



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Evening Service – 1st March 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Chris McLean will speak on Isaiah 8:11–9:7.

Psalm 98

- 1 O sing a new song to the LORD,
for wonders he has done;
His right hand and his holy arm
the victory have won.

- 2 The LORD declared his saving work
and made it to be known;
To all the nations of the world
his righteousness is shown.

- 3 His steadfast love and faithfulness
he has remembered well –
The covenant he made with them,
the house of Israël.

And all the nations of the earth
have seen what God has done –
Our God who brings deliverance
by his right hand alone.

- 4 Acclaim the LORD, O all the earth;
shout loudly and rejoice.
Make music and be jubilant;
to him lift up your voice.

- 5 With harp make music to the LORD;
with harp his praises sing.

- 6 With trumpet and with horn rejoice
before the LORD, the King.

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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Reading: Isaiah 8:11-22 (page 572)

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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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Reading and Sermon: Isaiah 9:1–7 (page 573)

Isaiah 8:11–9:7

Trust the LORD in the face of crisis...

- By fearing God, not people (8:11–15)
- By looking to God's word, not worldly wisdom (8:16–22)
- By rejoicing in the promised Son (9:1–7)

Most holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess in your presence
that we have a nature that is prone to evil and slow to do good.
You alone know how often we have sinned, even in the last week –
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
O Lord, we are ashamed for every way in which we have displeased you,
and we ask you to have mercy upon us.
Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults,
and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son, our Saviour.
And, O most holy and loving Father, please, we pray,
send your purifying grace into our hearts,
that from now on we may live in your light and walk in your ways
in obedience to the commandments of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

Psalm 32

- 1 Sins forgiven! What a blessing!
What a joy to hear this word!
When my sin is fully covered,
- 2 Cancelled by my gracious Lord!
Now I live a lie no longer;
Never has such news been heard!

- 3 When I sat and groaned in silence
All day long, my bones decayed;
Your great hand lay sore upon me,
- 4 Through the night and every day.
Just like in the heat of summer,
All my strength was sapped away.

- 5 Then I brought my sin before You;
I could hide that wrong no more.
I determined to confess, and
Bring my guilt to heaven's door.
What a blessing! God forgave me!
Now I bear that guilt no more.

Lord's Supper

We use non-alcoholic wine.

The bread is gluten-free.

**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.**

**All praise to him, the God of light,
who formed the mountains by his might.
All praise to him who names the stars,
that sing his fame in skies afar.
All praise to him who reigns in love,
who guides the galaxies above.
yet bends to hear our every prayer
with sovereign pow'r and tender care.**

All praise to him whose love is seen,
in Christ the Son, the Servant King;
who left behind his glorious throne
to pay the ransom for his own.
All praise to him who humbly came
to bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,
who lived to die, who died to rise;
the all-sufficient sacrifice.

All praise to him whose pow'r imparts
the love of God within our hearts;
the Spirit of all truth and peace,
the fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
our souls we lift, our wills we bow
to you, the triune God, we raise,
with loving hearts our song of praise.

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Next week's services:

9:30 & 11:30am: Matthew 18:5-20

6pm: Isaiah 9:8-10:4

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Notices

1) During the week – Wednesday LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as normal this week. There will be no Thursday LifeGroups during the university break. Email church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk for more info about our weekly bible studies.

2) 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.

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

4) 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.

5) Q&A – Immediately following the evening service on 22nd March, bring your questions on our Isaiah sermon series or submit them [here](#).

6) 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.

7) Baptisms – We're planning a baptism service in the near future. If you haven't been baptised and would like to talk more about it, get in touch with Paul at paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

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