



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Evening Service – 11th October 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Chris McLean will speak on 1 Samuel 9:1–11:15.

Who has held the oceans in his hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice,
all creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God seated on his throne;
come, let us adore him.*

*Behold our King – nothing can compare;
come, let us adore him.*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?
Behold our God...

Who has felt the nails upon his hands
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave;
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign.
Behold our God...

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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.

Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honour and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever,
be to our God for ever and ever,
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.

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And we, the redeemed, shall be strong
in purpose and unity,
declaring aloud:
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honour and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever,
be to our God for ever and ever,
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen

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Notices

Reading: 1 Samuel 9:1–6, 15–21; 10:1, 14–16 (page 231)

Psalm 2

- 1 Why do the heathen nations rage?
Why do the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 Earth's kings combine in enmity;
Her rulers join against God's reign.

They take their stand against the LORD
And challenge his anointed one:
- 3 "Let us break off their chains from us;
With their restraints let us be done."
- 4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
The Lord on high derides them all.
- 5 Then he rebukes them in his wrath;
His rage and terror on them fall.
- 6 The LORD has made it known to them:
"My chosen king I have installed
On Zion, my own holy hill.
He is the one whom I have called."

O great God of highest heaven

Occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme,
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me,
Make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin,
Had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within,
Had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life,
Opened up Your Word to me;
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me!

'O Great God', Bob Kauflin
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Reading and Sermon: 1 Samuel 10:20-27; 11:1-15 (page 233)

1 Samuel 9:1–11:15

- A leader searching: God controls the details (9:1–27)
- A leader hiding: Saul is not the point (10:1–27)
- A leader saving: The Spirit empowers the King (11:1–15)

Though the nations rage

Kingdoms rise and fall

There is still one King

Reigning over all

So I will not fear for this truth remains:

That my God is the Ancient of Days.

None above Him, none before Him

All of time in His hands

For His throne it shall remain

and ever stand

All the power, all the glory

I will trust in His name

For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though the dread of night

Overwhelms my soul

He is here with me

I am not alone

O His love is sure and He knows my name

For my God is the Ancient of Days.

None above Him, none before Him...

Though I may not see

What the future brings

I will watch and wait

For the Saviour King

Then my joy complete standing face to face

In the presence of the Ancient of Days.

None above Him, none before Him...

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Next week's services:

9:30 & 11:30am: 1 Peter 2:4-10

6pm: 1 Samuel 12:1-14:52

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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

20s & 30s Social | Mon 12th October | 7:30pm

Join us at St Andrews Brewing Co on South Street.

Evergreens | Tue 13th October | 2pm

For the 'more experienced' saints, meeting at 10 Doocot Road.

Prayer Meeting | Wed 14th October | 7:30pm

Join us to pray as a church family at 7:30pm at Cosmos Community Centre.

There will be no LifeGroups on this evening.

Thursday LifeGroups | Thur 15th 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 16th 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.

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.

Desserts & Discipleship – For all women, join us for sweet treats, discussion and prayer on the evening of Friday 30th October. More details to come.

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal – Would you be able to give a poverty-stricken child a shoebox full of presents this Christmas? Blythswood Care is a Christian charity aiming to take the good news of Jesus to people by including a suitable Bible or book about Jesus with each shoebox, all being sent to Eastern Europe. Please contact Jacqui Barr for more information (jacqui.barr@yahoo.com). Wrapped boxes will be available from next Sunday (18th October) and must be filled and returned by 8th November.

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