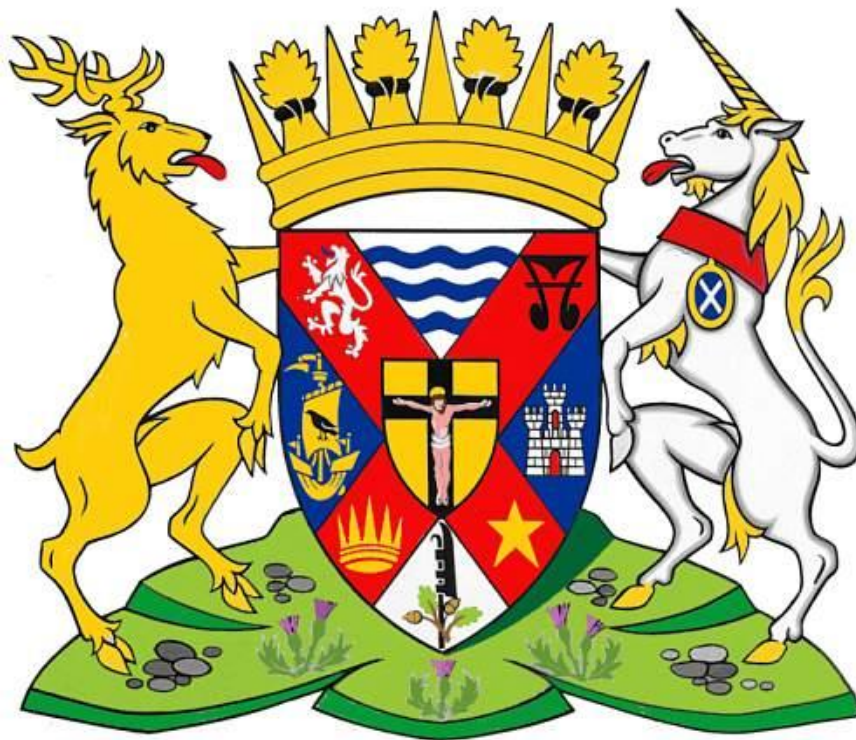


Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

Sunday 14 September 2025
at 11.00 am

The Kirking of the Council



Minister - Rev Stuart Smith

Organist - Mr Ian Livingstone

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and intimations

Rev Stuart Smith

Call to Worship (*Psalm 20*)

(*Congregation standing*)

ALL: *Some trust in chariots and some in horses*
WE TRUST IN THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD

ALL: *Some are brought to their knees and fall*
WE RISE UP AND STAND FIRM

Hymn 154 ‘How great thou art’ (*v3 unaccompanied*)

Opening Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer

All-Age Talk ‘God’s Castle’

Hymn 549 ‘How deep the Father’s love for us’
(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading Ephesians 6: vs 10-18 (NT p245) Councillor Ken Gowans
Vice-Convenor,
Highland Council

Sermon *‘The name of the Lord is a strong tower’*

Hymn 264 ‘Judge eternal, throned in splendour’

Address Provost Councillor Glynis Campbell-Sinclair

Prayers for Ourselves and Others Major Bruce Smith
Salvation Army

Hymn 465 ‘Be thou my vision’

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

**(Could the congregation please remain in the pews until the procession
has filed out)**

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

21 September 2025 at 11.00am

The Guild Service of Rededication will be conducted by Professor Bill McBryde

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.

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 Paul Haringman (National Director of Acorn in Scotland) on 28 September. 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.

Shoeboxes for Blythwood are all wrapped & will be available from **Sunday 21 September**. Please pick one up and return by Sunday 2 November. The late Shina & Murdo Grant were a tremendous supporter of this, and the family have very kindly passed on what they had for this year's appeal. They wrapped and filled many boxes each year. It would be great if we can match the 125 boxes we sent last year.

Highland Foodbank The items requested over the Harvest Thanksgiving period 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

NESS BANK MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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.

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.

Ach an Eas The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held next **Sunday, 21 September** at 3.00pm.

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.

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

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.

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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.