



Pentecost 2-7 June 2026

St Matthew's-Holland Park

God calls ordinary and unlikely people into a life of trust, mercy, and blessing. Faith is not about having everything sorted; it is about responding to God's call, trusting God's promise, and receiving God's mercy.

Genesis 12.1-9

What is happening: God calls Abram to leave his country, his family, and his familiar home, and to go to the land God will show him. **God promises to make Abram a great nation, to bless him, to make his name great, and through him to bless all the families of the earth.** Abram obeys and sets out with Sarai and Lot. When he arrives in Canaan, God promises that land to his descendants. Abram responds by building altars and calling on the name of the Lord.

Main point: Faith begins with trusting God's call before we can see the whole journey.

Abram is blessed not for himself alone, but so that God's blessing may flow through him to others.

What to wonder about:

Where might God be calling us to step out in trust, and how might our lives become a blessing to others?

Psalms 33.1-12

What is happening: The psalm calls people to praise the Lord because **God's word is true, his works are faithful, and he rules over creation and the nations.**

Main point: True security is not found in human power, but in the **faithful God who creates, watches, and guides.**

What to wonder about: Do we trust more in our own plans, **or** in the steadfast love of God?

Romans 4.13, 18-25

What is happening: Paul reflects on Abraham's faith. Abraham trusted God's promise even when it seemed impossible, and this faith was counted to him as righteousness.

Main point: We are made right with God through faith, not by proving ourselves worthy.

What to wonder about: Where is God asking us to hope against hope?

Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

What is happening: Jesus calls Matthew, a tax collector, to follow him. Then Jesus eats with sinners, heals a woman who touches his cloak, and raises a girl from death.

Main point: Jesus brings mercy, healing, and new life to those others may reject or see as beyond hope.

What to wonder about: Who would we be surprised to see Jesus call, welcome, heal, or raise up?

Takeaway: God calls us like Abram, invites us to trust like Abraham, and meets us in Jesus with mercy that heals, restores, and brings life.

God's blessing begins with a call, grows through faith, and becomes visible in mercy



[Matthew 9:9-13, Matthew 9:18-26 NIV - The Calling of Matthew - As Jesus went - Bible Gateway](#); [The Church of Scotland](#); [Commentary on Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 - Working Preacher from Luther Seminary](#); [What does Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 really mean? - God's Blessing](#); [Genesis 12: The Call of Abram](#); [Genesis Chapter 12 - Enduring Word](#)

Wine and Cheese Evening 17 July-Kiwi Theme-

Please bring your Kiwiana

Bible Study Lady Chapel

Ladies Study

Men's Breakfast 1st Thursday of month

Meditation 10 June Wednesday night 5pm

Op Shop Every Thursday 9-12-1st Saturday of month

Next Sunday Pentecost 3 9am 14th June: Genesis 18.1-15; Psalm 116.1-2,11-18
Romans 5.1-11; *Gospel: Matthew 9.35-10.8* *Green*

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