

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 23 November 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

Call to Worship (Isaiah 40) (Congregation standing)

Do you not know? Have you not heard?
ALL: THE LORD IS THE EVERLASTING GOD
We grow weak and weary
ALL: HE NEVER GETS TIRED
We trust in the Lord for help
ALL: WE FIND OUR STRENGTH RENEWED

Hymn 189 'Be still'

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 'My God is all I need'

Dark, dark is the valley Faint, the light at my feet But whatever may face me My God is all I need	<i>He is my strength when I cannot go on Peace when all my power is gone Hope, although the night is long and deep He is my song, for he has rescued me Joy, now he has set me free Praise, praise to my Father be My God is all I need</i>
Bright, bright are the treasures Life may offer to me But whatever the pleasure My God is all I need	<i>Brief, brief are my days here Soon my journey complete But I look to my Saviour Where God has met my need Yes, he has met my need Chorus</i>

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading	Mark 5: vs 21-43 (NT p52)	David Abbott & Esther MacRae
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Hymn 30 'I waited for the Lord my God'

Sermon "Stretching Credulity"

Anthem	'To God all praise and glory'	Alan Viner
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Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 737 'Will your anchor hold?'

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. The Crafties will have a table with any craft items left over from the Christmas Fayre.

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

Service of Remembering The annual Service of Remembering will be held **this afternoon** at 3.00pm in the Church. This Service will offer a time for quiet reflection through music, readings and prayers for anyone who wishes to remember someone who has died, whether in recent times or long ago. If you wish, you will be able to add a name to the Book of Remembrance and their names will be read out during the Service. Everyone is warmly welcome. Tea and Coffee will be served in the hall afterwards.

2026 Flower Calendar The 2026 Flower Calendar is now on the noticeboard in the vestibule. If you wish to donate flowers to the church please add your name to the date of your choice. A very big thank-you to all who donated to flowers in 2025. Anyone interested in joining our Flower Group will be most welcome. If you would like to help please telephone Finella Thomson on 01463 230155

The Guild

- The Work Party will meet on **Wednesday 26 November** at 10.30am in Room 1 and will welcome anyone wishing to join them.
- The Guild Soup & Sandwich Lunch raised an excellent £470 for the CrossReach 'Playful Beginnings' project. Grateful thanks to all who helped, and all who contributed to this event.

Lunch/Discussion Group This is for ladies in our congregation who live alone, and the next monthly get together will take place on **Friday 28 November** at 12.30pm at the Redcliffe Hotel. Please telephone Catherine on 01463 235961, Betty on 01463 238384 or Eleanor on 01463 237293 by **Wednesday 26 November** if you are unable to attend.

The Open Door Project Christmas Book Stalls, including Christian books, bibles, children's books, Christmas cards, Calendars & Gifts, will be held at CYC (12 Bank Street) on Fridays and Saturdays at 10.00am-3.00pm **until 20 December**. Tea/coffee will be served.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Fairtrade Coffee Morning Inverness Town House on **Saturday 29 November** from 10.00am-12.30pm. Presentation of Fairtrade City Award, Fairtrade crafts and food, and input from local schools.

Coffee Morning - St John's Episcopal Church, Southside Road Also on **Saturday 29 November** from 10.00am. Crafts, Cakes, Raffle, Tea & Coffee. Donations at the door.

Next Sunday (30 November) The service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea & coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Bible Study & Prayer Group Our next meeting will be held at 5.00pm on **Sunday 30 November** when we will be looking at Ch 3 of Paul's letter to Timothy on the subject of Leaders in the Early Church. All are welcome to what is a monthly meeting in Room 2 of the lower Hall.

Highland Hospice 'Christmas Songs & Carols' concert will take place in the church on **Saturday, 6 December** at 7.00pm. Tickets £13 at the door.

Highland Hospitals Carol Concert (in aid of Young Lives vs Cancer) Drumossie Hotel on **Sunday 7 December** at 3.00pm. Tickets £16 (cash only) from Triquerta Crafts, the Victorian Market, tel 01463 715140.

Highland Hospice Volunteers are required for the new Hospice Academy St shop. To find out more, call 01463 227902, or visit the website at highlandhospice.org.

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

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