

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

Sunday 13 July 2025
at 11.00 am



Minister - Rev Stuart Smith
Organist - Mr Ian Livingstone

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and intimations

Rev Stuart Smith

Call to Worship (Psalm 112)

(Congregation standing)

ALL: *It is a blessing to fear the Lord*
WE DELIGHT IN YOUR COMMANDS
Even in darkness, light dawns for us
ALL: **SURELY WE WILL NEVER BE SHAKEN**
In the end, our victory is secure
ALL: **WE KNOW THAT KINDNESS NEVER FAILS**

Hymn 519 *'Love divine, all loves excelling'*

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn *'Jesus, strong and kind'*

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
No-one else can satisfy, I should come to him.
Jesus said if I am weak I should come to him.
No-one else can be my strength, I should come to him.
For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus – Jesus strong and kind

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him
No-one else can be my shield I should come to him
For the Lord is good...

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me
And he showed me on that cross he will come to me
For the Lord is good...

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(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

1st Reading 2nd Corinthians 8: vs 1-12 (NT p227) Keith Gibson

Hymn 318 *'Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour'*

2nd Reading 2nd Corinthians 9: vs 6-15 (NT p229)

Sermon How much should I give?

Anthem *'Look at the World'* Rutter

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 468 *'Son of God, eternal Saviour'*

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

SUNDAY WORSHIP

20 July 2025 at 11.00am

The service will be conducted by Dugald MacPherson

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's Leave Rev Smith will be on leave from **Thursday 17 July until Friday 25 July inclusive**. Mr Dugald MacPherson will be leading worship on Sunday 20 July. Please contact the church office regarding funeral cover. Hospital visiting will be done by the Pastoral Care Team - contact Mrs Sheila Proudfoot, Tel. 237920.

Open Sanctuary during August 2025 It is proposed to have the Sanctuary open again, as in previous years, during the month of August on a Monday to Friday basis each week from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

A schedule of dates and times is now in the vestibule so please, if you can participate, add your name and telephone number on the sheet against whatever time suits you. Only two volunteers are required for each session daily and suitable instructions etc will be issued.

Wrapping Shoeboxes for the Blythswood appeal – **Wednesday 23 July**, 10am-4pm. Come along to the Church hall to help wrap shoeboxes in preparation of the appeal starting in September. Paper, scissors, tape provided (although bring along a tape dispenser if you have one). This is a lovely social time and will help get 150 boxes ready for members to take away and fill. We'll even have tea & coffee available to quench your thirst from all the chatting you do!

INTIMATIONS FOR TODAY (Cont'd)

Highland Foodbank The items requested for July & August are:

Tins of potatoes

Tins of fruit

Deodorant/toothpaste

Tins of mince/ravioli

Tins of corned beef

Bags for life, new or used

Tins of ham

Jars of pasta sauce

Ness Bank Magazine Autumn edition:- please submit any items of news and interest to nessbmagazine@gmail.com as soon as possible for inclusion in the forthcoming magazine, and at the latest by **Monday 21st July 2025**.

NESS BANK MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Ness Bank Gift and Pledge Day **Wednesday, 16 July**, 2.00pm and 7.00pm, Church Hall. A time to respond to our Stewardship Appeal for Running Costs and Project Costs.

Ach an Eas The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held next **Sunday, 20 July**, at 3.00pm.

GENERAL NOTICES.

Refuel 25: An outdoor Festival of Faith and unity for all ages, families and denominations will take place from **20-24 July** at Gordon Castle, Fochabers. Free to attend, but pre-booking is required via www.refuelscotland.org.uk.

Highland Voices Gospel Choir will present their Summer Showcase in Ness Bank Church on **Thursday 24 July** at 7.30pm. Free entry (donations welcome).

Let the Organ Thunder! Free weekly organ concerts will take place in **Inverness Cathedral** from **1.15 - 2.00pm every Friday** until **29 August**.

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