

# Church of Scotland

## NESS BANK

Sunday 10 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 (Psalm 46)

*(Congregation standing)*

*In our times of trouble.....*  
**ALL: YOU ARE OUR STRENGTH AND REFUGE**

*In our times of distress....*  
**ALL: YOUR RIVER OF JOY STILL FLOWS**

*In our times of confusion....*  
**ALL: YOU ARE ALWAYS BY OUR SIDE**

**Hymn 36 'God is our refuge and our strength'**

### Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

### All-Age Talk

**Hymn 600 'Spirit of God, unseen as the wind'**  
*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

**Reading** Habakkuk 1: vs 5-17 (OT p907)

Barry Gilbert

**Hymn 'There is a hope'**

1. There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
That gives me strength for every passing day;  
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
Yet drives all doubt away:  
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;  
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven!  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
To make his will my home
2. There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
A consolation strong against despair,  
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,  
I find the Saviour there!  
Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.  
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
And they will lead me home.
3. There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
When I behold his face!  
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
And every longing satisfied.  
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
For I am truly home.

*(Stuart Townend, © 2007 Thankyou Music)*

**Sermon 'Wait and See'**

**Anthem 'Calon Lân'**

*John Hughes*

## Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn        562        *'Through the love of God, our Saviour'*

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**17 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.

**Open Sanctuary during August** There are still slots available for the Open Sanctuary sessions during August, Monday to Friday from 11.00am-3.00pm. 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.

**Accommodation request** A Ukrainian friend (male) from the Church of Scotland in Arisaig hopes to rent a room in or around Inverness (Tue to Thu, Sep to May) while he pursues an advanced English language course at the University. Offers of help, please, to Sheila Proudfoot or the Minister.

**Church Office** The Church Office will be closed on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August.

**Highland Foodbank** The items requested for August are:

**Tins of potatoes**

**Tins of mince/ravioli**

**Tins of ham**

**Tins of fruit**

**Tins of corned beef**

**Jars of pasta sauce**

**Deodorant/toothpaste**

**Bags for life, new or used**

## **NESS BANK MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Ness Bank Craft Group** The Crafties will resume on **Tuesday 12 August** from 10.00am-12noon in room 1. New members welcome.

**Choir Practices** resume on **Thursday 14 August** at 7.30pm in Room 1. New voices in all parts will be made most welcome.

**Ach an Eas** The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held **next Sunday, 17 August** at 3pm.

**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 will be on **Sunday 31 August** from 12.30-2.30pm. There is a team planning meeting today shortly after the service in Room 1.

## **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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