

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 16 August 2026 at 11.00 am



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 *(Isaiah 55: 8-12)*

(Congregation standing)

Our thoughts are not your thoughts
ALL: YOUR WAYS ARE HIGHER THAN OURS
Send out your Word,
as the rain falls from heaven
ALL: ACHIEVE WHAT YOU DESIRE
FILL OUR HEARTS WITH JOY

Hymn 495 ***‘Spirit of God, descend upon my heart’***

Opening Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 186 ***‘Father God, I wonder’***
(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading Galatians 5: 13-26 (NT p238) Fiona MacAdam

Hymn 600 ***‘Spirit of God, unseen by the wind’***

Sermon ***‘Religious Freedom’***

Music for Reflection

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 519 ***‘Love divine, all loves excelling’***

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

Communion Invitations for **two** Communion services on **6 September, at 11.00am and 4.00pm**, and Newsletters, are available for Elders and District Visitors to collect from the vestibule **today**. The 4pm Communion service will be a short service for anyone who finds it difficult to manage a regular morning service. Please offer to share lifts if you can.

Ach an Eas The monthly service at Ach an Eas will be held **today** at 3pm.

Next Sunday (23 August) The Service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the service.

Open Sanctuary during August The following slots are still available: 1.00-3.00pm on Tuesday 18th, Thursday 20th, & Monday 24th. Please add your name to the list in the vestibule if you can help.

District Visitors There will be a gathering for all Visitors, including Elders, on **Monday 17 August** at 7.00pm in room 1 to share encouragement and support. Anyone new wishing to share in this task is invited to come and join those already involved.

Ness Bank Craft Group The Crafties will resume on **Tuesday 18 August** from 10.00am-12noon in room 1. New members welcome.

Baby and Toddler Group resumes on **Wednesday 19 August** in the main hall from 9.30-11.30am during term time. 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.

Choir Practices resume on **Thursday 20 August** at 7.30pm in Room 1. New voices in all parts will be made most welcome.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Scottish Northern Convention "*Temptations Jesus faced*" - speaker Dan Peters. Dingwall Free Church, **21-23 August**: Friday 7.30pm, Saturday 11am and 7.30pm, Sunday 7.30pm. Admission free and all welcome.

Animated Film 'David', based on 1 Samuel, will be shown at Inverness Vue cinema daily at 12.45pm from **Friday 21 August**. Tickets booked online are from £6.99.

Fauré's Requiem, along with other music by Fauré, will be performed in Inverness Cathedral on **Saturday 29 August** at 7.00pm. Tickets £15, in aid of Highland Hospice, are available from suelightman@gmail.com.

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

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

Highland Men's Conference on 'Faithfulness' will be held at Culloden-Balloch Baptist Church on 4 & 5 September. Contact office@cullodenbaptist.com regarding attendance.

Inverness CYC/YMCA – Supper Evening to be held on **Friday 4 September** in Smithton Church, Murray Road. A sign-up sheet, with menu choices, is in the vestibule for anyone who wishes to attend. Menu choices/numbers to be sent to gmgfmaclean@gmail.com.

Hall décor at Christmas! If any of the congregation would like to design/copy Christmas images to decorate the halls, please see David Ewan after the service **today or next Sunday**.

Highland Foodbank The Church's generosity is much appreciated by the Foodbank. Donations of the following items are requested for August.

Tins of Ham	Tins of fruit	Tins of carrots
Tins of rice pudding/custard	Tins of potatoes	Instant noodles
Juice (cartons & diluting)	Milk (UHT)	Washing up liquid
Cooking sauce		

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