

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 16 November 2025 at 11.00 am

healing matters



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 (Psalm 36) *(Congregation standing)*

Lord your love reaches the heavens
ALL: YOUR FAITHFULNESS EXTENDS TO THE SKIES
Your righteousness towers like mountains
ALL: YOUR JUSTICE IS LIKE THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA
How precious, O God, is your love
ALL: WE FIND PROTECTION UNDER YOUR WINGS

Hymn 468 'Son of God, eternal Saviour'

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 530 'One more step'
(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading Mark 5: vs 1-20 (NT p51) Amanda James

Hymn 'Yet not I, but through Christ in me'

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing:
all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!*

“Healing Matters: Ready Steady Go”

Crossreach Sunday

Hymn 721 ‘We lay our broken world’

Postlude

... 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 Instead of tea/coffee, the Guild are serving Soup & Sandwiches.

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

Guild Soup and Sandwich Lunch The annual Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held **today** following morning worship. Tickets at £5 are on sale from Guild Members. All proceeds will go to the CrossReach 'Playful Beginnings' project.

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

Blythswood Shoebox Checking If anyone would like to help check the filled shoeboxes this will be done at Culduthel Christian Centre on Monday 17 November 12:00-21:00, Tuesday 18 November 09:00-21:00 & Wednesday 19 November 09:00-late afternoon. Please contact Danny Muschate at danny@churchatccc.org to let him know when you will manage along.

The Guild The next meeting will be a Guest Night on **Tuesday 18 November** at 7.30pm, when there will be a speaker from Crossreach. All welcome.

Kirk Session The next meeting of the Kirk Session will be held on **Wednesday 19 November** at 7.30pm in Room 1.

Christmas Fayre is on **Saturday 22 November** (10am-12noon). Donations may be handed in to the vestibule this Sunday. Alternatively, they can be dropped off the day prior to the Fayre, when the hall will be open to stall holders to set up from 2.00-4.00pm & 6.00-8.00pm.

Donations for raffle/hampers should be brought by this Sunday as we need to then prepare the hampers. We are still welcoming donations for bottle stall, cake & candy, toys, unwanted gifts, books, craft.

Volunteers are still needed to help before / during / after the Fayre – setting up, returning borrowed tables, dropping off unsold stock to charity shop, helping with tea/coffees or on a stall. If you can help in any way, please get in touch with the church office.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Inverness Choral Society The Choral's Autumn concert will take place in Inverness Cathedral at 7.30pm on **Saturday 22 November** when they will perform Gounod's 'St Cecelia Mass' & Elgar's 'From the Bavarian Highlands'. Tickets at £16 are available at www.invernesschoral.org.uk, from choir members, or at the door.

The Open Door Project Christmas Book Stalls, including Christian books, bibles, children's books, Christmas cards, Calendars & Gifts, will be held at CYC (12 Bank Street) on Fridays and Saturdays at 10.00am-3.00pm from **21 November until 20 December**. Tea/coffee will be served.

Next Sunday (23 November) The service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea & coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Service of Remembering The annual Service of Remembering will be held on **Sunday 23 November** at 3.00pm in the Church. This Service will offer a time for quiet reflection through music, readings and prayers for anyone who wishes to remember someone who has died, whether in recent times or long ago. If you wish, you will be able to add a name to the Book of Remembrance and their names will be read out during the Service. Everyone is warmly welcome. Tea and Coffee will be served in the hall afterwards.

Fairtrade Coffee Morning Inverness Town House on **Saturday 29 November** from 10.00am-12.30pm. Presentation of Fairtrade City Award, Fairtrade crafts and food, and input from local schools.

Highland Hospice 'Christmas Songs & Carols' concert will take place in the church on **Saturday, 6 December** at 7.00pm.

Highland Hospitals Carol Concert (in aid of Young Lives vs Cancer) Drumossie Hotel on **Sunday 7 December** at 3.00pm. Tickets £16 (cash only) from Triqueta Crafts, the Victorian Market, tel 01463 715140.

Highland Hospice Volunteers are required for the new Hospice Academy St shop. To find out more, call 01463 227902, or visit the website at highlandhospice.org.

Highland Foodbank Instead of issuing a specific list for November/December, the Foodbank has launched its Reverse Advent Calendar which lists an item for each day in November. Any donations for November/December should be selected from the Calendar list. Copies of the Reverse Advent Calendar are available in the vestibule or on the notice-board.

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