

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 27 September 2026 at 11.00 am



true and better

Minister - Rev Stuart Smith

Organist - Mr Ian Livingstone

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

(Please stand when the Bible is carried into the church)

Welcome and intimations

Rev Stuart Smith

Call to Worship *(Psalm 84)*

(Congregation standing)

Blessed are those whose strength comes from you
ALL: STRENGTHEN US AS WE GO ON
The Lord is our protector and King
ALL: DO NOT REFUSE US ANY GOOD THING
Blessed are those who trust in you

Hymn 52 *‘How lovely is thy dwelling place’*

Opening Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 174 *‘God of great and God of small’*

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading Romans 5: 12-19 *(NT p192)*

Jane MacBean

Hymn *‘Christ, the true and better Adam’*

1 Christ, the true and better Adam
Son of God and Son of man
Who, when tempted in the garden
Never yielded, never sinned
He, who makes the many righteous
Brings us back to life again
Dying, he reversed the curse, then
Rising, crushed the serpent's head.

3 Christ, the true and better Moses
Called to lead a people home
Standing bold to earthly powers
God's great glory to be known
With his arms stretched wide to heaven
See the waters part in two
See the veil is torn forever
Cleansed with blood we pass now through.

2 Christ, the true and better Isaac
Humble son of sacrifice
Who would climb the fearful mountain
There to offer up his life
Laid with faith upon the altar
Father's joy and only son
There salvation was provided
Oh, what full and boundless love.

4 Christ, the true and better David
Lowly shepherd, mighty king
He the champion in the battle
Where, o death, is now thy sting?
In our place he bled and conquered
Crown him Lord of majesty
His shall be the throne forever
We shall e'er his people be.

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Sermon *‘All for One, One for all’*

Music for Reflection

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 392 *'When I survey the wondrous cross'*

Benediction and 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

Blythswood Shoe Boxes are **now** available in the vestibule. Please pick one up, fill it & return by 1 November. Leaflets on the boxes explain what's required to go into them. Most boxes have a Christmas card inside, please write a wee message & pop it back in. If you don't want to fill a box, please pop any donations into a bag and leave beside the collection point. There is also a donation box for financial contributions.

125th anniversary of our church – **TODAY** is the final day to order and pay for the special edition print of our church. The cost is £30, in cash or cheque, or arrange a bank transfer. Contact me on invernairn21@btinternet.com or 07990 621744. *Geoff Thomson*

Bible Study and Prayer Group Our next meeting will be held **tonight** at 5pm in Room 2 when we will continue our studies in 2 Timothy Ch3. All are welcome.

The Highland Gospel Male Voice Choir invite you to join them for an evening of worship and praise on **Monday 28 September** at 7.00pm in Killearnan Parish Church. Donations welcome in aid of The Kirk at Killearnan.

Messy Church will be held on **Saturday 3 October** from 4.00-6.00pm, when we shall be looking together at living life the Jesus way, following his teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. All families are welcome.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

A Service of Choral Evensong for the Season of Creation, by the Royal Society of Church Music Scottish Voices, will take place on **Saturday 3 October** at 4.00pm in Inverness Cathedral

Next Sunday (4 October) The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith at 11.00am. This will include a collection of items for the Food Bank and a retiring offering for the work of Tearfund. Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

Minister's Leave Rev Stuart Smith will be on leave from **Monday 5 October until Wednesday 14 October inclusive**. Mr Dugald MacPherson will lead worship on Sunday 11 October. Rev Scott McRoberts (Tel 01463 832601) will provide cover for funerals. Hospital visiting will be done by the Pastoral Care Team - contact Mrs Sheila Proudfoot, Tel. 237920.

Ness Bank Newsletter Items for the next Newsletter are welcome at any time, and at the latest by **Sunday 18 October**. Please send your articles to the editor at nessbmagazine@gmail.com, or if you prefer hard copy, hand them to Elspeth Smith, thank you.

Crossreach News The Autumn edition of the magazine is available in the front vestibule along with their 2026 Christmas Card and Calendar collection.

Beetle Drive Many thanks to everyone who supported the event on 18 September - a lovely social night with lots of mixing and chatting. And plenty of cake eaten! We raised £270 for The Cosy Café, Bught Stop.

Church Office The Church Office will be closed from **Monday 28 September until Thursday 1 October inclusive**.

Highland Foodbank – Harvest Appeal Donating an item or two from the appeal list below will ensure food can be provided for people facing hardship in the community in the weeks leading up to Harvest.

Tins of Ham
Juice (cartons & diluting)
Crackers/Oatcakes

Tins of fruit
Milk (UHT)
Toiletries

Tinned meat- mince, stew etc
Washing up liquid
Carrier bags

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