



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Morning Service – 17th May 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning John MacPherson will speak on Joshua 7.

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer!

There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold,
my hope is only Jesus
for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine!
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Saviour he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold,
my Shepherd will defend me;
through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold,
my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released;
I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
for he has said that he will bring me home,
and day by day I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold,
my hope is only Jesus;
all the glory evermore to him!
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
'Yet not I, but through Christ in me'.

Notices and Children Leave for Sunday School

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.

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven,
who else could make every king bow down,
who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises,
what other splendour outshines the sun,
what other majesty rules with justice?
Only a holy God.

*Come and behold Him,
the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
forever a holy God;
come and worship the holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire,
what other power can raise the dead,
what other name remains undefeated?
Only a holy God.
Come and behold Him...

Who else could rescue me from my failing,
who else would offer His only Son,
who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a holy God.
Come and behold Him...

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Reading and Sermon: Joshua 7 (page 182)

Joshua 7

**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.**

Psalm 130

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| 1 LORD, from the depths I call to you; | 5 I wait — my soul waits — for the LORD; |
| 2 Lord, hear me from on high
And give attention to my voice
when I for mercy cry. | my hope is in his word. |
| | 6 More than the watchman waits for dawn
my soul waits for the Lord. |
| 3 LORD, in your presence who can stand,
if you our sins record? | 7 O Isr'el, put your hope in God,
for mercy is with him |
| 4 But yet forgiveness is with you,
that we may fear you, LORD. | 8 And full redemption. From their sins
his people he'll redeem. |

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.**

I will sing the wondrous story

of the Christ who died for me;
how he left his home in glory
for the cross on Calvary.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
threw his loving arms around me,
drew me back into his way.

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me,
faint was I from many a fall;
sight was gone and fears possessed me,
but he freed me from them all.
Days of darkness still come o'er me,
sorrow's path I often tread,
but the Saviour still is with me,
by his hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet,
then he'll bear me safely over
where the loved ones I shall meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me;
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

Francis Harold Rawley (1854–1952)

This evening's sermon passage is 1 Corinthians 14.

Next week's services:

10:30am: Joshua 8

6pm: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

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Notices

1) Grad Sunday – After this morning's service we will have lunch together 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.

2) Youth Group – Meeting this afternoon from 3:30–5:30pm at John and Hilary's house. Contact hilaryous95@gmail.com for more details, including the address.

3) 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!

4) 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.

5) 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.

6) 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.

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