

# Church of Scotland

## NESS BANK

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Sunday 21 December 2025 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

**Hymn      324      *‘Angels from the realms of glory’***

### **Opening Prayer**

**Reading:                      *Hebrews 1: 4-9; 13-14 (What are angels?)***

### **Advent Candles**

**Hymn      294      *‘On Christmas night all Christians sing’***

**Reading:                      *Luke 1: 26-38 (An Angel appears to Mary)***

**Choir:                          *‘Gabriel’s Message’*                      *(Basque Carol)***

**Reading:                      *Matthew 1: 18-25 (An Angel appears to Joseph)***

**Hymn      304      *‘O little town of Bethlehem’***

**Reading:                      *Luke 2: 8-20 (Angels appear to the Shepherds)***

**Hymn      323      *‘The first Nowell’***

**Reading:                      *Matthew 2:9-15 (An Angel re-appears to Joseph)***

**Choir:                          *‘Christmas Lullaby’*                      *(John Rutter)***

**Reading:                      *Revelation 5: 6-12 (Angel Anthem)***

### **Closing Prayer**

**Hymn      301      *‘Hark! The herald angels sing’***

### **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 & coffee in the hall after the service, where the Crafties will have a table with some craft items for sale.

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

### **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.



## **CHRISTMAS AT NESS BANK**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** 5.00-7.30pm, Christmas Carol Crawl round the riverside churches, starting at Ness Bank

**Christmas Eve:** Candlelit Watchnight Service – carols from 11pm, service at 11.30pm

**Christmas Day:** Family Service at 10.30am

## **INTIMATIONS**

**Next Sunday (28 December)** The service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea & coffee will be served after the service.

**Bible Study and Prayer Group** The Group will take a break over the Christmas period and will resume again at the end of January, when new members will be very welcome.

**Highland Foodbank** Instead of issuing a specific list for December, the Foodbank has launched its Reverse Advent Calendar which lists an item for each day. Any donations for December should be selected from the Calendar list. Copies of the Reverse Advent Calendar are available in the vestibule or on the notice-board.

**Church Office** The office will be closed on 25 & 26 December.

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