



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Sunday Evening – 14th September 2025

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening John MacPherson will speak on
Matthew 13:24–30 & 36–43.

Psalm 118

- 19 Throw wide the gates of righteousness;
 I'll enter and give thanks to God.
- 20 This is the gate of God, through which
 The righteous come before the LORD.
- 21 You answered me, I will give thanks;
 Salvation comes from you alone.
- 22 The stone the builders had refused
 Has now become the cornerstone.
- 23 The LORD himself has done all this;
 It is a marvel in our sight.
- 24 This is the day the LORD has made;
 In it let us take great delight!
- 25 Save us, O LORD, we humbly pray;
 O LORD, we pray, grant us success.
- 26 He's blessed who comes in God's great name;
 You from the LORD's house we will bless.

**Who, O Lord, could save themselves,
Their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still
(Repeat)**

*You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

**You, O Lord, have made a way
The great divide You heal
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
*You alone can rescue...***

"You Alone Can Rescue" Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin
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**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

I stand amazed in the presence

Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

*How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be;
How marvellous! How wonderful!
Is my Saviour's love for me!*

3 He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them his very own;
He bore the burden to Calv'ry,
And suffered and died alone.
How marvellous...

2 For me it was in the garden
He prayed, "Not my will, but thine;"
He had no tears for his own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine.
How marvellous...

4 When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of his love for me.
How marvellous...

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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

NEW IN TOWN?

If you are looking for a church to call home, we would love to meet you! To meet one of our staff team for coffee or to hear more about activities in our church life, please fill out our [welcome form](#).

Newcomers Lunch – 21st September

Student Lunch – 21st September on the topic of 'What is the Gospel?'

LifeGroup Launch Nights – Come and find out more about our small groups:

Year-round LifeGroups at the Boy's Brigade Hall on 17th September.

Term-time LifeGroups in Holy Trinity Halls on 18th September.

New and returning members are welcome to either at 7:30pm.

1) Evergreens – For the 'more experienced' saints in our church family, resuming on Tuesday 16th September at 1 Trinity Place at the earlier time of 1pm for a soup and sandwich lunch together.

2) Friday Fellowship – All women who are at home during the day on Friday are warmly invited to join us at 10am at 1 Dempster Terrace as we reflect on the Sunday morning sermon and pray for one another. Contact Emilie (emiliemclarke@gmail.com) for more details.

3) Lord's Supper – We will take communion during next Sunday's evening service.

4) Ordination of John MacPherson – Join us on Saturday 20th September as we ordain John as our Assistant Minister at St Mark's Parish Church at 3pm.

5) Church Family Ceilidh – On the evening of Friday 3rd October. Save the date!

6) Baptisms – We will hold a baptism service on 5th October. If you are interested in being baptised or would like to talk more about what it means, send an email to Paul (our senior minister) at paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

7) 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

I hear the Saviour say,

"Thy strength indeed is small;
child of weakness watch and pray,
find in me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all,
All to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I
Whereby thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's lamb.
Jesus paid it all...

And now complete in him,
My robe his righteousness,
Close sheltered 'neath his side,
I am divinely blessed.
Jesus paid it all...

Oh praise the One who paid my debt,
And raised this life up from the dead!
[x4]

And when before the throne
I stand in him complete,
'Jesus died my soul to save',
My lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all...

Elvina Mabel Hall, John Thomas Grape

Matthew 13:24–30 & 36–43

1) The King's Kingdom Faces Opposition – Be Realistic (verses 24–30, 36–39)

- Same field, rival sowers
- Evil endures by God's design

2) The King's Judgment Will Come – Be Patient and Confident (verses 30, 40–42)

- Delay is not defeat
- Justice will be perfect

3) The King's People Will Shine – Be Hopeful (verse 43)

- Belong to Jesus now
- Shine with Him forever

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;

our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!

Stronger than darkness, new every morn;

our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?

What Father, so tender, is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;

our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

Praise the Lord...

What riches of kindness he lavished on us!

His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;

our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

Praise the Lord...

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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Next week's services:

10.30am: 1 Corinthians 1:18–2:5

6pm: Matthew 13:31–35

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