



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Sunday Morning – 16th November 2025

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning John MacPherson will speak on 1 Corinthians 7:25–40.

Psalm 72

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| 1 Endow the king with justice, LORD,
The royal son with righteousness. | 5 As long as sun and moon endure,
So will he live time without end. |
| 2 Your people, your afflicted ones,
He'll judge with truth and uprightness. | 6 He'll be like showers on the earth,
Like rains that on mown fields descend. |
| 3 The mountains will bring peace to them,
The hills the fruit of righteousness. | 7 The righteous then will blossom forth
Throughout his everlasting reign;
Until the moon no longer shines,
Peace in abundance will remain. |
| 4 He will defend and save the poor,
And crush all those who them oppress. | |

Come, Thou long expected Jesus

Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley, Christian Freidrich Witt

Most merciful Father,
our Creator and Judge,
we acknowledge and confess
that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you
with all our heart,
and we have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves.

We earnestly repent
and are truly sorry for all our sins.
For your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us and strengthen us
to serve and obey you
in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading: Daniel 7:9–14 (page 744)

1 **Though the nations rage**
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King
Reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days.
*None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain
and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of Days.*

2 Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days.
None above Him, none before Him...

3 Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.
None above Him, none before Him...

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) Youth Group – Meeting in the back hall at 3:30pm this afternoon. Contact church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk for more details.

2) Lord's Supper – During this evening's service.

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

4) 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.

5) 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.

6) 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!

7) 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 nearby.

8) 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 Crèche, Scramblers and Sunday School (9:30 service)

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.

I cannot tell why he whom angels worship
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why as shepherd he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how nor when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethlehem's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured;
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, has come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
nor how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy-laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all our hearts with love for him are filled.
But this I know, the skies will sound his praises,
ten thousand thousand human voices sing,
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer,
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

William Young Fullerton (1920)

Reading and Sermon: 1 Corinthians 7:25–40 (page 956)

1 Corinthians 7:25-40

Intro: Undivided Devotion

1) Because the time is short, staying single is a good and wise option.

2) Because marriage brings divided concerns, consider the undivided devotion singleness offers

3) Because you're free in Christ, choose the life that helps you love Him the most.

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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This evening's sermon passage is Matthew 15:21–28.

Next week's services:

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

6pm: Matthew 15:29–39

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