

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 26 April 2026 at 11.00 am



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

Why are we here?

ALL: TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER

Great things he has taught us,

Great things he has done.

ALL: GREAT OUR REJOICING IN JESUS, HIS SON

Hymn 22 'The Lord's my light and saving health'

Opening Prayers, including the Lord's Prayer

Hymn 'For I'm building a people of power'

For I'm building a people of power
And I'm making a people of praise
That will move through this land by my Spirit
And will glorify my precious name
*Build your church, Lord. Make us strong, Lord.
Join our hearts, Lord, through your Son.
Make us one, Lord in your body
In the kingdom of your Son. (x2)*

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading John 1: 10-14 (NT p117) Willie Proudfoot
Philippians 3: 17-21 (NT p250)

Hymn 374 'From heaven you came' (The Servant King)

Sermon *What on earth....?*

Anthem *'There's a wideness in God's mercy'* Bevan

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 Annual Meeting.

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 **Annual Meeting** of Ness Bank Church will take place after the service **today** when the 2025 Annual Accounts will be presented to the congregation, along with a brief update on the Sanctuary Project.

The Bible Study & Prayer Group will meet **tonight** at 5.00pm in room 2, when they will begin a study in Chapter 6 of 1 Timothy. All welcome.

Acorn – ‘Making Mission a Simple Daily Rhythm’ Paul Haringman will lead eight weekly sessions on the Acorn Mission booklet, on Thursday mornings from 10.15am-12noon at Culloden Balloch Baptist Church **from 30 April**. Contact Paul Haringman on 07837 903277 or **paulharingman.mission@gmail.com**.

Minister's Absence Rev Stuart Smith will be involved in a conference in Uganda from **Friday 1 May until 11 May inclusive**. Rev David Whillis will lead worship on Sunday 3 May, and Rev Alex MacPherson will lead worship on Sunday 10 May. Rev David Scott, Inshes East Church, (tel 01463 772402) will provide cover for funerals. Hospital visiting will be done by the Pastoral Care Team - contact Mrs Sheila Proudfoot, Tel. 01463 237920.

Next Sunday (3 May) The service will be conducted by Rev David Whillis. Tea/coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May Volunteers are requested for the delivery of Christian Aid envelopes – no collection is necessary. Keith Gibson will be in the vestibule on **3rd and 10th May** for the distribution of Christian Aid bags and envelopes to volunteers. Keith can be contacted on 07748 574546; or on email **kgibson578@gmail.com**.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Ness Bank Sanctuary Project Details and a video about the Sanctuary Project are now available on the Ness Bank website at www.nessbankchurch.org.uk.

New Start Highland – a Highland-wide charity who support vulnerable members of the local community. They are recruiting volunteers who can give time, share skills and mentor others, as well as develop new skills and build experience themselves. Contact louiseanderson@newstarthighland.org, tel: 07872 009451.

Bethany Christian Trust – have a vacancy for a part-time Recovery and Resettlement Worker (10 hours per week) based in Inverness. The Job Description and further information can be found at <https://www.bethanychristiantrust.com/recovery-and-resettlement-worker-inverness/>. Closing date for applications is **Thursday 7 May**.

The Open Door Project - A Christian bookshop, with Christian gifts and resources and coffee shop, which also provides a quiet place with Pastoral support, is now open for business in the CYC Building, 12 Bank St, Inverness, and will welcome visitors. Volunteers are also required to assist in the shop. Contact details: 07386 094821; todpinverness@gmail.com .

Highland Foodbank Donations of the following items would be appreciated for April:

Tins of Ham

Jars of Jam or Marmalade

Fruit Juice (diluting/long life)

Tins of Corned Beef

Weetabix

Crackers or Oatcakes

Bags of Sugar

UHT Milk

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