



# Preaching Programme January - April 2023

Bible Verse for 2023

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

Romans 12.12

## *Sundays* In-Person and Live Stream on YouTube [youtube.stjohnsegham.com](https://youtube.stjohnsegham.com)

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9am Traditional Service</i>	<i>10.30am Contemporary Service</i>	<i>6pm Charismatic Service</i>
1	Communion	All Age Worship Service	Communion
2	Worship Service <i>This Time Tomorrow/Ministry Focus</i>	Communion	Worship Service
3	Communion	Worship Service <i>This Time Tomorrow/Ministry Focus</i>	Worship Service
4	Worship	Communion	Worship Service
5	Worship Service <i>What's your Story?</i>	Worship Service <i>What's your Story?</i>	Testimony Sunday

Date	Service Details	Topic & Reading	Leader/Preacher	Reader
1 January	10am Communion	Romans 12.12 <i>Joyful in Hope, Patient in Affliction, Faithful in Prayer</i>	Leader: Michael Callaghan Preacher: Michael Callaghan	
4 January	12pm Wednesday Communion	Romans 12.12 <i>Joyful in Hope, Patient in Affliction, Faithful in Prayer</i>	Leader: James Ellin	
8 January	9am Worship Service Ministry Focus/This Time Tomorrow  10.30am Communion Service	Matthew 22:37-39 Mission Reset: Love God	Leader: James Ellin Preacher: Esther Prior  Leader: James Ellin Preacher: Esther Prior	
8 January	6pm Charismatic Service	Revelation 4:11 <i>God is...Creator</i>	Leader: Joanna Starr Preacher: James Ellin	
11 January	12pm Wednesday Communion	Revelation 4:11 <i>God is...Creator</i>	Leader: Esther Prior	
15 January	9am Communion Service  10.30am Worship Service This Time Tomorrow/Ministry Focus	1 John 4:7-8 Mission Reset: Love Each Other	Leader: Esther Prior Preacher: James Ellin  Leader: Esther Prior Preacher: James Ellin	
15 January	6pm Charismatic Service	Isaiah 40:26 <i>God is...Sustainer</i>	Leader: Sally Thompson Preacher: James Ellin	
18 January	12pm Wednesday Communion	Isaiah 40:26 <i>God is...Sustainer</i>	Leader: James Ellin	

22 January	9am Communion Service  10.30am Communion Service	Hebrews 13:16 Mission Reset: Love Our Community	Leader: Margaret Stevens Preacher: Will Bissett  Leader: Margaret Stevens Preacher: Will Bissett	
22 January	6pm Charismatic Service	Isaiah 40:18 <i>God is...Incomparable</i>	Leader: Philomena Evans Preacher: Claire Jenkins*	

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25 January	12pm Wednesday Communion	Isaiah 40:18 <i>God is...Incomparable</i>	Leader: Will Bissett	
29 January	9am Worship Service What's Your Story? 10.30am Worship Service What's your Story?	Genesis 1:26-31 Identity – Made in His image	Leader: Michael Callaghan Preacher: Esther Prior  Leader: Esther Prior Preacher: Esther Prior*	
29 January	6pm Testimony Sunday	Matthew 11:27 <i>God is...Unknowable, Yet Knowable.</i>	Leader: Rinald Buls / Student Preacher: James Ellin	
1 February	12pm Wednesday Communion	Matthew 11:27 <i>God is...Unknowable, Yet Knowable.</i>	Leader: Esther Prior	
5 February Baptisms	9am Communion Service 10.30am All Age Worship Baptism Service	Matthew 3:13-17 Jesus' Baptism	Leader: Esther Prior Preacher: Esther Prior  Leader: All Age Team Preacher: Grace Hopkins	
5 February Baptisms	6pm Charismatic Service with Communion	Psalms 34:8 <i>God is...Good</i>	Leader: James Ellin Preacher: Joanna Starr*	
8 February	12pm Wednesday Communion	Psalms 34:8 <i>God is...Good</i>	Leader: James Ellin	
12 February	9am Worship Service This Time Tomorrow 10.30am Communion Service	Colossians 1:15-23 Identity – Made for Him	Leader: Michael Callaghan Preacher: Michael Callaghan  Leader: Esther Prior Preacher: Michael Callaghan	
12 February	6pm Charismatic Service	John 4:24 <i>God is...Spirit</i>	Leader: Judah Garrison Preacher: Philomena Evans*	
15 February	12pm Wednesday <i>Service of The Word</i>	John 4:24 <i>God is...Spirit</i>	Leader: Philomena Evans	
19 February	9am Communion Service	Genesis 2:4-25 Sex, Why Wait?	Leader: Esther Prior Preacher: Esther Prior	

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	10.30am Worship Service		Leader: Esther Prior Preacher: Esther Prior	
19 February	6pm Charismatic Service	John 1:4-5 <i>God is...Light</i>	Leader: Joanna Starr Preacher: Emma Ellin*	
22 February	12pm Ash Wednesday Communion	John 1:4-5 <i>God is...Light</i>	Leader: James Ellin	
22 February 8pm	Ash Wednesday Eve Communion Service	Psalms 51:1-17 <i>Have Mercy O God</i>	Leader: Margaret Stevens Preacher: Esther Prior	
26 February	9am Worship Service  10.30am Communion Service	Ephesians 5:21-33 Marriage, Why Bother?	Leader: James Ellin Preacher: Esther Prior  Leader: James Ellin Preacher: Esther Prior	
26 February	6pm Charismatic Service	Isaiah 33:22 <i>God is...Judge</i>	Leader: Sally Thompson Preacher: Judah Garrison*	
1 March	12pm Wednesday Communion	Isaiah 33:22 <i>God is...Judge</i>	Leader: James Ellin	
5 March	9am Communion Service  10.30am All Age Worship Service	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Weeds	Leader: James Ellin Preacher: James Ellin*  Leader: All Age Team Preacher: James Ellin	
5 March	6pm Charismatic Service with Communion	1 John 4:8-10 <i>God is...Love</i>	Leader: Esther Prior Preacher: Grace Hopkins	
8 March	12pm Wednesday Communion	1 John 4:8-10 <i>God is...Love</i>	Leader: Will Bissett	
12 March	9am Worship Service This Time Tomorrow/Ministry Focus	Matt 19:1-12 Divorce, what next?	Leader: Will Bissett (TBC) Preacher: Esther Prior	

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	10.30am Communion This Time Tomorrow/Ministry Focus		Leader: Will Bissett (TBC) Preacher: Esther Prior	
12 March	6pm Charismatic Service	Psalm 102:25-27 <i>God is...Unchangeable</i>	Leader: James Ellin Preacher: Leah Robson*	
15 March	12pm Wednesday Communion	Psalm 102:25-27 <i>God is...Unchangeable</i>	Leader: Esther Prior	
19 March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9am Communion Service  10.30am Worship Service This Time Tomorrow/Ministry Focus	Passage TBC Securely Single	Leader: Esther Prior Preacher: Eleanor Jeans  Leader: Esther Prior Preacher: Eleanor Jeans	
19 March	6pm Charismatic Service	Romans 3:3-4 <i>God is...Faithful and True</i>	Leader: Philomena Evans Preacher: Claire Jenkins*	
22 March	12pm Wednesday Communion	Romans 3:3-4 <i>God is...Faithful and True</i>	Leader: James Ellin	
25 March	Conference	Sexuality and Marriage	Various	
26 March	9am Worship Service  10.30am Communion Service	1 Samuel 18:1-5 Friendship	Leader: Margaret Stevens Preacher: Matt Prior  Leader: Margaret Stevens Preacher: Matt Prior	
26 March	6pm Charismatic Service	Isaiah 6:1-3 <i>God is... Holy</i>	Leader: Claire Jenkins Preacher: Judah Garrison*	
29 March	12pm Wednesday Communion	Isaiah 6:1-3 <i>God is... Holy</i>	Leader: James Ellin	
2 April Palm Sunday	9am Communion Service  10.30am All Age Worship Service	Mark 11:1-11, 27-34 <i>Jesus Arrives in Jerusalem</i>	Leader: Michael Callaghan Preacher: Esther Prior  Leader: All Age Team Preacher: Rachel and Robin*	

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2 April	6pm Charismatic Service with Communion	Mark 11:1-11 <i>Enter the King!</i>	Leader: Student/James E Preacher: James Ellin	
5 April	12pm Wednesday Communion	Mark 13:1-37 <i>Signs of the End</i>	Leader: James Ellin	
6 April Maundy Thursday	6pm Passover Meal		Leader: Madalyn and Sam Brooks	
Good Friday	2pm An Hour at the Cross	Mark 14:12-26 <i>Toward the Cross</i>	Leader: Philomena Evans Preacher: Margaret Stevens	
Good Friday	8pm Tenebrae	Mark 14:32-42 <i>In the Garden</i>	Leader: Esther Prior Preacher: Esther Prior	
9 April Easter Sunday	Sunrise Service		Leader: Will Bissett	
9 April Easter Sunday	9am Communion Service 10.30am Communion Service	Mark 15:33 – 16:8 <i>The Divine King</i>	Leader: James Ellin Preacher: Esther Prior*  Leader: James Ellin Preacher: Esther Prior	
9 April Easter Sunday	6pm Easter Celebration	Mark 15:33 – 16:8 <i>He's not here...He is Risen!</i>	Grace Hopkins to coordinate.	
12 April	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: TBC	
16 April	9am Communion Service This Time Tomorrow/Ministry Focus  10.30am Worship Service This Time Tomorrow/Ministry Focus	Luke 3:21-22 <i>The Holy Trinity: Father</i>	Leader: Will Bissett Preacher: Esther Prior	
16 April	6pm Charismatic Service	John 8:36 <i>Who the Son Sets Free...</i>	Leader: Judah Garrison Preacher: Sally Thompson*	
19 April	12pm Wednesday Communion	John 8:36 <i>Who the Son Sets Free...</i>	Leader: James Ellin	

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23 April	9am Worship Service 10.30am Communion Service	Luke 3:21-22 & Colossians 1:15-16 & Hebrews 1:3 <i>The Holy Trinity: Son</i>	Leader: James Ellin Preacher: Emma Ellin	
23 April	6pm Charismatic Service	John 8:36 <i>...Is Free indeed</i>	Leader: Esther Prior Preacher: James Ellin*	
26 April	12pm Wednesday Communion	John 8:36 <i>...Is Free indeed</i>	Leader: Esther Prior	
30 April	9am Worship Service What's Your Story? 10.30am Worship Service What's Your Story?	Luke 3:21-22 & Acts 5:3-4 & 2Corinth 13:14 <i>The Holy Trinity: Holy Spirit</i>	Leader: Margaret Stevens Preacher: Jorg Haustein*	
30 April	6pm Charismatic Service	<i>Testimony Sunday</i>	Leader: Sally Thompson	

## Preaching Journey 2023

### Verse for the Year

As the effects of the last few years continue to rumble on, a timely reminder for Christians to *"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* Romans 12.12. Our hope is not in vain, our patience will not go unrewarded, and our prayers are surely heard by God. Let us persevere.

### Identity

To begin this year, we are exploring what it means to be God's people and what that means for our relationship with God, and with one another and with ourselves, all informed by the Character of God, (eg. made in His image, made for God) but also, informed by God's nature as Trinity. This will be informed by wider conversations that are happening in culture and in the Church of England, and we will be holding a special one-day conference in March to help think through deeper and wider on some of the issues around identity, sexuality and relationships.

### God Is... (Character Of God)

There is no greater pursuit, no greater journey, and no greater joy than discovering the extraordinary character of God. Incomparable explores sixty names and descriptions of our creator. Each chapter is filled with profound Biblical insights and revelations that will inspire and enrich your faith. Selah moments allow for a time of reflection and worship. And practical applications connect each truth with your daily life. Throughout, Incomparable unfolds the greatest wonder our minds and hearts will ever contemplate. This series is based upon explorations in God's character in: [Incomparable by Andrew Wilson](#) (Order Here)

### The Parables of Jesus (All Age)

A journey through the parables of Jesus for our all age services. This will continue beyond this term.

### The Holy Trinity

A brief little series exploring the doctrine of the Trinity. Central to a trinitarian Christian understanding of the Godhead. This is an opportunity for us to discover the riches of knowing the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Useful resources include:

[321: The Story of God, the World and You by Glen Scrivener](#)

[The Good God by Michael Reeves](#)

[Delighting in the Trinity by Michael Reeves](#)

### Freedom in Christ

Just two very brief glances at the passage in which John outlines the freedom that knowing Jesus brings.

There are plenty of others of course throughout the New Testament and indeed the Old Testament to also bring light on this subject.

Please do note that the first of these focuses on what we are freed from, the second focuses on what we are freed for.

Freed from: slavery, addiction, fear etc etc

Freed for: knowing, enjoying God, love, change, service.