

# Church of Scotland

## NESS BANK

Sunday 17 August 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

*(Congregation standing)*

*The earth is full of sin  
The earth is full of suffering  
The earth is full of doubt  
ALL: BUT THE EARTH WILL BE FILLED  
WITH THE GLORY OF GOD  
AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA*

Hymn 112 'God, whose almighty word'

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 'I give thanks'

*I give thanks to you my heavenly  
Father  
You've given me such good things  
I give you all my thanks (x2)*

1. For seals and squids  
And great blue whales  
For slugs and spiders  
And a bucket of snails  
I give you thanks  
For all that you've made  
The wonders of creation  
Everywhere displayed

2. Prunes and pizza,  
Stir-fry, stew  
Chocolate and jelly,  
All come from you  
You feed me, you clothe me  
Watch over my sleep  
'Cause you are my shepherd  
And I am your sheep

3. Father God,  
In heaven above  
You're holy and just,  
With amazing love  
You're merciful and kind  
And you love to forgive  
Being your child,  
Is the only way to live.

*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading Habakkuk 2: vs 2-20 (OT p908)

James Donaldson

Hymn 125 'Lord of all being'

Sermon 'I Can't Believe my Eyes'

Music for Reflection

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn      513      *‘Courage, brother!’*

**Benediction & Choral Amen**

**Postlude**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**24 August 2025 at 11.00am**

The service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith

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.

**Communion Invitations** Communion invitations and Newsletters are available for Elders and District Visitors to collect from the vestibule **today**.

**Tea and coffee** Everyone is invited for tea and coffee in the hall after the service.

**Ach an Eas** The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held **today** at 3pm.

**Open Sanctuary during August** There are still slots available for the Open Sanctuary sessions. Please add your name to the list in the vestibule if you can help.

**Shoebox wrapping** Although we've wrapped the bulk of the shoeboxes in preparation of the Blythswood Shoebox appeal, there are still more to be wrapped. On **Monday 25 August** from 5pm-9pm, we will have another wrapping session. Pop in for an hour or so after work, or come after dinner, to help get the last of the boxes wrapped. Tea / coffee and a blether provided. We **DO NOT** need any more empty shoeboxes.

**Highland Foodbank** The items requested for 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 MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Baby and Toddler Group** The Group resumes on **Wednesday 20 August** and meets in the Main Hall every Wednesday during term time from 9.30-11.30am. All parents and carers with children under 5 are welcome. The cost is £3.00 per family. For further information on the group, please contact Anne Sutherland tel 238238.

**Kirk Session** The next meeting of the Kirk Session will be held on **Wednesday 27 August** at 7.30pm in Room 1.

**Messy Church** . The next Messy Church for children and families will be on **Sunday 31 August** from 12.30-2.30pm, with the theme "*God Loves a Cheerful Giver*". Please invite those you know to join us. (There will be no tea and coffee after church that week).

## **GENERAL NOTICES**

**Finding God Among Us** by Acorn - **Monday 25 August**, 7.30-9.00pm, Inshes East Church, Inshes retail park, IV2 3TW. Coffees from 7.15. An evening of deep encouragement and interactive sharing. Come and hear stories of what God might be doing here and now and, only if you like, maybe share one of your own. For further information, contact Paul Haringman, [paulharingman.mission@gmail.com](mailto:paulharingman.mission@gmail.com) or 07837903277.

**Going Forward – Highland Theological College Summer Conference** A conference about the Church and the future will take place in Highland Theological College, High Street, Dingwall, on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August**. Registration via Eventbrite through the HTC website ([www.htc.uhi.ac.uk](http://www.htc.uhi.ac.uk)), or contact HTC directly (01349 780000). £40 per person.

**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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