

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 19 April 2026 at 11.00 am

CHRISTIAN SERVICE



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 (*1st Peter 1:3-4*)

God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
ALL: LET US GIVE THANKS TO HIM
He has raised Jesus Christ from the dead
ALL: HIS GREAT MERCY GIVES US LIFE
He keeps rich blessings for his people
ALL: WE ARE FILLED WITH LIVING HOPE IN HIM

Hymn 424 'Blest be the everlasting God'

Opening Prayers, including the Lord's Prayer

Kirk Session – Presentation of Long Service Certificates

Hymn 396 'And can it be?' *(Children leave for Sunday School)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading 1st Peter 5: 1-11 (NT p298) Stewart McFarlane

Hymn 354 'O love, how deep, how broad, how high!'

Sermon Elderly Care

Anthem '**Look at the World**' Rutter

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 547 'What a friend we have in Jesus'

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

Kirk Session will meet at 12.30pm **today** in room 1, to approve the annual accounts for 2025.

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

Inverness Choral will perform Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' **today** at 7.30pm in the Drumossie Hotel. Tickets £16 at the door.

Church Newsletter The deadline for sending articles to the editor for the next issue of the newsletter is **20 April**. Send to email address nessbmagazine@gmail.com, or hand paper copy directly to Elspeth Smith (editor) before then. Thanks in advance!

Craft Group The Crafties will resume on **Tuesday 21 April** at 10.00am. All welcome. The stall in the vestibule over Easter raised the excellent amount of £430 for church funds.

The Baby & Toddlers' Group will resume on **Wednesday 22 April** at the slightly later time of **10.00am until 12noon**. All parents and carers with children under 5 are welcome. The cost is £3.00 per family. For further information on the group, please contact Anne Sutherland, tel 238238.

Ness Bank Leaders' Group The next meeting of the Leaders' Group will be held on **Wednesday 22 April** at 7.30pm in Room 2.

The **Guilds Together Spring Rally** will take place on **Thursday 23 April** at 2.30pm in Trinity & Dalneigh Church. Further information from Anne Sutherland, tel 238238. All welcome.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Scripture Union Prayer Meeting for **Inverness High School Cluster** (including Merkinch, Dalneigh and Central Primary Schools) will be held in Trinity Life Church (Huntly Place) on **Thursday 23 April** at 7.30pm, to hear about and pray for Christian ministry planned and taking place in the schools.

Lunch/Discussion Group This is for ladies in our congregation who live alone, and the next monthly get together will take place on **Friday 24 April** at 12.30pm at the Redcliffe Hotel. Please telephone Catherine on 01463 235961, Betty on 01463 238384 or Eleanor on 01463 237293 by **Wednesday 22 April** if you are unable to attend.

Next Sunday (26 April) The service will be conducted by Stuart Smith. Tea/coffee will be served in the hall after the Annual Meeting.

The **Annual Meeting** of Ness Bank Church will take place after the service next **Sunday** when the 2025 Annual Accounts will be presented to the congregation, along with a brief update on the Sanctuary Project.

Loch Ness Cycle Race The annual cycle race takes place **next Sunday, 26 April**. It does not create as much difficulty as the major running races do to our worship, as the cyclists do not pass along the riverside, and their stewards see us safely across from View Place at the front of the church. Access to riverside parking will be via Bridge Street.

The Bible Study & Prayer Group will meet next **Sunday, 26 April** at 5.00pm in room 2, when they will begin a study in Chapter 6 of 1 Timothy. All welcome.

Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May Volunteers are requested for the delivery of Christian Aid envelopes – no collection is necessary. Keith Gibson will be in the vestibule on **3rd and 10th May** for the distribution of Christian Aid bags and envelopes to volunteers. Keith can be contacted on 07748 574546; or on email [**kgibson578@gmail.com**](mailto:kgibson578@gmail.com).

Ness Bank Sanctuary Project Details and a video about the Sanctuary Project are now available on the Ness Bank website at [**www.nessbankchurch.org.uk**](http://www.nessbankchurch.org.uk).

New Start Highland – a Highland-wide charity who support vulnerable members of the local community. They are recruiting volunteers who can give time, share skills and mentor others, as well as develop new skills and build experience themselves. Contact [**louiseanderson@newstarthighland.org**](mailto:louiseanderson@newstarthighland.org), tel: 07872 009451.

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

Cartons of Juice

Tins of Macaroni or Spaghetti

Cup-a-Soup or Pot Noodles

Tins of Corned Beef

Oatcakes

Cartons of Juice

Tinned Hot Dogs

Sugar

Washing up liquid

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