Church of Scotland

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Sunday 18 October 2026 at 11.00 am



true and better – an uphill struggle

Minister – Rev Stuart Smith

Organist – Mr Ian Livingstone

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

(Please stand when the Bible is carried into the church)

Welcome and intimations Stuart Smith

Call to Worship *(Psalm 20)* *(Congregation standing)*

The Lord gives victory to his chosen King
ALL: ANSWER US FROM HEAVEN
Some trust in their chariots and horses
ALL: WE TRUST IN THE POWER OF THE LORD
Some people stumble and fall
ALL: WE WILL RISE AND STAND FIRM

Hymn 286 ***'Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord'***

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 143 ***'Who put the colours in the rainbow?'***

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Readings Genesis 22: 1-14 (*OT p21)* Jack McDonald
Hebrews 11: 17-19 (*NT p285)*

Hymn ***'Christ the true and better'***

Christ, the true and better Adam
Son of God and Son of man
Who, when tempted in the garden
Never yielded, never sinned
He, who makes the many righteous
Brings us back to life again
Dying, he reversed the curse, then
Rising, crushed the serpent's head.

Christ, the true and better Isaac
Humble son of sacrifice
Who would climb the fearful mountain
There to offer up his life
Laid with faith upon the altar
Father's joy and only son
There salvation was provided
Oh, what full and boundless love.

Christ, the true and better Moses
Called to lead a people home
Standing bold to earthly powers
God's great glory to be known
With his arms stretched wide to heaven
See the waters part in two
See the veil is torn forever
Cleansed with blood we pass now through.

Christ, the true and better David
Lowly shepherd, mighty king
He the champion in the battle
Where, o death, is now thy sting?
In our place he bled and conquered
Crown him Lord of majesty
His shall be the throne forever
We shall e'er his people be.

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Sermon ***'Uphill Struggle'***

Music for Reflection

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 512 ***'To God be the glory'***

Benediction and 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.

Tea and Coffee Tea and coffee will be served in the hall 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

Ach an Eas The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held **today** at 3.00pm.

Church Office The Church Office will be closed from **Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 October** inclusive.

Ness Bank Craft Group The Crafties resume on Tuesday **20 October** from 10.00am-12noon

The Guild

- The next meeting will be a Guest night on **Tuesday 20 October** at 7.30pm in the hall, when the topic will be this year's project '*Bear Necessities – Build my Church'*, supporting a church and community in the city of Sliven, Bulgaria.
- ***Soup and Sandwich Lunch*** - The annual Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held on **Sunday 1 November** following morning worship. Tickets (£7) are on sale from Guild members. The proceeds will go to the 'Bear Necessities for Bulgaria' project.

The Leprosy Mission's Inverness Area Fundraising Group are holding an Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 24 October** from 2.00-4.00pm at Midmills Church of Scotland (enter by garden path). Free parking at Crown School car park. Stalls include home baking, preserves, and Leprosy cards. Entry by donation.

Next Sunday (25 October) The Service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea and coffee will be served after the service

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Blythswood Praise Night will take place on **Saturday 24 October** at 7.00pm in the Culduthel Christian Centre. Free entry with a chance to donate on the night. All welcome.

Bible Study and Prayer Group Our next meeting will be held in room 2 at 5.00pm on Sunday **25 October,** when we will continue our study in 2 Timothy, which has Paul's final written words. All are welcome.

Ness Bank Men There will be a gathering on **Wednesday 28 October** at 10.00am in room 1, to discuss possible times, dates and activity options for a new group. All men are welcome.

Boys' Brigade The Boys' Brigade will resume on **Wednesday 28 October** in the church halls: Anchors (P1-P3) -6.30-7.30pm; Juniors (P4-P6)- 6.30-7.30pm; Company Section (P7-S6)- 7.30-8.30pm. New members welcome, and any assistance on an occasional basis would also be appreciated, e.g. with crafts, cooking, or anything similar.

Ness Bank Leaders' Group The next meeting of the Leaders' Group will be held on **Wednesday 28 October** at 7.30pm in Room 2**.**

Cornhill Bible Training Days are taking place in Culloden Balloch Baptist Church from 10am-4pm on **Friday 30 October**: *Book in a day - Leviticus*; and **Saturday 31 October**: *His Word in My Hands – Psalms.* For further details and to book: **https://cornhill.scot/conferences/** .

Blythswood boxes are still available in the vestibule. Donations for boxes, and financial contributions, are also welcome. Filled shoeboxes to be returned by **Sunday 1 November.**

125th anniversary print of our church I hope to have the limited edition prints available for pickup / delivery from either Sunday 25th October or 1st November. *Geoff Thomson.*

Forthcoming activities:
Saturday 7 November – Messy Church, 4.00-6.00pm
Sunday 8 November – Remembrance Service, 10.55am (note earlier start time)
Saturday 21 November – Tearfund Big Quiz Night at 7.00pm
Sunday 22 November – Service of Remembering, 3.00pm
Saturday 28 November – Christmas Fayre, 10.00am-12noon

Highland Foodbank The following items are requested for October. The Foodbank has thanked Ness Bank for its very generous Harvest donation, advising that every gift helps to bring practical support and hope to local people. A certificate is on the vestibule noticeboard.

Tins of Ham	**Tins of fruit**	**Tinned meat- mince, stew etc**
Juice (cartons & diluting)	**Milk (UHT)**	**Washing up liquid**
Crackers/Oatcakes	**Toiletries**	**Carrier bags**

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