of Potatoes**

**Tin of Ham**

**Easter Egg**

**Tin of Mince/Stew**

**Box of Tea**

**Plastic carrier bags**

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