



Free Church of St Andrews

Evening Service – 17th May 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Chris McLean will speak on 1 Corinthians 14.

Psalm 67

- 1 God be merciful and bless us;
shine upon us with your face,
- 2 That the earth may know your actions
and all lands your saving grace.

- 3 O God, may the peoples praise you;
may all peoples sing your praise.
- 4 For you judge the nations justly,
ruling over every race.

- May they sing with joy and gladness;
may they all rejoice as one.
- 5 O God, may the peoples praise you
as they all unite in song.

- 6 Then the land will yield its harvest;
God will pour his gifts abroad.
- 7 God, our God, will surely bless us;
all the earth will fear

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;

hear the call of Christ our Captain.

For now the weak

can say that they are strong

in the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth,

we'll stand against the devil's lies;

an army bold, whose battle cry is love,

reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war – to love the captive soul,

but to rage against the captor;

and with the sword

that makes the wounded whole,

we will fight with faith and valour.

When faced with trials on every side,

we know the outcome is secure,

and Christ will have

the prize for which he died –

an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross,

where love and mercy meet,

as the Son of God is stricken;

then see his foes

lie crushed beneath his feet,

for the Conqueror has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away

and Christ emerges from the grave,

this victory march continues till the day

every eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,

Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,

That we may run with faith to win the prize

Of a servant good and faithful

As saints of old still line the way,

Retelling triumphs of His grace,

We hear their calls and hunger for the day

When, with Christ, we stand in glory

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Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:1–25 (page 960)

Interview with Igor Bandura (*Baptist Union, Ukraine*)

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Almighty God,
we are unworthy to come into your presence,
and we do not deserve any grace or mercy from you,
because we have sinned against you and offended you.
And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offences,
so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God,
a loving and favourable Father to all who turn to you.
And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son,
to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our sins.
By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that,
not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouth,
and the smallest thought of our minds,
may be guided and governed by you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

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.

Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens,
Your glory shines in all that you have made.
You spoke the Word who broke into the darkness,
All earth replies: 'majestic is Your name.'
And who am I, though made below the angels,
That You my King are mindful of my ways?
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus,
I lift my voice to join with them in praise.

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent,
As on the cross the Light was pierced with dark.
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered,
The One who spoke out stars now breathes His last.
And who am I, the lowliest of sinners,
That You would pay the price my sin deserves?
My Maker scarred for those who marred His likeness,
And from His wounds flows mercy unreserved.

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory,
Death could not hold the One who authored life!
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness,
And in our hearts His risen life now shines.
And who are we that You would call us children,
And raise us up from death to life with you?
Where we will sing the New Creation anthem:
'O praise the One who's making all things new.'

And so we wait in eager expectation,
And join the song as all creation groans:
'Lord haste the Day decay is slain by glory,
The Day you call Your sons and daughters home.'

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Reading and Sermon: 1 Corinthians 14:26–40 (page 960)

1 Corinthians 14

1. Love prioritises building others (v1-5)

2. Love demands intelligibility (v6-25)

a. ... for the building of others... (v6-19)

b. ... and for the convicting of unbelievers (v20-25)

**3. Love does all things decently for the building of others
(v26-40)**

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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Next week's services:

10:30am: Joshua 8

6pm: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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1) Igor Bandura Event – This evening, 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 at 1 Dempster Terrace – all welcome!

2) During the week – Wednesday LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as usual this week. Email church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk for more info about any of our weekly bible studies and meetings.

3) 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.

4) Thursday LifeGroups Bonfire – On Thursday 28th May, all students are invited for a bonfire on East Sands as we mark the end of LifeGroups for the term and enjoy a beach evening together before everyone heads off for the summer. Find us from 7:30pm in front of the Coastguard Station.

5) 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

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