

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 8 March 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)*

Give us each day our daily bread

ALL: YOU GIVE US HEALTH AND STRENGTH

We cannot live by bread alone

ALL: WE HEAR THE WORDS YOU SPEAK

You are, for us, the Bread of Life

ALL: WE ARE YOUR FLESH AND BLOOD

Hymn 200 ‘Christ is made the sure foundation’

Opening Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn ‘We are one in the Spirit’

1. We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity
will one day be restored
*And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.*
2. We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land.
3. We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
we will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride.
4. All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus,
who is God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit,
who makes us one.

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading John 6: 41-59 (NT p125) Heather MacDonald

**Hymn 522 ‘The church is wherever God’s people are
praising’**

Sermon “Fed up with Jesus”

Music for Reflection

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 466 'Before the throne of God above'

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 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

Messy Church There is a Messy Church team meeting **today** after the service, in Room 1.

The Guild The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10 March at 2.30pm in room 1**, when there will be a Highland Council talk on Recycling. All welcome.

Next Sunday (15 March) The service will be conducted by Stuart Smith. Tea & coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Ach an Eas The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held next **Sunday, 15 March** at 3pm.

The Passion – Free North Church, Bank Street, Inverness on **Monday 16 March** at 7.00pm. This moving, memorable and ultimately joyful retelling of the Easter events was well received at the Edinburgh Fringe last year. Tickets are £12, from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-passion-tickets-1982341513831>.

The Orangewood High School Choir, Maitland, Florida, USA are to perform a concert of varied music, including classical, contemporary, sacred, and pop, in the church on **Tuesday, 17 March** at 7.30pm. They will be joined by local choir, The Peoples Show Choir. Admission free, but donations welcome for Inverness Foodstuff.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Kirk Session The next meeting of the Kirk Session will be held on **Wednesday 18 March** at 7.30pm in Room 1.

The Open Door Project Bookshop has set a date to open on **Monday 23 March**, and they are looking for volunteers to help with running the Bookshop, being available to welcome people, and if needed, give a listening ear. Contact them on todpinverness@gmail.com.

L'Arche are holding an Italian Ristorante event on **Saturday 28 March** at 6.00pm. A 3-course meal, drink and entertainment. There is always a table for people who come on their own so you can meet new people. £35 a ticket. Please contact highlandworkshops@larche.org.uk if you'd like to join in. Raffle available and BYOB.

Easter Alive at Ness Bank during Holy Week – an open time in the church to tell and share the Easter story in words, actions, art and music. Opening Times:

Palm Sunday (29 March) – 1pm to 3pm

Holy Week (30 March-3 April) – 10am-1pm and 1pm-4pm

Thursday Evening (2 April) – 6pm to 8pm.

We require volunteers to welcome visitors. If you could spare time that week, please add your name to the list in the Vestibule, or contact the Church Office. Many thanks.

Good Friday Gathering with Inverness Churches Together at **11am on 3 April** outside M&S at the Farmer's Market location. Meet there or at Ness Bank at 10.30am.

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

Tin of Meatballs

Tin of Ham

Tin opener

Tin of Rice pudding

Instant Mashed Potatoes/SMASH

Laundry detergent

Crackers/Oatcakes

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