

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

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Sunday 23 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

(Congregation standing)

Your work of creation inspires us
ALL: GRANT US YOUR BLESSINGS
Our work as your church fulfils us
ALL: SHOW US YOUR WILL
Your Spirit's work in us completes us
ALL: OPEN OUR HEARTS TO HIM

Hymn 231 'For the fruits of our creation'

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 'God who made the Universe' (Video)

God who made the universe,
The earth, the sun, the moon & stars,
Has a place in his heart for me.
From the beginning to the end,
God will always be my friend,
So I can jump and shout
'Cos God loves me.

(Chorus)

*God's love is big, God's love is great,
God's love is fab and he's my mate.
God's love surrounds me every day,
And I love to sing and say...*

*God's love is big, God's love is strong,
God's love goes on and on and on.
God's love surrounds me every day,
And I love to sing and say,
"God loves me. Wa-Hey!"*

Since before the world began,
God knew me and had a plan
For my life, and how I'm going to be
He sent Jesus to be my friend
To show his love would never end
So I can jump and shout
'Cos God loves me. *(Chorus)*

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading

Galatians 6: 1-10 (NT p238)

Amanda James

Hymn

694

'Brother, sister, let me serve you'

Sermon

'The Future of the Church'

Anthem

'Dear Lord and Father'

Parry

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 738

'Glorious things of thee are spoken'

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 all 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.

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**.

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.

Lunch/Discussion Group This is for ladies in our congregation who live alone, and the next monthly get together will take place on **Friday 28 August** at 12.30pm at the Redcliffe Hotel. Please telephone Catherine on 01463 235961, Betty on 01463 238384 or Eleanor on 01463 237293 by **Wednesday 26 August** if you are unable to attend.

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.

INTIMATIONS (Cont'd)

Coming soon to Ness Bank:

- Sunday 30 August – *Giving and Sharing: 11.00am*
- Sunday 6 September – *Communion Services: 11.00am and 4.00pm*
- Sunday 13 September – *Kirking of the Council: 11.00am*
- Sunday 20 September – *Dedication of the Guild: 11.00am*

Bible Study & Prayer Group Please note that owing to holiday commitments, our meeting on **Sunday 30 August** has been cancelled but we will resume our studies on Sunday 26 September.

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 gmgfmaclea@gmail.com.

Blythswood is holding an Auction & Dinner on **Friday 4 September** at the Drumossie Hotel, when members of their Ukrainian partner organisation, Light of Reformation, will be present. Tickets are £50 per person, or book a table of 10 for £480, from blythswood.org/events-for-you.

125th anniversary of our church To celebrate this upcoming anniversary I have commissioned a new painting of the church, as seen from View Place/Haugh Road. A limited edition print and further details will be available soon. Please place your order via the church office, or contact me on 01463 772630/ 07990 621744; invernairn21@btinternet.com

Geoff Thomson

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		

CONTACT US

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