



St Andrews
FREECHURCH

Sunday Evening – 28th April 2024

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening John MacPherson will preach on Matthew 2:1-12.

- 1 **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun**
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue
declare his love in sweetest song,
and children's voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where Jesus reigns –
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
the hungry and the poor are blessed.
- 4 Let all creation rise and bring
the highest honours to our king;
angels descend with songs again
and Earth repeat the loud 'Amen!'

Based on Psalm 72; Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offences against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

Come behold the wondrous mystery

in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises,
robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended,
took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery:
he the perfect Son of Man,
in his living, in his suffering,
never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam
come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ, the great and sure fulfilment
of the Law – in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery:
Christ the Lord upon the tree!
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory;
grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery:
slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him;
praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance!
How unwavering our hope!
Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when he comes.

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Reading: Micah 5:1–6 (page 778)

Notices

1) Prayer Meeting – Join us to pray as a church family this Wednesday (1st May) at 1 Dempster Terrace. Come from 7:15pm for 7:30.

2) Hearing God's Voice – Join us for a Bible handling workshop in The Halls on Saturday 4th May, 9:15am–1pm. Whether you want to grow in confidence reading God's word on your own or you want to be better equipped to open the Bible with others, we would love to have you! There is also an optional session after lunch thinking about how to write a Bible study. Click [here](#) to sign up.

3) During the week – Thursday LifeGroups, Friday Fellowship and Voyagers continue as normal this week. There will be no LifeGroups on Wednesday due to the prayer meeting.

4) Summer Serving – With many of our number being away over the Summer, it would be very helpful if you would consider serving in one of the following areas: Projection, Sunday morning set-up, tea and coffee and music. Talk to a member of staff or complete the [serving form](#).

5) Giving – You can support the work of the church financially by electronic bank transfer, by contactless payment after the service or by clicking [here](#). Our bank details are – A/c name: St Andrews Free COS; S/c: 80-09-55; A/c no: 00295283. If you are eligible for Gift Aid, please email (treasurer@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)

Click [here](#) if you're new and you would like to find out more about our church.

Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 19

- 7 The perfect law of God
Revives the soul of man;
His statutes which are sure
Make wise the simple one.
- 8 The precepts of the LORD are right
And fill the heart with great delight.
- God's radiant commands
Shed light on what we see;
- 9 The fear of God is pure
And lasts eternally.
The standards of the LORD express
His perfect truth and righteousness.
- 10 Of far more worth than gold—
Than much pure gold—they are;
Than honey from the comb,
Than honey sweeter far.
- 11 They warn the servant of the LORD;
In keeping them is great reward.

Reading and Sermon: Matthew 2:1–12 (page 807)

Matthew 2:1-12

- **The True Shepherd King for the whole world**

- **The True King that divides the world**

Rejection & Apathy

Rejoicing & Adoration

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander, Percy Dearmer

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;

He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
And I will trust in You alone...

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust in You alone...

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Next week's services:

10.30am: Hebrews 11:23–12:2

6pm: Matthew 2:13–23

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