

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 15 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 (*2nd Corinthians 2.6*) (Congregation standing)

ALL: God said, "Out of the darkness, light shall shine"
**MAKE YOUR LIGHT SHINE IN OUR HEARTS
LET US KNOW YOUR GLORY,
SHINING IN THE FACE OF CHRIST.**

Hymn 112 'God, whose almighty Word'

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 'I speak Jesus'

1. I just want to speak the name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace
within your presence
I speak Jesus.
2. I just want to speak the name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope
and there is freedom
I speak Jesus

*Your name is power, Your name is healing,
Your name is life, Break every stronghold,
Shine through the shadows, Burn like a fire.*
3. I just want to speak the name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by
depression
I speak Jesus

*Your name is power....

Shout Jesus from the mountains
Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness, over every
enemy
Jesus for my family
I speak the holy name, Jesus*

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading John 6: 60-71 (NT p125) Julia MacDonald

Hymn 559 'There is a redeemer'

Sermon "Words of Eternal Life"

Anthem 'God so loved the world' Stainer

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 555 'Amazing grace'

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

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

Guild Work Party The Work Party will meet on **Wednesday 18 March** at 10.30am in Room 1 and will welcome anyone wishing to join them.

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

Next Sunday (22 March) The service will be conducted by Stuart Smith. Tea & coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

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.

The Waunakee High School Orchestra, Wisconsin, USA, are giving a concert in the church on **Monday 23 March** at 7.30pm. They will be joined by the Inverness Fiddlers. Admission free, but donations welcome, again for Inverness Foodstuff.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

A Festival of Psalms will take place on **Saturday 28 March** from 2.30-3.45pm in the Free North Church, Bank Street, Inverness. Parking is available in the carpark of John Fraser & Son on request (rfinlay122@gmail.com). Entrance by the back gate.

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.

Messy Church The next Messy Church will take place on **Sunday 29 March** from 12.30-2.30pm, with lunch together and a chance to experience "Easter Alive". All families are welcome.

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:

Small box of tea

Box of Cereal

Shaving Foam

Tin of Vegetables

Diluting Juice

Tin of Corned Beef

Deodorant

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