



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Sunday Morning – 13th July 2025

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on
the Christian's Identity as a Sheep.

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD's my shepherd, I'll not want.
- 2 He makes me down to lie
 In pastures green: he leadeth me
 the quiet waters by.
- 3 My soul he doth restore again;
 and me to walk doth make
 Within the paths of righteousness,
 ev'n for his own name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
 yet will I fear none ill:
 For thou art with me; and thy rod
 and staff me comfort still.
- 5 My table thou hast furnished
 in presence of my foes;
 My head thou dost with oil anoint,
 and my cup overflows.
- 6 Goodness and mercy all my life
 shall surely follow me:
 And in GOD's house for evermore
 my dwelling-place shall be.

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah!

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?

"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,

Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy,

When Christ is ours forevermore.

O sing hallelujah!

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Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep for us to undo.
Please forgive us.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Notices

1) Elections – The Kirk Session are recommending that we call John MacPherson to be our Assistant Minister and that Simon Attwood and Martin Thomson be elected as elders. If you have not received a letter from Paul about this, please speak to Stephen (stephen@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk). You can participate in the Assistant Minister vote [here](#) and the Elder vote [here](#) until 16th July.

2) LifeGroups – Meeting at 1 Dempster Terrace on Wednesday evenings to discuss the previous Sunday morning's sermon in more detail. Come from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start. All are welcome!

3) Friday Fellowship – All women who are at home during the day on Friday are warmly invited to join us at 10am at 1 Dempster Terrace as we reflect on the Sunday morning sermon and pray for one another. Contact Emilie (emiliemclarke@gmail.com) for more details.

4) Summer Reading – We are encouraging people to read David Gibson's book *The Lord of Psalm 23* over the summer. We hope to buy the book in bulk at a cheaper price, so let Stephen (stephen@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk) know if you would like a copy.

5) Everest! – Holiday Club is from 12th–15th August. Find out more and sign up [here](#). Chat to Catherine (catherine@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk) if you are able to help or you have any questions.

6) Serving – As we go into the summer, it is particularly helpful to hear from you about the areas of church life that you are interested in serving in. Click [here](#) to find the serving form and to find out more about how you can serve God and his church.

7) 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 would wish to make a contribution towards the Assistant Minister fund, you are making a sizeable donation or you are eligible for Gift Aid, please email treasurer@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

Children leave for Sunday School

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 95

- 1 O come, let us joyfully sing to the LORD;
To the Rock of salvation let us raise our voice.
- 2 Let us come before him expressing our thanks;
Let us with loud singing praise him and rejoice.
- 3 The LORD is the great God, King over all gods.
- 4 The earth's deepest places he holds in his hand;
The heights of the mountains belong to the LORD.
- 5 The oceans are his, and he formed the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow humbly and worship the LORD;
Let us kneel before him, our Maker, in prayer.
- 7 For we are his people and he is our God;
He shepherds and feeds us in his loving care.

Reading and Sermon: John 10:7–30 (page 896)

The Christian: Sheep

Intro: Identity

1) The Good Shepherd Loves and Gives

i) He loves to the point of death

ii) He gives abundant life

2) The Sheep Listen and Live

i) We listen to his voice

ii) We live forevermore

Conclusion: 'You're such a sheep!'

When I fear my faith will fail,

Christ will hold me fast.

When the tempter would prevail,
he will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold
through life's fearful path.

For my love is often cold,
he must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast!

He will hold me fast!

*For my Saviour loves me so,
he will hold me fast!*

Those he saves are his delight,

Christ will hold me fast.

Precious in his holy sight,
he will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost,
his promises shall last.

Bought by him at such a cost,
he will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast...

For my life he bled and died,

Christ will hold me fast.

Justice has been satisfied,
he will hold me fast.

Raised with him to endless life,
he will hold me fast,

till our faith is turned to sight
when he comes at last.

He will hold me fast...

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This evening's sermon passage is Psalm 36

Next week's services:

10.30am: Philippians 1:18-30 (The Christian – Partner)

6pm: Psalm 37

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