



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Evening Service – 1st November 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Paul Clarke will speak on 1 Samuel 17.

Awake, awake, O Zion,
and clothe yourself with strength,
shake off your dust
and fix your eyes on him.
For you have been redeemed by
the precious blood of Jesus,
and now you sit enthroned with him.

*Our God reigns,
he is King of all the earth.
Our God reigns
and He's seated on the throne.
Lift your voice,
and sing a song of praise.
Our God reigns,
the awesome Lord most high.*

How beautiful the feet are
of those who bring good news,
For they proclaim
the peace that comes from God.
Rise up, you holy nation,
proclaim the great salvation,
and say to Zion 'Your God reigns.'
Our God reigns...

The watchmen lift their voices,
and raise a shout of joy,
for he will come again.
Then all eyes will see
the salvation of our God,
for he has redeemed Jerusalem.
Our God reigns...

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
our God is with us now.

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Interview

In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied –
for every sin on him was laid:
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay:
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand:
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Reading: 1 Samuel 17:1–23 (page 239)

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 23

1 The LORD's my shepherd, I'll not want.
2 He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

3 My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

5 My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

4 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
For thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

6 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
And in GOD's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Reading and Sermon: 1 Samuel 17:24–54 (page 240)

1 Samuel 17

Intro: The original giant-killing

1) God is real and his king is unbeatable

i) 'The Philistine' who defied God

ii) The shepherd who killed him

2) God can save but his saviour is unexpected

i) The anointing (1 Samuel 16:1–13)

ii) The unlikely hero

Conclusion: Whose side are you on?

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour, be thou my true might;
thou my soul's shelter and thou my strong tow'r,
Raise thou me heav'nward, great pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou, and thou only, be first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, thou bright Heaven's Sun,
grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O ruler of all.

Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Next week's services:

9:30 & 11:30am: 1 Peter 2:18–25

6pm: 1 Samuel 18

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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

Hope Explored | Mon 2nd November | 7:30pm

A three-week introduction to the Christian faith, exploring the topics of hope, peace and purpose in life on 2nd, 9th & 16th Nov. [Click here](#) to express an interest.

Divinity Fellowship | Wed 4th November | 4pm

For all Divinity students, meeting at Flat 2, 135 South Street.

Wednesday LifeGroups | Wed 5th November | 7:30pm

For year-round members of the church family, meeting in homes across St Andrews. Click [here](#) for the termcard.

Thursday LifeGroups | Thur 6th November | 7:30pm

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

Friday Fellowship | Fri 7th November | 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.

Ordination of Simon Attwood – 2pm, November 14th at Bon Accord Free Church.

Student Lunch – Following the 11:30 service on 15th November in the Halls.

Christmas Carol Services – Sunday 6th December, 5 & 7:30pm. If you are a singer or musician and available for both services, let us know by today: church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal – Filled boxes must be returned by next Sunday (8th November).

Christmas Wreath Making – 3:30pm and 7:30pm in the Halls on Saturday 28th November. These fun and festive events will feature a 12-minute talk on the hope of Christmas in a dark world. Sign up [here](#) by 21st November. Click [here](#) for a flyer to share with others and email Grace for more info: grace@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

MYC – Our student conference in January. Click [here](#) for more info and to sign up.

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