



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Evening Service – 23rd August 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Chris McLean will speak on Matthew 22:15–22.

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die – I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:
Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'my God, how great thou art!'
Then sings my soul...

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Most holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess in your presence
that we have a nature that is prone to evil and slow to do good.
You alone know how often we have sinned, even in the last week –
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
O Lord, we are ashamed for every way in which we have displeased you,
and we ask you to have mercy upon us.
Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults,
and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son, our Saviour.
And, O most holy and loving Father, please, we pray,
send your purifying grace into our hearts,
that from now on we may live in your light and walk in your ways
in obedience to the commandments of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

Reading: Acts 17:22–32 (page 926)

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

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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Reading and Sermon: Matthew 22:15–22 (page 827)

Matthew 22:15-22

Intro: PMQs

- A malicious attack – how do you approach Jesus? (verses 15-18)
 - Cynical scepticism
 - Honest inquiry
- A marvellous answer – who do you belong to? (verses 19-22)
 - Attention
 - Allegiance

Conclusion: The image of the invisible

'Jesus is Lord' – the cry that echoes through creation:
resplendent pow'r, eternal Word, our Rock.
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,
yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord – whose voice sustains the stars and planets,
yet in his wisdom laid aside his crown.
Jesus the man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

Jesus is Lord – the tomb is gloriously empty!
Not even death could crush this King of love!
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,
and we can run into the arms of God.

'Jesus is Lord' – a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
as he returns, and every knee bows low.
Then every eye and every heart will see his glory,
the Judge of all will take his children home.

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Next week's services:

10:30am: Psalm 96
6pm: Matthew 22:23–33

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Notices

1) An Evening with the Brashes – We will hear from our mission partners in Japan, the Brash family, on the evening of Wednesday 26th August. Come to 1 Dempster Terrace from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start. Sign up to their newsletter [here](#).

2) Ladies' Summer Fellowship – All women in the church are invited to a relaxed time of coffee, chat and prayer at 10:30am on 28th August at the home of Lorna Thomson (10 Doocot Road). Babies and toddlers are welcome. Friday Fellowship will resume on 11th September.

3) Elder Induction – Chris McLean will be inducted as an elder during the morning service next Sunday (30th August). Keep Chris and his family in your prayers.

4) Parents Together Evening – Please join us for our first parents' gathering of the new academic year! We will gather at 7.30pm on Monday August 31st to enjoy time together over drinks and snacks, to think about how we can be diligent in prayer for our children and to pray as families. Please get in touch with Hamish at h.j.sneddon@gmail.com if you have any questions. The venue will be sent through on email.

5) Church Family BBQ – Come to 1 Dempster Terrace from 6pm on Wednesday 2nd September and sign up [here](#) to bring food. All welcome!

6) Youth Group – For teenagers aged 12–18, the next meeting will be a social on 4th September. The first regular study will be from 3:30–5:30pm on Sunday 6th September. Contact hilaryous95@gmail.com for more details.

7) Two Morning Services – Please note that we will return to our term-time pattern of two morning services (9:30 & 11:30am) on Sunday 6th September.

8) Evergreens – 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 2pm on Tuesday 15th September at 10 Doocot Road.

9) 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