

# Church of Scotland

## NESS BANK

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Sunday 25 January 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 (Congregation standing)**

*Our table you have furnished*  
**ALL: FILL OUR CUPS TO OVERFLOWING**  
*Our sins are before you*  
**ALL: FOLLOW US WITH MERCY**  
*Your future is ahead of us*  
**ALL: LET US LIVE IN YOUR HOUSE FOR EVER**

### **Hymn**

### **'Come people of the risen King'**

1. Come, people of the Risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ,  
rejoice!*

2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace.

### **Chorus**

3. Come, young and old from every land –  
Men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands -  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing -  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age:  
“Our God is all in all”!

### **Chorus**

### **Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer**

### **All-Age Talk**

### **Hymn 174 'God of great and God of small'**

*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Reading** John 5: 19-29 (NT p123) **Keith Gibson**

**Hymn 264 'Judge eternal, throned in splendour'**

**Sermon**

**“With great power comes....’**

**Music for Reflection**

**Prayers for Ourselves and Others**

**Hymn 352 ‘O for a thousand tongues’**

**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** Everyone is invited for tea and coffee 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**

**The next Messy Church** will be **Sunday 8 February** (12.30-2.30pm) on the theme “Who is God?, with a team planning meeting after church **today**.

**Bible Study and Prayer Group** Our first meeting of 2026 will be **tonight** at 5pm in Room 2. We will continue our studies in 1 Timothy looking at Ch 4 and if interested you will be made most welcome.

**Keyholders' Update** It would be appreciated if anyone in the congregation who has a key (or keys) to the Riverside entrance doors, who has not yet responded, could email their name, the church group they represent, and/ or their congregational ‘title’, to Barry Gilbert, Property Convener, at [balirohan@btinternet.com](mailto:balirohan@btinternet.com).

Back by popular demand: five free sessions on **‘What is God doing in the other person?’** at St Stephens church (corner of Old Edinburgh and Southside roads)

We will explore an Acorn parable every other week to ponder together what God might be doing in a situation, to help us go deeper and further in our daily walk with Him.

**Monday evenings, 7.30-9pm. January 26, February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23.**

More info: [paulharingman.mission@gmail.com](mailto:paulharingman.mission@gmail.com) or 07837903277.

**Next Sunday (1 February 2026)** The service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea & coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

## INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

**The Guild** The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 27 January at 2.30pm in Room 1** when the speakers will be Katia and Stewart McFarlane. All welcome. (Please note change of time and venue).

**Lunch/Discussion Group** This is for ladies in our congregation who live alone, and the next monthly get together will take place on **Friday 30 January** at 12.30pm at the Redcliffe Hotel. Please telephone Catherine on 01463 235961, Betty on 01463 238384 or Eleanor on 01463 237293 by **Wednesday 28 January** if you are unable to attend.

**NBC Leaders' Meeting** The next meeting of the NBC Leaders Group will be held on **Wednesday 4 February** at 7.30pm in Room 2.

**Adam Holmes concert** on **Friday 13 February** at 7.00pm in the church. Adam is an acclaimed Scottish singer-songwriter who combines traditional Scottish sounds with modern folk and soulful elements. Tickets £20 at adamholmesmusic.co.uk – gigs (Inverness) or at the door.

**Pathways Course – First Steps in Preaching** Tuesdays from **17 February to 5 May**, 7.30-9pm. A course designed to equip, encourage and inspire, run by Highland Theological College and the Presbytery of the Highlands and Hebrides. Contact [kathryn.stewart@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:kathryn.stewart@uhi.ac.uk).

**Highland Foodbank** Donations of the following items would be appreciated in January & February:

Tins of potatoes/Smash

Tins of tuna

Tins of mince/stew

Tins of ham/corned beef

Tins of meatballs

1kg bags of rice

Boxes of tea

Shampoo

Washing up liquid

Men's deodorant



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