# Evening Service – 22nd November 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Hamish Sneddon will speak on 1 Samuel 21-23.

**One with Christ**
Chosen in your Son
Before you gave creation life
Forever loved
Treasured as your own
A precious child in your sight

*My soul is bound to Christ the Son*
*Now and forever we are one*
*The Father's love, the Spirit's life*
*Are lavished over me in Christ*

As He died
Hanging on a cross
I died in Him to all my sin
And then He rose
Now He is alive
And so am I alive in Him

*My soul is bound...*

*No condemnation now I dread*
*Jesus and all in Him is mine*
*Alive in Him my living Head*
*And clothed in righteousness divine*

Raised with Christ
Seated now on high
My life secure with Christ above
Not even death,
Sin or any pow'r
Could separate me from His love

*My soul is bound...*

*No condemnation...*

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**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**
**we have sinned against you**
**in thought and word and deed,**
**in the evil we have done**
**and in the good we have not done,**
**through ignorance,**
**through weakness,**
**through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry,**
**and repent of all our sins.**
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**
**who died for us,**
**forgive us all that is past;**
**and grant that we may serve you**
**in newness of life**
**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**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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**Reading:** 1 Samuel 21:1–10 (page 244)

**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.**

**Notices**

**Psalm** 54

1 Save me, O God, by your great name;
with pow'r deliver me.
2 Hear, O my God, the words I speak
and listen to my plea.

3 For strangers are attacking me;
the ruthless seek my life,
For they have no regard for God
and always stir up strife.

4 Consider this: God is my help;
the Lord upholds my way.
5 In faithfulness destroy my foes;
their slander, Lord, repay.

6 I'll bring a sacrifice to you,
a free-will offering;
Because your name, O LORD, is good,
your praises I will sing.

**Reading and Sermon:** 1 Samuel 22:6–23 (page 245)

# 1 Samuel 21–23

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| 21:1–15 | The true King is provided for |
| 22:1–5 | The true King protects his people |
| 22:6–19 | The anti–King who rages and destroys his people |
| 22:20–23 | The true King protects his people |
| 23:1–29 | The true king is provided for |

**Introduction:** See the pattern and shelter in the true King

**1) The King the Lord chooses**

- Trusting and provided for

- Loved and served

- Protecting his own

- Listening to the Lord

**2) The King the Lord rejects**

- Paranoid and grasping

- Feared and rejected

- Consumes his own

- Rejecting the Lord

**Conclusion:** "With me you shall be in safekeeping"

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me**
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyes are closed in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown,
see thee on thy judgement throne;
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

*Augustus Montague Toplady, Thomas Hastings*

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer**

Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone.
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heaven's reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts.
My song, when enemies surround me
My hope, when tides of sorrow rise
My joy, when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Saviour of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered, bled and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
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O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name.

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**Next week's services:**

9:30 & 11:30am: 1 Peter 3:14b–22

6pm: 1 Samuel 24–26

## Christmas Events

**Christmas Wreath Making**
3:30pm and 7:30pm in the Halls on 28th November. These fun and festive events will feature a short talk on Christmas hope. Click here to sign up and here for a flyer to share with others.

**Christmas Carol Services** – Sunday 6th December, 5 & 7:30pm. Featuring an orchestra and choir, refreshments and a talk on the Christmas message, these events are a great opportunity to invite others. Click here for flyers to share.

**Evergreens | Tue 24th November | 2pm**

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

**Wednesday LifeGroups | Wed 25th November | 7:30pm**

Our weekly bible studies for those in St Andrews year-round.

**Thursday LifeGroups | Thur 26th November | 7:30pm**

Our weekly bible study for students, meeting in the Halls.

**Friday Fellowship | Fri 27th November | 10am**

For women who are at home during the day, meeting at 1 Dempster Terrace.

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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**

### Lord's Supper

During the morning services next week.

### Membership Evening

Monday 30th November, 5:30pm at 1 Dempster Terrace. Email Paul if you want to explore becoming a member of the church or if another time would suit you better: paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

### Christmas Services

We will return to one morning service at 10:30am from 6th December. There will be a Christmas Day service at 10:30am in the Halls, together with other churches in town. There will be no evening services on 27th December & 3rd January.

### Baptisms

We will have a baptism service on the morning of 13th December. If you haven't been baptised and would like to talk more about it, get in touch with Paul at paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

### MYC

Our student conference in January. Click here for more info and to sign up.

**Ministry Opportunities** – Applications are now open for places on our Ministry Trainee Scheme for next year. To find out more or for an application form, please speak to Paul (paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk).