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Easter 4 Year A, April 26th 2026

Presenter: Rev Paul Simpson

Focus Reading: John 10: 1-13

Message: 16 minutes 45 seconds

"The Good Shepherd"

Discussion Starters

1. What is unique about the imagery of Jesus as Shepherd? What would have been new to the first hearers about this imagery?
2. How do we listen to the voice of God? What are the practical ways we can do this more in our lives?
3. How have you had a 'full life' in Christ? How has being a believer enriched your life?
4. How does the image of Jesus as Good Shepherd influence the way we share our faith with others? What does faithful witness look like in your community, school, workplace, or church?

Readings for this day

Psalm 23 This beloved psalm is drawn towards the image as Christ as the Shepherd.

Acts 2:42-47 After all that had happened, the believers devoted themselves to teaching, shared meals, and prayer. The Lord added to their number and the Holy Spirit enlivened the young church.

1 Peter 1:17-23 Endurance is the opponent of suffering especially if it is unjust. Christ's example is offered so that followers might not return abuse with more abuse. Rather, judge justly as Jesus did.

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All Age Address:

"Free from Sin"

Glenda Downie *Length:* 5 minutes 40 seconds

Glenda has been the Children and Families worker at Pittwater Uniting for the last 10 Years, where she met and married her husband (Brett). Now has a smiley son Xavier. She enjoys thinking of fun and engaging ways to teach kids about Jesus. Also walking around the Northern beaches, snow skiing and watching Formular 1 - Maclaren Team!

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Using a bow, arrow, and target Glenda illustrates how we all fall short of doing the right things all the time. We need Jesus, to help us to be close to God and then more able to do what is right.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 23 – page260

Rev Paul Simpson

Grew up in Hornsby Heights and went to Kuringai Creative Arts High School. Met his wife Amy in 1999 whilst leading at a Vision Valley kid's camp – we now have 2 young boys and a pair of cavoodles. My spare time is often spent gaming, at the skate park with the boys or spending time with Amy. I love music, free time, and Facebook Market Place.