



Christ Church St. Andrews

Glorifying God : Building Community

**Welcome to our
Communion Service at 9am
on December 14th 2025**



**Anthony, our vicar, will be
leading and preaching.**



Opening prayer

**Lord, speak to us that we may hear Your Word.
May Your Word fulfil in us all that You desire it to.
Move among us that we may behold Your glory.
Receive our prayers that we may learn to trust
You. Amen.**

Lighting an Advent candle

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

We light this candle to commit ourselves to live as children of light, shining forth the light and love of Christ.

Introductory call to worship (Based on Psalm 146)

The LORD is the Maker of heaven and earth,
**the sea, and everything in them— He remains
faithful forever.**

He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free,
the LORD gives sight to the blind,
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,
the LORD loves the righteous.

O come, O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

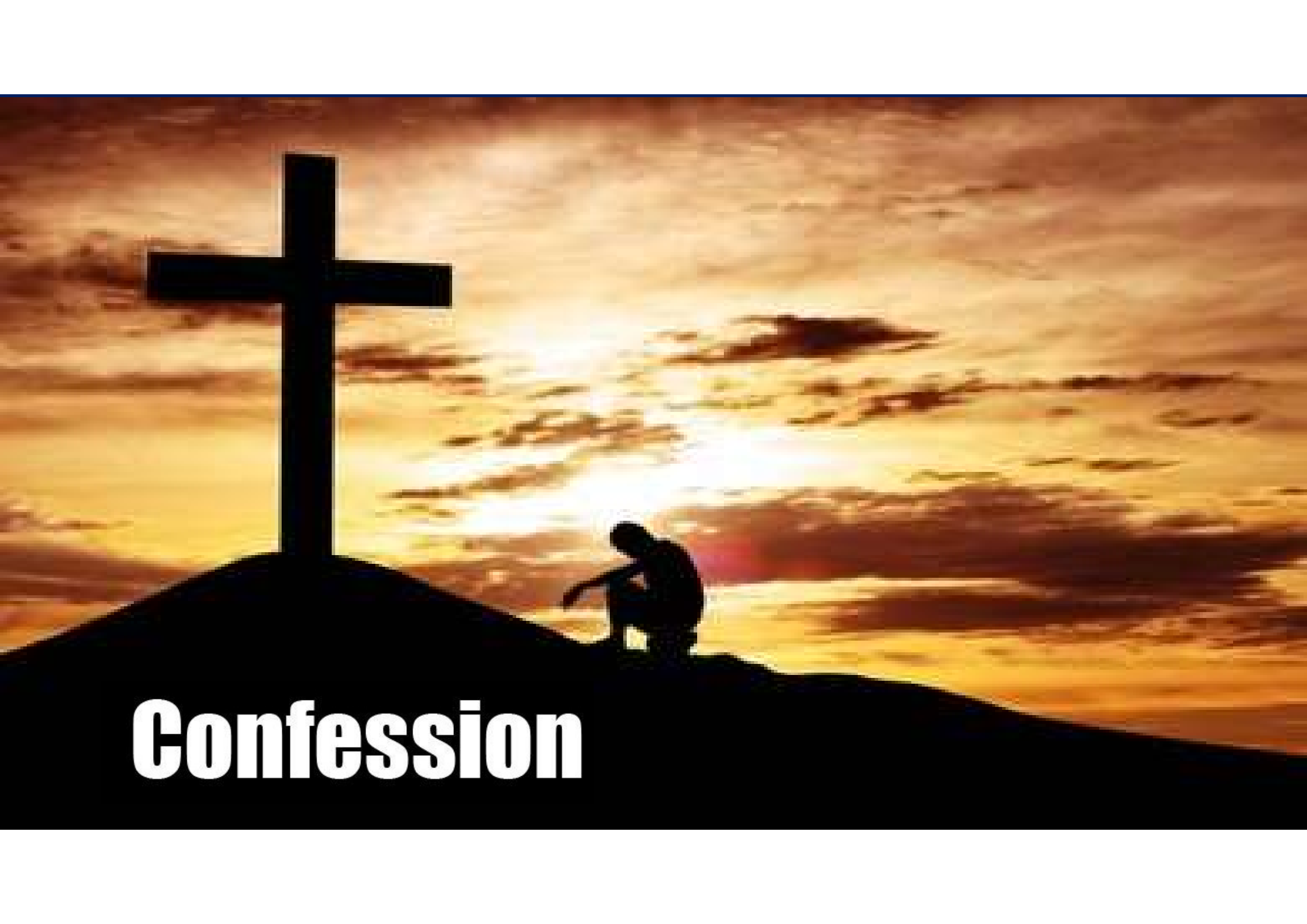
O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*





Confession

Lord, in our weakness You are our strength.

Lord, have mercy.

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Lord, when we stumble, You raise us up.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, when we fail, You give us new life.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

**May almighty God, who sent His Son into the world
to save sinners, bring us His pardon, joy and peace,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Reading and talk – 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18

¹ As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you. ² And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. ⁴ We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. ⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

⁶ In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.'

¹¹ We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹² Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. ¹³ And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

¹⁴ Take special note of anyone who does not obey our instruction in this letter. Do not associate with them, in order that they may feel ashamed. ¹⁵ Yet do not regard them as an enemy, but warn them as you would a fellow believer.

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

¹⁷ I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand, which is the distinguishing mark in all my letters. This is how I write.
¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

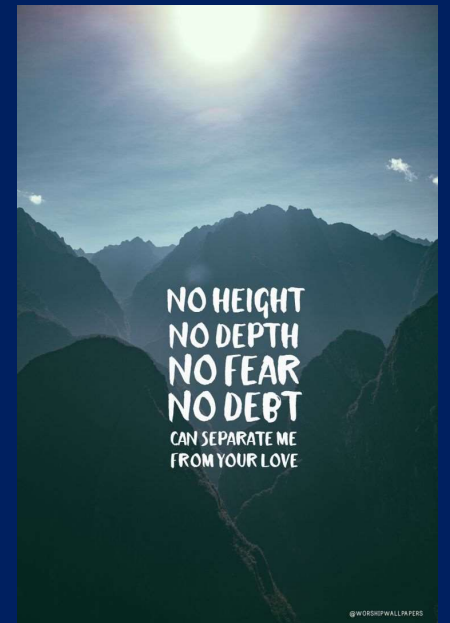
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**Faithful one, so unchanging.
Ageless one, You're my rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on You.
I call out to You, again and again
I call out to You, again and again.**

***You are my rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm,
Your love is the anchor,
My hope is in You alone.***

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Creed

**We believe in one God, who is Creator,
maker of all we see and all we don't see.**

Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true
human. The Word made flesh, our Messiah: Saviour
of all who trust in Him! The one who will return in
glory.**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us;
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;
our Comforter and our Guide: The one who assures us of
our status as precious, loved, children of God! Amen.**

Prayers (which may include)



Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.



Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for
the sake of your Son, our
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Lord's 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.

THIS WE
Believe



The Peace *Please stand*

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
**to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in
the shadow of death and to guide our feet into
the way of peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

We greet each other as a sign of our unity.



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Sharing the bread and wine



"May I never boast
except in the
cross of Christ."
Galatians 6:14

FATHER,
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TRULY I TELL YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE
WITH ME IN PARADISE. WOMAN, HERE IS
YOUR SON. THIS IS YOUR MOTHER.

MY GOD,
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*This is My body
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*Greater love has no one than
this, than to lay down one's
life for his friends*

John 15:13

The Communion Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise You, Father, Lord of all creation; in Your love You made us for Yourself. When we turned away You did not reject us, but came to meet us in Your Son.

**You embraced us as your children, and
welcomed us to sit and eat with You.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in Him and
He in us.

**He opened His arms of love upon the cross and
made once for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night He was betrayed, at supper with His friends
He took bread, and gave you thanks; He broke it and gave
it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given
for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of Him:
His body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, He gave You thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of Him:
His blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim His death and celebrate His rising in glory, send Your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of Your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

And so we give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and saying

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in
the highest. Amen.**

We draw near with faith to receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which He gave for us . We eat and drink in remembrance that He died for us, and feed on Him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.



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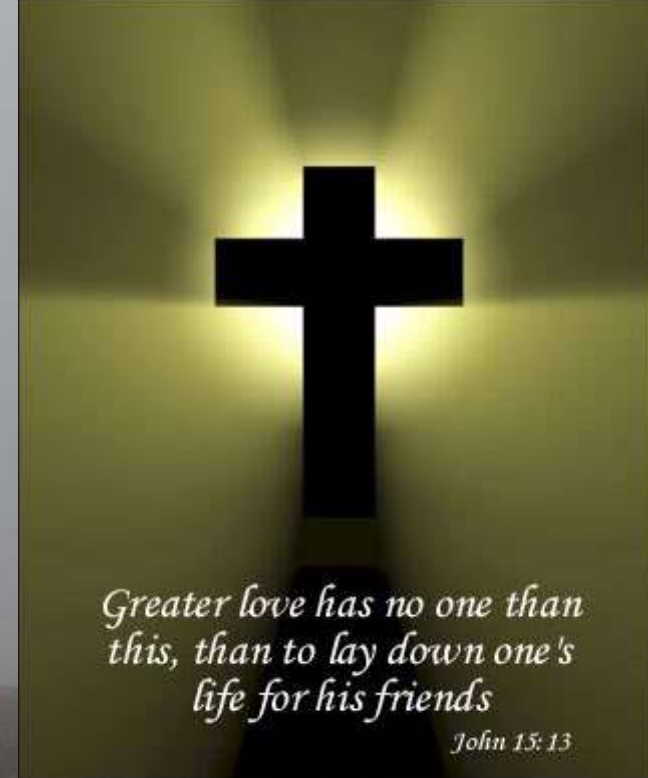
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Prayer after communion

Father of all, we give You thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in Your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, He declared Your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life and bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope You have set before us,
so we and all Your children shall be free, and the
whole earth live to praise Your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

church FAMILY news



Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.*

**Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed.**

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.***

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.**

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.***

**Many the gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.**

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Shine through the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.***



With love and compassion,

Come, Lord Jesus.

With judgement and mercy,

Come, Lord Jesus.

In power and glory,

Come, Lord Jesus.

In wisdom and truth,

Come, Lord Jesus.

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Let us go in peace.

**We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory. Amen.**



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**Our aim at Christ Church
St Andrews is to glorify God
by building a Christ centred
community through the
power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Refreshments are served at
the back of church.**



**If you would like to pray with
someone about anything,
please ask the leader of the
service who will direct you to
someone suitable.**

**Thank you for joining us.
We hope to see you again.**