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St Salvator's Chapel

Sunday 25 January 2026

Candlemas Semester

Robert Burns

Welcome to St Salvator's Chapel to new and returning students, members of staff, family and friends, regular worshippers returning after the vacation, to all visitors and to all taking part online via the livestream. All are welcome at this ecumenical service, whether or not you share the Christian faith of this chapel. This printed order gives guidance as to the way we worship here. When words are in **bold type** we say them together. The words of the hymns are printed in this order of service (some also found in the purple hymn-books). Today we celebrate **Robert Burns**, Scotland's National Bard, born on 25 January 1759.

The preacher today is **Revd Dr Donald MacEwan**, University Chaplain.

Music is led by **Claire Innes-Hopkins**, Director of Chapel Music, **Campbell Watterson Organ Scholars**, and **St Salvator's Chapel Choir**.

Readers: The first reading is read by **Professor William Austin**, School of Geography & Sustainable Development. The second reading is read by **Caroline May**, Postgraduate research student in German Literary Studies.

Chapel Offerings: One-third of the chapel offerings go towards the costs of chapel services and the Chaplaincy, and two-thirds go to charity. You can make a donation in various ways: by placing cash on the offering plate, using the contactless machine located at the rear of the chapel or donating online at <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/chaplaincy/worship/>. Today's supported charity is the **Trussell Trust**, running the UK's largest foodbank network and providing over 1.5 million emergency food parcels last year to people in crisis.

Order of Service

1. Come to us, creative Spirit,
in our Father's house;
every human talent hallow,
hidden skills arouse,
that, within your earthly temple,
wise and simple
may rejoice.
2. Poet, painter, music-maker,
all your treasures bring;
craftsman, actor, graceful dancer,
make your offering:
join your hands in celebration!
Let creation
shout and sing!
3. Word from God eternal springing,
fill our minds, we pray,
and in all artistic vision
give integrity.
May the flame within us burning
kindle yearning
day by day.
4. In all places and for ever
glory be expressed
to the Son, with God the Father,
and the Spirit blessed.
In our worship and our living
keep us striving
for the best.

David Mowbray (b. 1938)

Welcome

Approach to the Word of God

Call to Worship

O! be sure to fear the Lord always,
And mind your duty, duly, morn and night;
Lest in temptation's path ye gang astray,
Implore his counsel and assisting might:
They never sought in vain that sought the Lord aright.
(Robert Burns, 25 January 1759 – 21 July 1796,
'The Cotter's Saturday Night')

Introit

Prayers of approach, thanksgiving, confession, and forgiveness

Collect

**O Thou who kindly dost provide
For every creature's want!
We bless Thee, God of Nature wide,
For all thy goodness lent:
And if it please Thee, heavenly Guide,
May never worse be sent;
But whether granted or denied,
Lord, bless us with content.
Amen**

(Burns, 'A Grace before Dinner')

Hymn

We cannot measure how you heal

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1. We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

2. The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.
3. So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind, and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

John L. Bell (b. 1949)
and Graham Maule (1958-2019)

The Word of God

First Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

NT, p. 162

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose.¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.¹² What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.'¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation ; whom then shall I fear: the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
4. One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.
5. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle: yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.
6. And now shall he lift up mine head: above mine enemies round about me.
7. Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness: I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.
8. Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee: have mercy upon me, and hear me.
9. My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face: Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Second Reading Matthew 4:18-23

NT, p. 3

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Hymn

God is our Creator, our Saviour, our Helper

(Tune: Charlie is my Darling)

Refrain:

*God is our Creator, our Saviour, our Helper,
Love to earth from heaven –
God in Trinity.*

1. He made the world from darkness deep,
gave light and sky and land,
and life to grow or fly or creep
came from his loving hand...

2. He made a man and woman bound
to care for all that grew;
and God's creative power's still found
in shaping me and you...
3. For all God's love, we turned aside,
we spoiled all that was good;
though God in law and prophets tried,
we never understood...
4. So God came to this earthly floor
a crying human child,
and in his life and death and more
our world is reconciled...
5. God's Spirit bides within the kirk
and every Christian heart,
in comfort, hope, in gracious work –
he'll never from us part...
6. So praise God who in love creates,
who in love gave his Son,
as Spirit who communicates
his love to everyone...

Donald MacEwan (b. 1970)

Sermon *Burns Breakfast*

Response to the Word of God

Anthem

Notices

Prayers of intercession and Lord's Prayer

Response When for this scene of peace and love
We make this prayer sincere.
(Burns, 'O Thou dread Power')

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever, Amen.**

Hymn

A Child was Born in Bethlehem

(Tune: A Man's A Man for a' That)

1. A child was born in Bethlehem, as prophesied
an' a' that,
The Son of God became a man, to save the world
an' a' that...

Refrain:

*An' a' that, an a' that, from heaven to earth for a' that,
God shares our place with human face, now God's a man
for a' that.*

2. He said that if we lived a life that's full of love
and kindness,
We'd conquer hate and sin, and every other kind
of vileness...
3. The people took him to their hearts, and
followed him with gladness,
They knew his words would cure their ills, and
take away their sadness...
4. His light shines on for evermore, his words as
true for ever,
He'll lead us on to heaven's door, he is our man
for a' that...

Benediction and Choral Amen

Voluntary

Holy Communion (for those who stay)

Forthcoming Services

For further information on the services listed below, including details of future services, dates and times, please visit our worship webpage:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/chaplaincy/worship/

Sunday Worship,

St Salvator's Chapel, Sunday 1 February 2026 at 11 am

Preacher: Revd Lindsey Sanderson, Moderator, United Reformed Church

Synod of Scotland

Sermon: Be-Attitudes

Readings: Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12

With St Salvator's Chapel Choir and musicians from El Parnaso Hyspano
playing and singing music by *Fernandes* and *de la Mota*.

Academic Procession, Holy Communion, refreshments and Pier Walk.

This service will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person,
the link for which can be found in the **Livestreamed Services**

section of our Worship webpage

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/community/worship/

Choral Evensong

Weekly on Sunday and Wednesday at 5:30 pm, St Salvator's Chapel
Services resume on: Wednesday 28 January and Sunday 1 February

A 45-minute choral service of prayer.

Compline

Thursdays at 10 pm in St Leonard's Chapel, The Pends

Service resumes on: Thursday 29 January

A service of night prayer, with music, spoken prayers and silence in the beautiful surroundings of St Leonard's Chapel lasting approximately 30 minutes.

www.events.st-andrews.ac.uk/event-organizer/chaplaincy/

Jummah (Friday) Prayers

Prayer sessions are available from 12:30 pm every Friday in the Upper Hall of the Victory Memorial Hall,

St Mary's Place, St Andrews

Candlemas semester: Friday 30 January to Friday 22 May 2026

Orthodox Services

Orthodox services take place in St Leonard's Chapel in Greek and English, throughout the year.

Next Service: Sunday 25 January 2026

Chaplaincy Events

For detailed information about chaplaincy events and contact details for event leaders, please visit the www.st-andrews.ac.uk/chaplaincy/events/

Grief Group

Chaplaincy Lochnagar Room, 1 – 2 pm

Student Group: Thursday 29 January

Staff Group: Thursday 19 February

These groups welcome anyone experiencing grief, regardless of whether the loss is recent. They provide a confidential support network to help lessen the isolation felt whilst living with grief, as well as normalise speaking about the death of family members, friends, peers, and colleagues.

Led by Assistant Chaplain, Revd Samantha Ferguson.

Interfaith Encounters Group

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3 February, 7 - 9 pm, Chaplaincy Lochnagar
An interfaith discussion group for students to explore open-ended interpretations of revered texts from all traditions, led by Assistant Chaplain, Bill Shackman, bs58@st-andrews.ac.uk

Ministry Discernment Group

Next meeting: Wednesday 28 January, 7:30 pm, Chaplaincy first floor
For anyone who wants to explore a call to some form of ministry.
Topic: *What is the Church supposed to be?*
Contact Revd Giles Dove, gwd3@st-andrews.ac.uk, for further information.

Thinking Allowed

Next Meeting: Thursday 29 January, 8 - 9.30 pm, Chaplaincy, Lochnagar.
Discussion group on faith and society.
Topic: *How do we make sense of the experiences which make up our life?*
All welcome, no matter your faith or background.
Contact Revd Giles Dove, gwd3@st-andrews.ac.uk for further information.

Faith and Storytelling

Friday evenings, 7:30 pm

A group led by our honorary Global Chaplain, Fiona Barnard
Contact Fiona at fvb@st-andrews.ac.uk for further information.

Holocaust Memorial Day Vigil

Saturday 31 January, 7 pm, Parliament Hall

To mark the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau
the University's Interfaith Steering Group will hold a vigil
with poetry, music, and silence, including guest speakers from the
Holocaust Educational Trust.

All are welcome to share in this significant occasion, regardless
of faith or philosophy of life.

Chaplain's Conversation

Discover more about the people of the University of St Andrews. In conversation with the Chaplain, Donald MacEwan, these key figures will explore their path to the university, what inspires them in their research and their thoughts about the future of education.

Wednesday 18 February 5:30 pm, The Byre Theatre

Dr Sandra Romenska, Senior Lecturer,
Business School.

Free Tickets available from the Byre Box Office

www.byretheatre.com/

Faith Societies and Groups

If you would like to learn more about the many faith societies, and connect with them, you will find contact details on our webpage at

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/chaplaincy/faith-societies/

Other Events

Refreshers' Fayre

Sunday 1 February, 2 – 5 pm, Union Building

Please come by the Chaplaincy stall and meet chaplains there.

Organ Concert by Tom Wilkinson (University Organist)

St Salvator's Chapel, Tuesday 27 January, 1:10 pm

Admission £5, Free for Music Centre members

Hanaq Pachap - Baroque Music from South America

Saturday 31 January, 3 - 5 pm, McPherson Recital Room

A unique collaboration between St Salvator's Chapel Choir and
El Parnaso Hyspano

Admission £15, £10 (Music Centre members), £5 (students)

www.events.st-andrews.ac.uk/events/hanaq-pachap-baroque-music-from-south-america/

Chaplaincy Prize 2025-26

The theme for the 2025/26 award is 'Making a Difference'.

Prize: £250

This could be an essay, or piece of poetry, hymn, song or short story, or a practical project. It could include photos, images or video.

To enter, submit your entry directly by email attachment in either

Word or PDF format, to chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk,

or in person to the Chaplaincy, Mansefield, 3 St Mary's Place, St Andrews.

Closing date: 5 pm on Friday 30 January 2026

Full entry criteria available at:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/chaplaincy/chaplaincy-prize/

The Chaplaincy

The **Chaplaincy** is centrally situated in the Mansefield Building opposite the Students Union. It is a welcoming space for events organised by faith societies and other groups, including, prayer, meditation, worship and social gatherings. The Chaplains – Donald, Sam, Bill and Giles – offer one-to-one confidential listening support regardless of faith or philosophy of life.

The **Chaplaincy Booklet**, which provides information about worship services, faith societies and so much more is available in Chapel and from the Chaplaincy.

Chaplaincy Mailing List: If you are interested in receiving a weekly e-newsletter featuring information about services, concerts, faith society events, and occasional Companionship emails, please send your details to chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk

Church Hymnary 4

There are free melody copies available of CH4, the purple hymn-book used in St Salvator's Chapel. Would you like one or more for home? Just let us know and you can arrange to collect from the office or the chapel at a service.

Prayers: There is a book on the table at the back of the chapel for prayers. Should you wish prayers offered for any situation, you are welcome to write them in the book.

Chapel Volunteers

Bible Readers: We warmly welcome new and returning volunteers, student and staff, to participate in reading a Bible lesson during our Sunday services.

Join our Chapel Ushers and Tech Team: We invite new student volunteers to be part of our Chapel Usher and Tech support team.

If you are interested in volunteering as a Bible reader, usher or tech support, please email us at chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk

St Salvator's Chapel Choir

St Salvator's Chapel Choir is the flagship choir of the University of St Andrews. A mixed-voice ensemble of around 25 students, its history extends back to the founding of the University in the early fifteenth century, when students were obliged to sing in the University's chapel. Additionally, the choir host concerts throughout the year both in St Andrews and on tour during the summer. Auditions are on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 September. Vacancies for sopranos, tenors and basses. Sign up at the Music Centre website <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/music/students/auditions/> Check out the choir's webpage and social media channels for further information.

W: <https://stsavourschapelchoir.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/>

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F: www.facebook.com/stsalvators

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<https://chaplaincycompanionship.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/>



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Occasionally, photos and filming of events during chapel services may take place to share on our social media channels and in future publicity material. Images will be stored securely on university devices. No personal details will be saved with these images, although you may be tagged in social media posts. If you would prefer not to be photographed/filmed, please speak to a member of our team, preferably in advance. You can also email chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk.

You also have the right to request that social media images be deleted should you withdraw consent at a future date.

Please feel free to contact Donald, Sam, Bill or Giles direct should you wish to make an appointment to discuss any matter in confidence, whether or not related to faith.

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