



# Free Church of St Andrews

## Morning Service – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning John MacPherson will speak on the topic of *Purpose* from John 4:1–30.

### **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'.

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 63

- 1 O God, you are my God alone;  
I seek your face with eagerness.  
My soul and body thirst for you  
In this dry, weary wilderness.
- 2 I've seen you in your holy place;  
Your power and glory held my gaze.
- 3 Far better is your love than life,  
And so my lips will sing your praise.
- 4 I'll bless you, Lord, throughout my life  
And raise my hands to you in prayer.
- 5 My joyful lips will sing your praise;  
My soul is fed with richest fare.
- 6 Upon my bed I lie awake  
And in my thoughts remember you;  
I meditate throughout the night  
And keep your constant love in view.
- 7 Because you are my help alone,  
In shadow of your wings I'll sing.
- 8 You hold me up with your right hand;  
To you, O God, my soul will cling.

## Interview

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

#### 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.

- 1 **Come thou fount of every blessing,**  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.
- 3 O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love!  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.
- 4 O that day when freed from sinning  
I shall see thy lovely face;  
full arrayed in blood-washed linen,  
how I'll sing thy sovereign grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,  
bring thy promises to pass,  
for I know thy pow'r will keep me  
till I'm home with thee at last

Robert Robinson (1735–90)

**Reading and Sermon:** John 4:1–30 (page 888)

## **Seeking Purpose – John 4:1–30**

**1. We keep looking for purpose in places that cannot satisfy**

**2. Jesus brings us to the purpose we were made for**

- 1 **Mine are days that God has numbered,**  
I was made to walk with him,  
yet I look for worldly treasure  
and forsake the King of kings.  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer!  
Though I fall, his love is sure.  
For Christ has paid for every failing,  
I am his forevermore!
- 2 Mine are tears in times of sorrow,  
darkness not yet understood.  
Through the valley I must travel  
where I see no earthly good.  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven,  
and the strength in times of need.  
I know my pain will not be wasted:  
Christ completes his work in me.
- 3 Mine are days here as a stranger,  
pilgrim on a narrow way.  
One with Christ I will encounter  
harm and hatred for his name.  
But mine is armour for this battle,  
strong enough to last the war,  
and he has said he will deliver  
safely to the golden shore.
- And mine are keys to Zion city,  
where beside the King I walk,  
for there my heart  
has found its treasure:  
Christ is mine forevermore!
- Come rejoice now, O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore. [X2]

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And mine are keys to Zion city...

*This evening's sermon passage is John 8:31-36.*

**Next week's services:**

Good Friday Service, 3pm

Easter Sunday, 9:30 & 11:30am: Seeking Hope (1 Peter 1:3-5)

Easter Sunday, 6pm: Seeking Security (John 10:22-30)

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# Notices

## A Passion for Life Events

### Guest Services

29th March 9:30 & 11:30am | Seeking Purpose 6pm | Seeking Freedom

5th April 9:30 & 11:30am | Seeking Hope 6pm | Seeking Security

**Hope Explored** – A three-week introduction to the Christian faith beginning on 13th April, exploring the topics of hope, peace and purpose in life. Click [here](#) to sign up and [here](#) for a guest service flyer to share with others.

- 1) Good Friday Service** – 3pm this Friday (3rd April) in the Halls. We will take the Lord's Supper together during this service.
- 2) During the week** – LifeGroups continues as normal. Friday Fellowship next meets on 17th April. Evergreens returns on 28th April. Email [church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk](mailto:church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk) if you need the address or for more info about any of our weekly bible studies.
- 3) Prayer Meeting** – Join us to pray as a church family on Wednesday 15th April, 7:15pm for a 7:30 start at 1 Dempster Terrace. All are welcome!
- 4) Student Lunch** – After the 11:30 service on Sunday 19th April.
- 5) Baptisms** – We're planning a baptism service in the near future. If you haven't been baptised and would like to talk more about it, get in touch with Paul at [paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk](mailto:paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)
- 6) 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](mailto:treasurer@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)