



**Free Church  
of St Andrews**

## **Sunday Morning – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on 1 Corinthians 1:10–17.

### **Psalm 100**

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.
- 2 Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him and rejoice.
- 3 Know that the LORD is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make:  
We are his flock, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.
- 4 O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.
- 5 For why? the LORD our God is good,  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

**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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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.

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**When I survey the wondrous cross**

on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

# Notices

## NEW IN TOWN?

If you are looking for a church to call home, we would love to meet you! To meet one of our staff team for coffee or to hear more about activities in our church life, please fill out our [welcome form](#).

**Freshers Lunch** – 14th September

**Newcomers Lunches** – 14th and 21st September

**Student Lunch** – 21st September on the topic of 'What is the Gospel?'

**LifeGroup Launch Nights** – Come and find out more about our small groups:

**Year-round LifeGroups** at the Boy's Brigade Hall on 17th September.

**Term-time LifeGroups** in Holy Trinity Halls on 18th September.

New and returning members are welcome to either at 7:30pm.

**1) Evergreens** – For the 'more experienced' saints in our church family, resuming on Tuesday 16th September at 1 Trinity Place at the earlier time of 1pm for a soup and sandwich lunch together.

**2) 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.

**3) Lord's Supper** – We will take communion during next Sunday's evening service.

**4) Ordination of John MacPherson** – Join us on Saturday 20th September as we ordain John as our Assistant Minister at St Mark's Parish Church at 3pm.

**5) Church Family Ceilidh** – On the evening of Friday 3rd October. Save the date!

**6) Baptisms** – We will hold a baptism service on 5th October. If you are interested in being baptised or would like to talk more about what it means, send an email to Paul (our senior minister) at [paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk](mailto:paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)

**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](mailto: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.

1 **Crown him with many crowns,**  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
while Heaven's eternal anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died to be  
your Saviour and your matchless King  
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of Life  
triumphant from the grave,  
who rose victorious from the strife  
for those he came to save:  
his glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high;  
he died eternal life to bring  
and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of Love,  
who shows his hands and side –  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of Years,  
the Potentate of Time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres  
Ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail,  
for you have died for me;  
your praise shall never, never fail  
through all eternity!

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# **1 Corinthians 1:10–17**

**Intro:** United we stand, divided we fall...

## **1) The ugly stench of division**

i. The elevation of human leaders

ii. The relegation of Christ

## **2) The unifying power of the cross**

i. The insignificance of man

ii. The proclamation of Christ

**Conclusion:** 'Unity reset'

1 **Oh, to see the dawn**  
of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
torn and beaten, then  
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath –  
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

2 Oh, to see the pain  
written on your face,  
bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought,  
every evil deed  
crowning your bloodstained brow.  
*This, the power of the cross...*

3 Now the daylight flees,  
now the ground beneath  
quakes as its Maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry.  
*This, the power of the cross...*

4 Oh, to see my name  
written in the wounds,  
for through your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
life is mine to live,  
won through your selfless love.  
This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God – slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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*This evening's sermon passage is Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.*

**Next week's services:**

10.30am: 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

6pm: Matthew 13:31-35

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