



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Evening Service – 10th May 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Chris McLean will speak on 1 Corinthians 13.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander, Percy Dearmer

Here is love vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the flood-gates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above;
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love that conquered evil:
Christ, the firstborn from the grave;
Death has failed to be found equal
To the life of Him Who saves.
In the valley of our darkness
Dawned His everlasting light;
Perfect love in glorious radiance
Has repelled death's hellish night.

Here is love, vast as the heavens;
Countless as the stars above
Are the souls that He has ransomed,
Precious daughters, treasured sons.
We are called to feast forever
on a love beyond our time;
Glorious Father, Son, and Spirit
Now with man are intertwined.

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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.

Reading: Psalm 103:1–14 (page 502)

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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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.

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Psalm 36

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| 5 Your steadfast love is great, O LORD;
it reaches heaven high.
Your faithfulness is wonderful,
extending to the sky. | 7 How precious is your steadfast love!
What confidence it brings!
Both high and low find shelter in
the shadow of your wings. |
| 6 Your righteousness is very great,
like mountains high and steep;
Your justice is like ocean depths.
Both man and beast you keep. | 8 They feast within your house, and drink
from streams of your delight.
9 For with you is the source of life;
in your light we see light. |

Reading and Sermon: 1 Corinthians 13 (page 959)

1 Corinthians 13

1) The absence of love is the absence of everything: prioritise it above all gifts (verses 1-3)

2) The presence of love is by action and attitude: live it out in all things (verses 4-7)

a) Godly grounding (verse 4a)

b) Love is negative (verses 4b-6)

c) The present future (verse 7)

3) The supremacy of love is eternal: pursue it with all your heart (verses 8-13)

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.

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Next week's services:

10:30am: Joshua 7

6pm: 1 Corinthians 14

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Notices

1) Prayer Meeting – Join us to pray as a church family on Wednesday 13th May at St Andrews Bowling Club, from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start. All are welcome!

2) During the week – Thursday LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as usual this week. Evergreens meets at 2pm this Tuesday. There will be no Wednesday LifeGroups due to the prayer meeting. Email church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk for more info about any of our weekly bible studies and meetings.

3) Morning Services – Next Sunday (17th May), we will return to one morning service at 10:30. We will take the Lord's Supper together during this service.

4) Grad Sunday – On Sunday 17th May we will have lunch together after the morning service and spend time hearing from and praying for graduating students in the church family. Please bring your own lunch, but some soup will be provided to supplement it.

5) Igor Bandura Event – On the evening of 17th May, Igor Bandura, a leader in the Baptist Union in Ukraine will be sharing with us about what God is doing in the country. He will be interviewed during the service and will be speaking more at an informal gathering at 7:30pm with refreshments served. Location tbc – all welcome!

6) Hearing God's Voice – Join us for a Bible handling workshop on the morning of Saturday 23rd May, starting at 9:15am at St Mark's Parish Church. Whether you want to grow in confidence reading God's word on your own or you want to be better equipped to open the Bible with others, we would love to have you! There is also an optional session after lunch thinking about how to write a Bible study. Click [here](#) to sign up. The cost is £5, payable by card on the day.

7) Serving – If you have never filled out a church serving form, click [here](#) and let us know how you would like to serve. As summer approaches, it is helpful to us if you can note your unavailability on Elvanto. If you need access or guidance in doing this, contact stephen@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