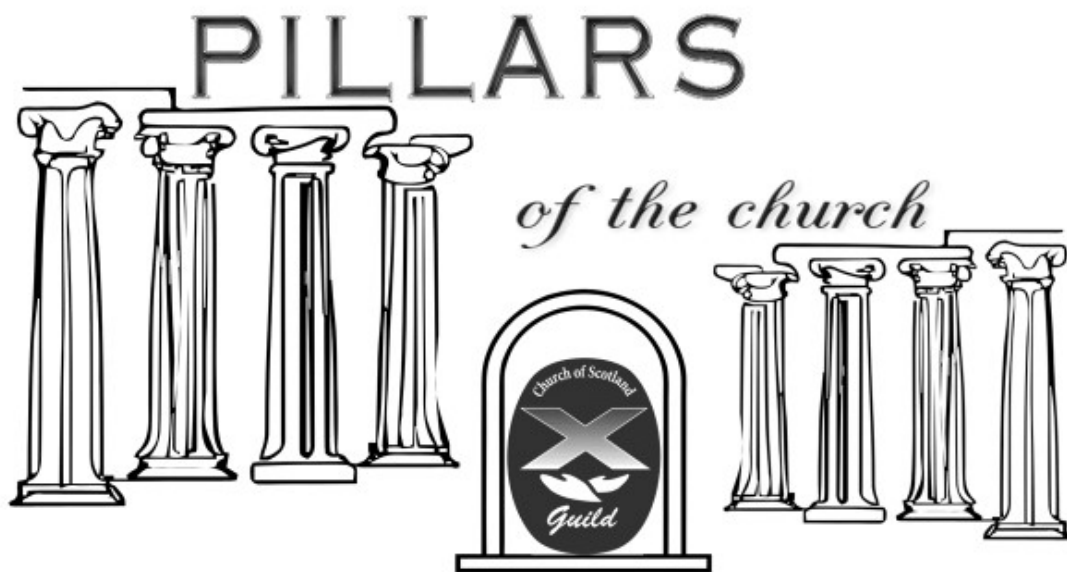


Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 20 September 2026 at 11.00 am



Minister - Rev Stuart Smith

Organist - Mr Ian Livingstone

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

(Please stand when the Bible is carried into the church)

Welcome and intimations

Rev Stuart Smith

Call to Worship *(Psalm 95: 6-7)*

(Congregation standing)

Come, let us bow down in worship.
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker
ALL: HE IS OUR GOD
WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF HIS PASTURE
We are the flock under his care.

Hymn

‘The Lord’s my shepherd (I will trust in him alone)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still, still waters
His goodness restores my soul

He guides my ways in righteousness
And he anoints my head with oil
And my cup, it overflows with joy
I feast on his pure delights

*And I will trust in you alone
And I will trust in you alone
For your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home*

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For you are with me,
and your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 191 ‘Do not be afraid’

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading Revelation 3: 7-13 (NT p315)

Anne Breen

Hymn 642 ‘Ye that know the Lord is gracious’

Sermon ‘Pillars of the Church’

Anthem ‘With a Voice of Singing’

Shaw

Dedication of the Guild, with Guild Dedication Prayer

In faith, we now dedicate ourselves,
through our worship, prayer and
action,
to serve you faithfully,
to love you with all our heart,
all our soul and all our mind,
and to love one another
as your Son, Jesus Christ, has
shown his love for us.

Renew us, refresh us,
as members of The Guild,
as we continue on our journey
through life.
Guide our thinking and bless all that
we do in your name,
whose we are and whom we serve,
and in whose name we pray.
Amen

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 251 *'I, the Lord of sea and sky'*

Benediction and 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

Blythswood Shoe Boxes are **now** available in the vestibule. Please pick one up, fill it & return by 1 November. Leaflets on the boxes explain what's required to go into them. Most boxes have a Christmas card inside, please write a wee message & pop it back in. If you don't want to fill a box, please pop any donations into a bag and leave beside the collection point. There is also a donation box for financial contributions.

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

Finding God Among Us **Monday 21 September** at Inshes East Church, 7.15-9.00pm. Come, hear and share stories of what God might be doing here and now.

The Guilds Together Afternoon Tea will be held in the Lochardil Hotel on **Tuesday 22 September** at 2.00pm. The cost is £20 - money and names to be given to Anne Sutherland.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

The Guild The first meeting will take place on **Tuesday 22 September** at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Rev Stuart Smith. All welcome.

Inverness Street Pastors Two recruitment information evenings will be held at Midmills Church on **Wednesday 23 September**, 7.00-8.00pm or **Saturday 26 September**, 10.00-11.00am. No obligation – go along and see what they do.

Lunch/Discussion Group This is for ladies in our congregation who live alone, and the next monthly get together will take place on **Friday 25 September** at 12.30pm at the Redcliffe Hotel. Please telephone Catherine on 01463 235961, Betty on 01463 238384 or Eleanor on 01463 237293 by Wednesday 23 September if you are unable to attend.

Next Sunday (27 September) The Service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith at 11.00am. Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

Loch Ness Marathon This year's event is next **Sunday 27 September**, with the usual road restrictions.

Bible Study and Prayer Group Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday 27 September** at 5pm in Room 2 when we will continue our studies in 2 Timothy Ch3. All are welcome.

125th anniversary of our church – special edition signed, dated and numbered print of our church building, suitable for your own A4 frame. Please order from and pay Geoff Thomson £30 by **Sunday 27 September**. invernairn21@btinternet.com or 07990 621744.

Coming soon to Ness Bank:

- **Saturday 3 October, 4.00-6.00pm** – *Messy Church*
- **Sunday 4 October at 11.00am** – *Harvest Thanksgiving Service*. This will include a collection of items for the Food Bank and a retiring offering for the work of Tearfund.

Retiring Collection on Communion Sunday raised £187 for Inverness Foodstuff. As usual, Pam is very grateful for the support and generosity of the congregation. *Finance Team*

Crossreach News The Autumn edition of the magazine is available in the front vestibule along with their 2026 Christmas Card and Calendar collection.

Highland Foodbank – Harvest Appeal Donating an item or two from the appeal list below will ensure food can be provided for people facing hardship in the community in the weeks leading up to Harvest.

Tins of Ham

Juice (cartons & diluting)

Crackers/Oatcakes

Tins of fruit

Milk (UHT)

Toiletries

Tinned meat- mince, stew etc

Washing up liquid

Carrier bags

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