



Easter 6-10 May 2026
St Matthew's-Holland Park
Happy Mother's Day

God is near: known in creation, praised through hardship, trusted in suffering, and present through the Spirit.

Acts 17.22-31

What is happening: Paul speaks in Athens to people who are religious but do not yet know the living God. He points to their altar “**to an unknown god**” and says the **true God is not far away**, for “in him we live and move and have our being.”

Main point: God is not an idea, statue, or distant power. God is Creator, Lord, and judge, calling all people to turn to him.

Wonder about: *Where do people today search for meaning without knowing they are searching for God?*

Psalms 66.7-19

What is happening: The psalm praises God for preserving life through testing, burden, fire, and water. The people look back and say, “God brought us out to a spacious place.”

Main point: Faith remembers: God does not always remove hardship, but **God brings his people through it.**

Wonder about: *What difficult season has God brought us through, and have we stopped to give thanks?*

1 Peter 3.8-22

What is happening: Peter encourages **Christians to live gently, faithfully, and courageously**, even when they suffer for doing good. They are to be ready to give a reason for their hope, but with gentleness and respect.

Main point: Christian witness is not only what we say; it is **how we live under pressure.**

Wonder about: *Can people see the hope of Christ in the way we respond to difficulty?*

John 14.15-21

What is happening: Jesus prepares his disciples for his departure. **He promises they will not be left orphaned. The Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be with them forever.**

Main point: Love for Jesus is shown in faithful obedience, and **his presence continues through the Holy Spirit.**

Wonder about:

Where do we need to hear Jesus say, "I will not leave you orphaned"?

One takeaway

Easter faith is not just believing Jesus is risen; it is living as people who know God is near, even in uncertainty, suffering, and change.

[John 14:15-21 Explanation, Commentary, Meaning; What does John 14:15-21 really mean? - God's Blessing;](#) [John 14:15-21 - Center for Excellence in Preaching;](#) [John 14:15-21 - Center for Excellence in Preaching;](#) [10 May 2026 May 2026 - Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year A | The Church of Scotland;](#) [Acts 17:22-31 \(NIV\) - Paul then stood up in the meeting o | YouVersion](#)

800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis 16/5/26 @ 6pm St Philips
Ladies Morning Tea Invitation 10am 27 June Contact Patricia or Annette
Wine and Cheese Evening 17 July-Kiwi Theme-Please bring your Kiwiana
Bible Study Lady Chapel 10am Friday
Meditation 13/5 Wednesday night 5pm
Op Shop Every Thursday 9-12 and 1st Saturday of month

Next Sunday 9am Easter 7- 17 May: Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10,32-35;
1 Peter 5; Gospel: John 17.1-11 W

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