

COME TO ME, ALL OF YOU
WHO ARE WEARY
AND CARRY HEAVY BURDENS,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.
THE BIBLE. MATTHEW 11:28



6th Sunday aft. Pentecost-5 July 2026

St Matthew's-Holland Park

God invites weary and conflicted people into a relationship of trust, wisdom, and rest. Across these readings, we see God guiding human choices, calling people into covenant love, exposing the struggle within the human heart, and offering the gentle yoke of Christ.

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67

What's happening: Abraham's servant explains how he was sent to find a wife for Isaac from Abraham's family. He prays for guidance, meets Rebekah, and recognises God's providence. Rebekah freely agrees to go, and she becomes Isaac's wife.

Main point: God's purposes unfold through prayer, hospitality, courage, and human willingness.

What to wonder about: How often does God guide us through ordinary meetings, conversations, and acts of kindness?

Psalms 45.10-17

What's happening: This royal wedding psalm speaks to a bride leaving her former home and entering a new life with the king. It celebrates beauty, honour, blessing, and future generations.

Main point: Covenant love involves leaving, belonging, and becoming part of something larger than oneself.

What to wonder about: What does faithful love ask us to leave behind so we can receive a new calling?

Romans 7.14-25

What's happening: Paul describes the painful inner conflict of wanting to do good but finding sin still at work within him. He cries out for rescue and gives thanks that deliverance comes through Jesus Christ.

Main point: Human willpower alone cannot save us; we need the grace and rescue of Christ.

What to wonder about: Where do we recognise this struggle between what we know is right and what we actually do?

Matthew 11.15-19, 25-30

What's happening: Jesus speaks of people rejecting both John the Baptist and himself, then thanks the Father for revealing truth to the humble. He invites the weary to come to him and find rest.

Main point: God's wisdom is received not by pride or cleverness, but by humble, open hearts.

To wonder about: What burdens are we carrying that Jesus never asked us to carry? **God guides us into covenant love, meets us in our inner struggle, and invites every weary heart to find rest and freedom in Christ.**

[Matthew 11:15-19, 11:25-30 NIV - Whoever has ears, let them hear. "To - Bible Gateway](#)
[genesis 24 meaning - Search; Psalms 45:17 Meaning & Explanation \(with Related Verses\) - Christianity Path; Come Unto Me Sermon by Ikenna Uleanya, Matthew 11:28-30 - SermonCentral.com](#)

TODAY: Memorial for the Family and Friends of Frank Meek
Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Rangi and Pip Tauri

Wine and Cheese Evening 17 July-Kiwi Theme-Tickets \$25 each

Naidoc Sunday 12 July Aunt Sandra

Bible Study Lady Chapel Friday 10am The Bible Unpacked

Ladies Study Wednesday Night see Janice E or Heather W

Men's Breakfast 1st Thursday of month

Pray for Street Iveagh Avenue

Meditation 9 July Wednesday night 5pm

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

Behind the Scenes Thanks: Op Shop Volunteers

Next Sunday Pentecost 7: 9am 12 July; Genesis 25.19-34

Psalm 119.105-112; Romans 8.1-11; *Gospel: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23 Green*

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We acknowledge and pay respect to the Turrbal and Jagera Peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today. We acknowledge their continued spiritual connection to country and surrounding land, sky and water. We pay our respect to their Elders, past present and emerging and pray that we may continue to learn from and nurture one another in the spirit of Reconciliation.