

St Andrew's with Castle Gate
Sunday 25th January 2026
Holocaust Memorial Sunday
Worship led by Revd James Breslin

Welcome and notices

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to worship and Scripture sentence Ephesians 4:1

Hymn R&S 615 O God of mercy, God of might,

Opening prayers and Lord's Prayer

Reading Isaiah 9: 1-4

Family time

Anthem

Hymn Face fragilities of freedom (Tune R&S 413)

Face fragilities of freedom, daily threatened in our world,
Constant, costly counterbalance to the freedoms that we love,
Risking damage when new bullies plot their autocratic pow'r,
Loosed in wars and cruel conflicts, needing challenge hour by hour.

Hold fragilities of freedom, shocking, evil, hard to face,
Hold with careful, sharp remembrance, help us save the human race,
Let us pause before their stories may they never be denied.
Full respect to all their victims, who were killed or who survived.

Own fragilities of freedom, where our people were involved
In the complex generation of the evils now deplored.
Name the vast Atlantic Slav'ry, European Holocaust,
Genocide in other places, heinous wrongs beyond all cost.

End fragilities of freedom, hear and challenge all deceit
That would justify despising, othering the poor and weak.
Build, instead, a strong alliance seeking justice, kindness, peace,
With whoever hears God's mercy, work for rescue, help, release.

*Rev John Campbell,
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Blessing for the Offering and for the Junior Church
(Junior Church leave)

Reading Matthew 4: 12-23

Hymn R&S 690 O send thy light forth and thy truth (T 129)

Sermon

Hymn R&S 486
By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn R&S 588 Blest be the everlasting God,

Blessing (Sung Amen)