



**Free Church  
of St Andrews**

## **Evening Service – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Paul Clarke will speak on Isaiah 7:1–8:10.

**Who, O Lord, could save themselves,  
Their own soul could heal?  
Our shame was deeper than the sea  
Your grace is deeper still  
(Repeat)**

*You alone can rescue, You alone can save  
You alone can lift us from the grave  
You came down to find us, led us out of death  
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

You, O Lord, have made a way  
The great divide You heal  
For when our hearts were far away  
Your love went further still  
*You alone can rescue...*

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**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:** Isaiah 7:1–9 (page 571)

## **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.

## **O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer**

Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone.  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heaven's reach  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts.  
My song, when enemies surround me  
My hope, when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy, when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Saviour of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered, bled and died.  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
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O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name.

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## **Notices**

### **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.**

**From the squalor of a borrowed stable,**  
by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;  
to the anguish and the shame of scandal  
came the Saviour of the human race!  
But the skies were filled with the praise of Heav'n,  
shepherds listen as the angels tell  
of the gift of God come down to man  
at the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the friend of sinners,  
humble servant in the Father's hands,  
filled with power and the Holy Spirit,  
filled with mercy for the broken man.  
Yes, he walked my road and he felt my pain,  
joys and sorrows that I know so well;  
yet his righteous steps give me hope again—  
I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,  
he was lifted on a cruel cross;  
he was punished for a world's transgressions,  
he was suffering to save the lost.  
He fights for breath, he fights for me,  
loosing sinners from the claims of hell;  
and with a shout our souls are free —  
death defeated by Immanuel!

Now he's standing in the place of honour,  
crowned with glory on the highest throne,  
interceding for his own beloved  
till his Father calls to bring them home!  
Then the skies shall part as the trumpet sounds —  
hope of heaven or the fear of hell;  
but the bride will run to her Lover's arms,  
giving glory to Immanuel!

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# Isaiah 7:1–8:10

**Intro:** Firm in faith?

1–6 Overture

7–12 A bad king trusts in man, not God

13–35 Reasons to trust in God, not man

36–39 A good king trusts in God, not man

## 1) The Rank Unbelief of God's King (7:1–17)

i) God says, 'Trust ME'

ii) Ahaz says, 'No!' – see 2 Kings 17:7–8 (page 322)

## 2) The Near-Total Destruction of God's People (7:13–8:8)

Immanuel

Short-term relief (7:14–16)

Medium-term judgement (7:17–25)

Maher-shalal-hashbaz

Short-term relief (8:4)

Medium-term judgement (8:6–8)

## Conclusion: The Ultimate Triumph of God's Purposes (8:9–10)

The 'remnant will return' (7:3)

The 'true Immanuel'

**From the breaking of the dawn**

to the setting of the sun  
I will stand on every promise of your Word.  
Words of power strong to save  
that will never pass away;  
I will stand on every promise of your Word.  
For your covenant is sure,  
and on this I am secure:  
I can stand on every promise of your Word.

When I stumble and I sin,  
condemnation pressing in,  
I will stand on every promise of your Word.  
You are faithful to forgive  
that in freedom I might live,  
so I stand on every promise of your Word.  
Guilt to innocence restored;  
you remember sins no more;  
so I'll stand on every promise of your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair,  
love that casts out every fear  
as I stand on every promise of your Word.  
Not forsaken, not alone,  
for the Comforter has come,  
and I stand on every promise of your Word.  
Grace sufficient, grace for me,  
grace for all who will believe.  
We will stand on every promise of your Word.

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**Next week's services:**

9:30 & 11:30am: Matthew 18:1-4  
6pm: Isaiah 8:11-9:7

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# Notices

**1) Prayer Meeting** – Join us to pray as a church family this Wednesday (25th February) at 1 Dempster Terrace, 7:15pm for a 7:30 start. All are welcome!

**2) During the week** – Thursday LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as normal this week. Evergreens meets at 2pm at 10 Doocot Road this Tuesday. There will be no Wednesday LifeGroups due to the prayer meeting. Email [church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk](mailto:church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk) for more info about our weekly bible studies.

**3) Lord's Supper** – During the evening service next week.

**4) Ministry Meeting** – Every Christian is called to serve Christ. Some are also called to make gospel ministry the focus of their life's work. If you'd like to explore whether that might be something worth considering, even tentatively, we're gathering on Monday 9th March, 7:30pm at 1 Dempster Terrace. This is for anyone curious, prayerful or simply open to thinking about how the Lord might use them in the future.

**5) Women's Teaching Day: Transformed by Grace** – Join us on Saturday 14th March at St Andrews Baptist Church as Rachel Sloan teaches from Titus. There will also be seminars, prayer and plenty of fellowship. Book [here](#) and contact Kirsty with any questions.

**6) Event: Did Darwin displace God?** – Join us at 7:30pm on Wednesday 18th March at St Mark's Parish Church for an evening with Professor Richard Buggs, an evolutionary biologist, as he explains the scientific evidence for God and why evolution does not explain it away. His talk will be followed by a Q&A. Click [here](#) for a flyer to share with others.

**7) 20s & 30s Social** – If you are in your 20s or 30s, you are invited to hang out at St Andrews Brew Co from 7pm on Monday 23rd March.

**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](mailto:treasurer@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)