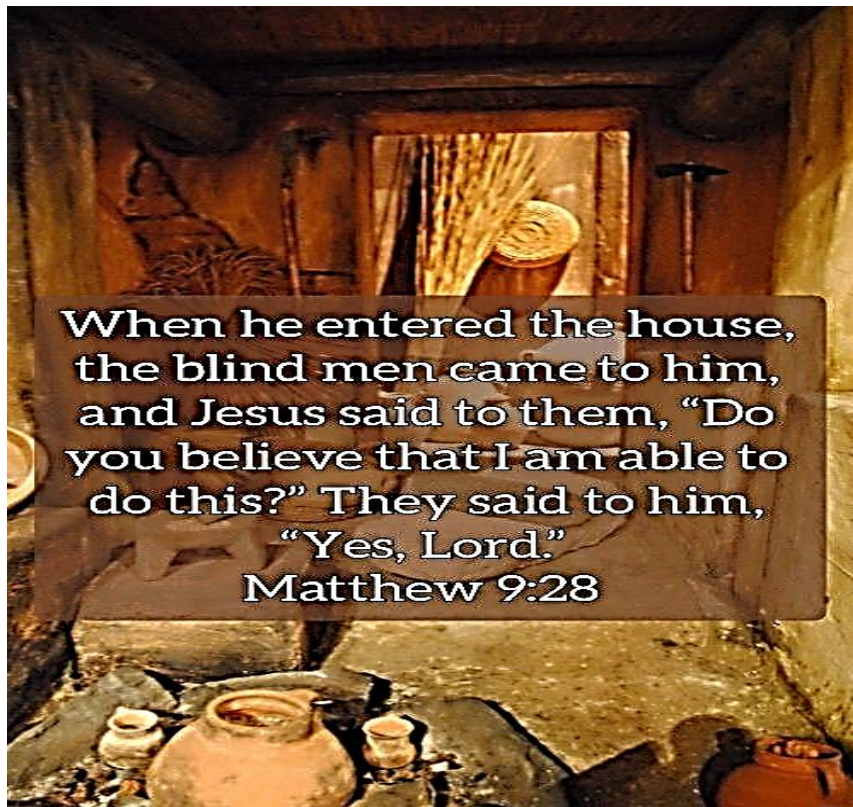


# Church of Scotland

## NESS BANK

Sunday 20 July 2025  
at 11.00 am



Minister - Rev Stuart Smith

Organist - Mr Ian Livingstone

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and intimations**

Geoff Thomson

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 89: 5-8)

*(Congregation standing)*

**Hymn      200      ‘Christ is made the sure foundation’**

**Opening Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer**

**All-Age Talk**

**Hymn      ‘Jesus, strong and kind’**

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.  
No-one else can satisfy, I should come to him.  
Jesus said if I am weak I should come to him.  
No-one else can be my strength, I should come to him.  
*For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus – Jesus strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him  
No-one else can be my shield I should come to him  
*For the Lord is good...*

Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me  
And he showed me on that cross he will come to me  
*For the Lord is good...*

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*(Children leave for Sunday School)*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Reading      Matthew 9: vs 18-31 (NTp13)**

Mary Thomson

**Hymn      268      ‘O God of Bethel! by whose hand’**

**Sermon      ‘Do you believe?’**

**Music for Reflection**

**Prayers for Ourselves and Others**

**Hymn      396      ‘And can it be, that I should gain’**

**Benediction & Choral Amen**

**Postlude**

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**27 July 2025 at 11.00am**

The service will be conducted by Len Cazaly

Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service

## **INTIMATIONS FOR TODAY**

**Welcome** We welcome everyone to our service this morning. A special welcome is extended to any visitors who may be worshipping with us. If you have moved to Inverness, we would be very pleased to have you worship with us regularly. Please make yourself known to one of the stewards on duty as you leave, or complete one of the cards situated at the end of the pews.

**The Bible** Please stand when the Church Officer brings the Bible into the sanctuary for the start of our worship together. Thank you.

**Internet Access** Please can you ensure that all mobile phones and other devices such as iPads are switched off completely before the service to avoid interference with the sound system. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Livestreaming** Services are routinely recorded on video and livestreamed. The front five pews in the main block could be in shot (normally the backs of heads only). Also anyone crossing the church in front of the communion table could be in view. If you wish to avoid being recorded, please speak to one of our welcome teams who will be happy to help you choose a seat out of camera shot.

**Today's Worship** We warmly welcome Dugald MacPherson who is leading today's worship.

**Tea and coffee** Everyone is invited for tea and coffee in the hall after the service.

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

**Minister's Leave** Rev Smith is on leave until 25 July, and then will be conducting the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Dalneigh Trinity Church next Sunday 27 July. Mr Len Cazaly, Locum at Dalneigh Trinity, will be leading worship at Ness Bank next Sunday. Please contact the church office regarding funeral cover. Hospital visiting will be done by the Pastoral Care Team - contact Mrs Sheila Proudfoot, Tel. 237920.

**Open Sanctuary during August 2025** It is proposed to have the Sanctuary open again, as in previous years, during the month of August on a Monday to Friday basis each week from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

***A schedule of dates and times*** is now in the vestibule so please, if you can participate, add your name and telephone number on the sheet against whatever time suits you. Only two volunteers are required for each session daily and suitable instructions etc will be issued.

**Wrapping Shoeboxes for the Blythswood appeal** – **Wednesday 23 July**, 10am-4pm. Come along to the Church hall to help wrap shoeboxes in preparation of the appeal starting in September. Paper, scissors, tape provided (although bring along a tape dispenser if you have one). This is a lovely social time and will help get 150 boxes ready for members to take away and fill. We'll even have tea & coffee available to quench your thirst from all the chatting you do!

## **INTIMATIONS FOR TODAY (cont'd)**

**Highland Foodbank** The items requested for July & August are:

**Tins of potatoes**

**Tins of mince/ravioli**

**Tins of ham**

**Tins of fruit**

**Tins of corned beef**

**Jars of pasta sauce**

**Deodorant/toothpaste**

**Bags for life, new or used**

**Ness Bank Magazine Autumn edition** please submit any items of news and interest to [nessbmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:nessbmagazine@gmail.com) as soon as possible for inclusion in the forthcoming magazine, and at the latest by **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025**.

## **NESS BANK MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Lunch/Discussion Group** This is for ladies in our congregation who live alone, and the next monthly get together will take place on **Friday 25 July** at 12.30pm at the Redcliffe Hotel. Please telephone Catherine on 01463 235961, Betty on 01463 238384 or Eleanor on 01463 237293 by **Wednesday 23 July** if you are unable to attend.

**The Bible Study and Prayer Group** will meet in Room 2 at 5pm on **Sunday 27th July**. The subject in our studies of the Disciples will be Judas Iscariot as found in Matthew Ch's 26 and 27. New enquirers will be made most welcome.

## **GENERAL NOTICES**

**Refuel 25:** An outdoor Festival of Faith and unity for all ages, families and denominations will take place from **20-24 July** at Gordon Castle, Fochabers. Free to attend, but pre-booking is required via [www.refuelScotland.org.uk](http://www.refuelScotland.org.uk).

**Highland Voices Gospel Choir** will present their Summer Showcase in Ness Bank Church on **Thursday 24 July** at 7.30pm. Free entry (donations welcome).

**Let the Organ Thunder!** Free weekly organ concerts will take place in **Inverness Cathedral** from **1.15 - 2.00pm every Friday** until **29 August**.

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