



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Sunday Evening – 16th November 2025

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Paul Clarke will speak on Matthew 15:21–28.

How deep the Father's love for us,

how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss:
the Father turns his face away
as wounds which mar the chosen one
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend

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Notices

Christmas Events

Women's Evangelistic Wreath-making Workshops – Join us and invite others for an evening of creative festive fun on **Saturday 29th November** at **3pm** and **7:30pm**. Come and make a beautiful, natural wreath, enjoy some seasonal nibbles and hear a short talk on the surprise at the heart of Christmas. All women are very welcome! Tickets are £10 and [booking](#) closes on the 23rd November.

Christmas Carol Services – Sunday 7th December, 5 & 7:30pm – Invite others along for this seasonal opportunity to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Just Join In Nativity – Sunday 14th December at 3pm in the Halls. Come dressed as your favourite nativity character and help us bring the Christmas story to life as we meet the baby at its centre and discover the joy and hope Jesus brings today.

Find digital flyers for all three of these events to share with others [here](#).

1) During the week – LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as normal. Contact church@standrewsfreechurch for info about our regular bible studies.

2) Student Lunch: Does God care about how busy I am? – All students are invited to lunch and discussion in the Halls after the 11:30 service on 23rd November.

3) Membership Evening – Tuesday 25th November, 5:30pm at 1 Dempster Terrace. Please email paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk if you want to explore becoming a member of the church or if another time would suit you better.

4) Prayer Meeting – Join us to pray as a church family on Wednesday 26th November from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start. All are welcome!

5) Parking – A reminder that the parking in front of the Halls is reserved for those who need it most and that everyone should be wary of moving vehicles when entering and exiting the building. We have access to the Music Centre car park next door on Sunday morning and free on-street parking is available on single yellow lines in the nearby area.

6) 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

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, should'st die for me!

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the highest angel tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mystery all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above –
so free, so infinite his grace –
humbled himself in all his love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Based on Acts 12
Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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Intro: Great faith?

1) Great faith worships Jesus as Lord

2) Great faith cries to Jesus for mercy

3) Great faith in Jesus is open to all

Conclusion: How marvellous...

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.

Psalm 25

- 5 You are my Saviour and my God;
All day I hope in you alone.
- 6 Remember, LORD, your love and grace
Which from past ages you have shown.
- 7 Do not recall my sins of youth
Or my rebellious, evil ways;
Remember me in your great love,
For you, O LORD, are good always.
- 8 Because the LORD is just and good,
He shows his paths to all who stray.
- 9 He guides the meek in what is right
And teaches them his holy way.
- 10 To those who keep his covenant laws
He shows his love consistently.
- 11 For your name's sake, O LORD my God,
Forgive my great iniquity.

Lord's Supper

We use non-alcoholic wine.
Gluten-free bread is available.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us spiritually
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.
Praise the Lord...

What riches of kindness he lavished on us!
His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.
Praise the Lord...

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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Next week's services:

9.30am & 11.30am: 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

6pm: Matthew 15:29–39

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