



Easter 2-12 April 2026 St Matthew's Holland Park

Main Theme

The risen Jesus meets fearful, doubtful people with peace, presence, and new life.

Easter 2 is not about perfect faith. It is about the faithfulness of Christ, who comes to his people behind locked doors and even through honest doubt.

Acts 2:14a, 22–32

What's going on: Peter is preaching boldly at Pentecost. He declares that Jesus, who was crucified, has been raised by God. He uses Psalm 16 to show that this was always part of God's saving plan.

What stands out: Peter has changed. The one who once denied Jesus now speaks with courage and clarity. The resurrection has turned a frightened disciple into a fearless witness.

What to wonder about: What happens when resurrection truth moves from being an idea in our minds to a fire in our hearts?

Psalm 16

What's going on: This is a psalm of trust. The psalmist rests in God's protection, guidance, and joy, even in the face of death.

What stands out: "You show me the path of life." This psalm is full of confidence that life with God is secure and joyful.

What to wonder about: Where am I being invited to trust God more deeply, especially when life feels uncertain?

1 Peter 1:1–12

What's going on: Peter writes to Christians facing trials. He reminds them that through Christ's resurrection they have been given a "living hope" and an inheritance that cannot perish.

What stands out: Christian hope is living, not fragile. It survives grief, testing, and suffering because it is rooted in the risen Jesus.

What to wonder about: How might hardship refine faith rather than destroy it?

John 20:19–31

What's going on: The risen Jesus appears to the disciples behind locked doors, speaks peace, breathes the Holy Spirit on them, and later meets Thomas in his doubt.

What stands out: Jesus does not shame Thomas. He meets him personally and lovingly. Doubt becomes a doorway to deeper faith.

What to wonder about: Where might Jesus be meeting me gently in my own fear, questions, or hesitation?

Takeaway: Easter 2 reminds us that the risen Christ brings peace to fear, hope to suffering, and mercy to doubt—and he still comes among his people today.

[What lessons does the story of Doubting Thomas teach? Who Was Doubting Thomas? Meaning from the Bible | Christianity.com](#); [Doubting Thomas - Bible Story, Verses and Meaning | Bible Study Tools](#)

800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis 16/5/26 @ 6pm St Philips - see Rev'd Morris if you are able to come. **Walk as One at One 17th Labyrinth World Day of Prayer-1 May.** The Old Friary 139 Brookfield Road, Kenmore Hills; **Wine and Cheese Evening 18 July-Kiwi Theme**

Meditation 15 April Wednesday night 5pm;

Men's Breakfast 1st Thursday of month 7am

Op Shop Every Thursday 9-12

Next Sunday 9am Easter 3

19 April: Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Psalm 116.1-4; 1 Peter 1.13-25;

Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

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