



# Preaching Programme Sept -Dec 2022

## Bible Verse for 2022

*"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."*

2 Corinthians 9:8

## Sundays

### In-Person and Live Stream on YouTube

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9am Traditional Service (In-person only)</i>	<i>10.30am Contemporary Service(In-person and online)</i>	<i>6pm Charismatic Service (in-person and online)</i>
1	Worship Service Ministry Focus	All Age Communion	Worship Service
2	Communion (with Anthem)	Worship Service This Time Tomorrow	Worship Service
3	Worship Service This Time Tomorrow	Communion Family Footprints	Worship Service
4	Communion (with Anthem)	Worship Service Ministry Focus	Communion Service
5	Communion	Café Church What's your Story?	Testimony Sunday

Date	Service Details	Topic & Reading	Leader/Preacher	Reader	Comments
The Generosity Project (Stewardship Season)					
4 September	9am Worship Service Ministry Focus 10.30am All Age Communion	Acts 2.42-47 Deuteronomy 15.7-11 <i>Holy Habit: Sharing Resources</i>	Leader: Esther Preacher: Sue Gray*		
4 September	6pm Charismatic Service	Romans 12.1-2 <i>Giving Myself</i>	Leader: James Preacher: TBC		
11 September	9am Communion with Choir 10.30am Worship Service This Time Tomorrow	Psalms 104 <i>A world built on generosity</i>	Leader: Esther Preacher: Esther		
11 September	6pm Charismatic Service	Romans 12.3-21 <i>Giving my Time, using my gifts</i>	Leader: James N Preacher: Joanna*		
18 September	9am Worship 10.30am Communion Family Footprints	Deuteronomy 8.11-20 <i>The inward curve of the heart</i>	Leader: Will Preacher: Margaret		
18 September	6pm Charismatic Service	Malachi 3.6-12 <i>Giving my Money</i>	Leader: Mandie Preacher: Judah*		
25 September Harvest & Gift Day	9am Communion with Choir 10.30am Worship Service Ministry Focus	2 Corinthians 9.6-11 <i>Bountiful Harvest</i>	Leader: Esther Preacher: Esther		
25 September Harvest & Gift Day	6pm Charismatic Service	Deuteronomy 26.1-11 <i>Giving God His Due</i>	Leader: Esther Preacher: Esther*		

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2 October	9am Worship Service This Time Tomorrow  10.30am All Age Communion	Acts 2.42-47 <i>Holy Habit: Making more Disciples</i>	Leader: Esther Preacher: Emma  Leader: Grace Preacher: Emma		
2 October	6pm Charismatic Service	Nehemiah 1.1-11 <i>Lament and repentance</i>	Leader: Student Preacher: James*		
9 October	9am Communion with Choir  10.30am Worship Service This Time Tomorrow	Luke 19.1-10 <i>A new generous life</i>	Leader: Esther Preacher: Michael		
9 October	6pm Charismatic Service	Nehemiah 2.1-18 <i>Strategy and planning</i>	Leader: Student Preacher: Leah*		
16 October	9am Worship Service  10.30am Communion Family Footprints	1 Timothy 6 <i>Money and the new life</i>	Leader: Margaret Preacher: Esther  Leader: Will Preacher: Esther*		
16 October	6pm Charismatic Service	Nehemiah 4.1-9 <i>Facing Opposition</i>	Leader: Joanna Preacher: Sally		
23 October	9am Communion with Choir  10.30am Worship Service Ministry Focus	Philippians 4.10-20 <i>The Partnership of the generous</i>	Leader: Esther Preacher: David Welch		
23 October	6pm Charismatic Service	Nehemiah 3.1-12 <i>All in it together</i>	Leader: Student Preacher: Claire J		

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30 October	9am Worship Service What's Your Story?  10.30am Café Church What's Your Story?	James 1.16-27 <i>Act on what you hear</i>	Leader: James Preacher: Will*		
30 October	6pm Charismatic Service	Nehemiah 5.1-19 <i>Discord and disharmony</i>	Leader: Philomena Preacher: Mandie		
6 November	9am Worship Service Ministry Focus  10.30am All Age Communion	Acts 2.17 <i>Holy Habit: Dare to dream</i>	Leader: Margaret Preacher: Esther  Leader: James Preacher: Esther		
6 November	6pm Charismatic Service	Nehemiah 8.1-12 <i>Worship</i>	Leader: Sally Preacher: Grace*		
13 November	10am Remembrance Service	1 Corinthians 15.50-58 <i>Death is swallowed up in victory</i>	Leader: Will Preacher: Esther		
13 November	6pm Charismatic Service	Nehemiah 9.6-37 <i>Telling the Story</i>	Leader: Judah Preacher: James*		
20 November Baptism Sunday	9am Worship Service  10.30am Worship Service	Colossians 2.6-15 <i>Alive in Christ</i>	Leader: Michael Preacher: Esther  Leader: Esther Preacher: Esther		
20 November Baptism Sunday	6pm Charismatic Service	Nehemiah 10.28-39 <i>"We will not neglect the house of our God."</i>	Leader: Esther Preacher: Esther		

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<b>Good News Great Joy</b>					
27 November		Isaiah 40:1-8 & Mark 1:1-9 <i>Preparing for joy – what is good news?</i>	Leader: Esther Preacher: Michael*		
27 November					
4 December Toy Service	9am Worship Service This Time Tomorrow  10.30am All Age Communion	Isaiah 40:15-20 & Acts 17:24-29 <i>Searching for joy - Futility of looking for fulfilment elsewhere</i>	Leader: Margaret Preacher: Grace*  Leader: Rachel Preacher: Grace		
4 December	6pm Charismatic Service	<b>Nehemiah 12:44-13:31</b> <i>The end of exile?</i>	Leader: Joanna Preacher: Philomena		
11 December	9am Communion with Choir  10.30am Worship Service This Time Tomorrow	Isaiah 40:27-31 & John 16:19-22 <i>Joy in weakness and sorrow – good news of lifting up</i>	Leader: Esther Preacher: Jörg		
11 December	6pm Contemporary Carols	Various Readings <i>Good News, Great Joy</i>	Leader: Grace Preacher: Emma*		
18 December	9am Worship Service  10.30am Communion	Isaiah 61:1-5 7 Luke 4:16-20 <i>Joy of good news – joy to come</i>	Leader: Esther Preacher: Matt		
18 December	6.30pm Carols by Candlelight	Various Readings <i>Good News, Great Joy</i>	Leader & Preacher: Esther		
24 December	4pm Crib service	<i>Good News, Great Joy</i>	Robin and Rachel		

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24 December	11pm Midnight Communion	Isaiah 61:6-11 & 1 Peter 2:9-10 <i>Joy of being His people – being joy in the world</i>	Leader: Simon Preacher: Michael		
25 December	10am Communion Celebration	Luke 2 <i>Good News, Great Joy</i>	Leader: James Preacher: James		
1 January 2023	10am Communion	Romans 12.12 <i>Exhortation for 2023</i>	Leader & Preacher: Simon Fraser		

Verse for 2023: Romans 12:12

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

### The Generosity Project

The book we are studying for Stewardship season this year is meant for Life Groups too and would encourage those of you in Life Groups to use it. At least it looks like a book, and contains some sections of text to read, but it is not a 'book' in the normal sense of that word. It's not something for someone to pick up and read on their own. It is specifically designed as an interactive resource—something you work through with others.

It is a six-part teaching resource for use in small groups that stands at the centre of a larger strategy to shift the culture of generosity in our congregations. We've put together an integrated resource that prayerfully applies the word of God to people's hearts so that, by God's power and grace, they might arrive at:

- a powerful, clarified understanding of what generosity is and how it grows
- a renewed, generous heart that longs to give to others
- a fresh language for talking about generosity within their congregation
- a new resolve to put all this into practice in various areas of their lives.

<https://matthiasmedia.com.au/pages/the-generosity-project>

## Holy Habits (Cont.)

Holy Habits is an adventure in Christian discipleship based upon Luke's picture of the early church in Acts 2:42-47. It explores and encourages the practice of ten disciplines, or holy habits: biblical teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, prayer, sharing resources, serving, eating together, gladness and generosity, worship and making more disciples.

There are various resources, booklets and videos that are designed to help churches explore the habits creatively in a range of contexts and live them out in whole-life, intergenerational, missional discipleship.

## Nehemiah

The last 2 years have been a very strange time. In some ways it feels a little like we have been in exile!

Some would argue that there is a sense in which the church has been in exile for some time, even before the current pandemic. Some feel the church is in exile because it does not hold the same place in our society and culture as it once did. Others feel exiled from the church because it's structures and practices are stuck in the past and do not relate to their lives. Others that the church is changing too much in order to accommodate the world we live in. There is a general sense of disconnection and discombobulation and a strong desire to return to some kind of normal – to return from exile.

Nehemiah is a good resource for people who are seeking to rebuild. The book provides an account of the return to Jerusalem of some of the people who had been exiled to Babylon.

My good friend Nicola has written study notes that we can use in our Life Groups

## Good News Great Joy

Advent is a time of the Old Testament meeting the New Testament. This advent, we will study a couple of key chapters from Isaiah's writing that anticipate the coming messiah. This will serve as the lens through which we will view the great joy of the good news of Advent. Someone has suggested the Old Testament prophets were called to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted. At a time when many feel they are struggling and feel their needs are ignored by the powerful. We explore the good news, great joy of the gift of Jesus and the hope and anticipation in the message of now and not yet

Pia Balaam has written Study Notes for Life Groups