

# Church of Scotland

## NESS BANK

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Sunday 22 February 2026 at 11.00 am  
Service will be conducted by Professor Bill McBryde



"Francesco Hayez, *Samson and the Lion*, (1842)."

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**

Professor Bill McBryde

### **Scripture Sentences and Prayer**

**Hymn      189      *'Be still'***

Prayers including Dedication of Offering and Lord's Prayer

**Hymn      63      *'All people that on earth do dwell'***  
*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

**Reading**                      Judges 14: vs 1-20 (OT p249)    Margaret Livingstone

**Hymn      124      *'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation'***

**Sermon**                      *"The marriage of Samson"*

### **Music for Reflection**

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

**Hymn      561      *'Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine!'***

### **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.

**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**

**The Guild** On **Tuesday 24 February** the Guild will meet at 10.30am at UHI Inverness for Beauty Treatments at the college. For further information, please contact Anne Sutherland on 07425 154715.

**Lunch/Discussion Group** This is for ladies in our congregation who live alone, and the next monthly get together will take place on **Friday 27 February** at 12.30pm at the Redcliffe Hotel. Please telephone Catherine on 01463 235961, Betty on 01463 238384 or Eleanor on 01463 237293 by Wednesday 25 February if you are unable to attend.

**Minister's Leave** The Minister will be on leave until **Saturday 28 February**. Rev David Scott (01463 772402; [David.scott@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:David.scott@churchofscotland.org.uk);) will provide cover for funerals. Hospital visiting will be done by the Pastoral Care Team - contact Mrs Sheila Proudfoot, Tel. 237920.

**Next Sunday (1 March)** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea & coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

**The World Day of Prayer** A Service will be held at **Trinity Dalneigh Church** at 10.30am on **Friday 6 March**. It has been prepared by the Christian Women of Nigeria. We would extend a warm welcome to all who wish to come and worship with us on that day. There will be a short hospital radio broadcast at 1.00pm and also at 2.30pm and a service will be held with our friends at Cameron House Church of Scotland Care Home.

**Blythswood Highland Inter-Church Quiz** will be held on **Saturday 7 March** at 7.00pm at Culloden-Balloch Baptist Church. Each church is welcome to enter up to two official teams of four members to compete for the Blythswood Quiz Cup. To register, email [neill.prentice@blythswood.org](mailto:neill.prentice@blythswood.org) or [communications@blythswood.org](mailto:communications@blythswood.org) with team name and church name. Deadline for registration is Monday 2 March. Donations for entry can be made on the evening.

## INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

**The Passion** – Free North Church, Bank Street, Inverness on **Monday 16 March** at 7.00pm. This moving, memorable and ultimately joyful retelling of the Easter events was well received at the Edinburgh Fringe last year. Tickets are £12, from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-passion-tickets-1982341513831>.

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

**Bag of sugar**

**Jar of Cooking sauce**

**Bag of Rice/Microwave Rice**

**Tin of tuna**

**UHT Milk**

**Toothpaste**

**Biscuits**

**Toilet Roll**

**Washing up liquid**



**Watoto** *African Children's Choir*  
Ness Bank    Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> March    7-8.30pm  
Admission Free (Donations)

## CONTACT US

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