



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Morning Service – 27th September 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on 1 Peter 1:13–21.

How I love the voice of Jesus

On the cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full, the pardon He has offered
Great, the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
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Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen!
It was finished upon that cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that cross
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Prayer

Notices and Children Leave for Sunday School (9:30 service)

- 1 **By faith we see the hand of God**
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those
who prove his faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.
- 2 By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the power of his
promise in their hearts;
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise.
We will fix our eyes on him
our soul's reward.
'Til the race is finished
and the work is done:
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*
- 3 By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear,
with the power to break
the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.
- 4 By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost;
to deliver captives
and to preach good news
in every corner of the earth.
We will stand as children of the promise...
- 5 By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the power of the gospel shall prevail;
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon his name.
We will stand as children of the promise...

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1 Peter 1:13–21

Intro: The Fox and the Lion

1) Hope – focus fully on your future

i. You have a glorious future

ii. Set your hope fully on it

2) Holiness – be fully like your Father

i. You are children of a holy God

ii. Be holy, just like your Father

3) Humility – fear your Father God

i. You have been redeemed

ii. Conduct yourselves with fear

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep for us to undo.
Please forgive us.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,
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 | my hope is in his word. |
| And give attention to my voice | 6 More than the watchman waits for dawn |
| when I for mercy cry. | my soul waits for the Lord. |
| 3 LORD, in your presence who can stand, | 7 O Isr'el, put your hope in God, |
| if you our sins record? | for mercy is with him |
| 4 But yet forgiveness is with you, | 8 And full redemption. From their sins |
| that we may fear you, LORD. | 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.**

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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This evening's sermon passage is 1 Samuel 4:1–7:16.

Next week's services:

9:30 & 11:30am: 1 Peter 1:22–2:3

6pm: 1 Samuel 8

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Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! If you are new and would like to find out more about us, click [here](#) to fill in our welcome form and visit our website. You'll be given the option to meet with a member of the church team for a coffee. You can also find digital copies of the service sheets and the option to give online.

If you have any questions or would like to join us for any of the events below, you can chat to the service leader or send us an email at church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

Evergreens | Tue 29th September | 2pm

This ministry is aimed at encouraging some of the 'more experienced' saints in our church family. Join us for tea, cake, encouragement and prayer at 10 Doocot Road.

Wednesday LifeGroups | Wed 30th September | 7:30pm

For year-round members of the church family, meeting in homes across St Andrews. Click [here](#) for the termcard.

Thursday LifeGroups | Thur 1st October | 7:30pm

Our student bible study, taking place in the Halls. You're welcome to join, even if you are still deciding whether to join our church.

Friday Fellowship | Fri 2nd October | 10am

All women who are at home during the day are warmly invited to join us at 1 Dempster Terrace as we reflect on the Sunday morning sermon and pray for one another.

Scottish Women's Bible Convention

A day of teaching for women on Saturday 3rd October in Edinburgh. Contact Kirsty: kirsty@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

Guest Services – Join us and invite others to our morning services on 11th October as we consider 'The Heart of God'.

20s & 30s Social – Monday 12th

October from 7pm at St Andrews Brewing Co on South Street.

Glow Party – A family event of crafts, games and activities aimed at primary-age children, celebrating light and hope from 2:30–4pm on Saturday 25th October.

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