



# Preaching Programme Sept - Jan 2024

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>Spotlight</i>	Communion	Worship Service
3	Communion	Worship Service <i>Spotlight</i>	Worship Service
4	Worship Service	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	Comments
Stewardship Season: Take my life and let it be All Age: Parables				
3 September	9am Communion Service 10.30am All Age Worship	Matthew 13:44-45 Hidden Treasure	Leader: Margaret Stevens/Esther Preacher: Grace Hopkins*  Leader: Lee Preacher: Grace Hopkins	No Sally
3 September	6pm Charismatic Service	Proverbs 3.1-10 Take my moments and my days	Leader: Mandie Preacher: Philomena	Communion
7 September	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
10 September	9am Worship Service Spotlight 10.30am Communion	Matthew 16.21-27 Take my life and let it be	Leader: Margaret Preacher: Esther  Leader: Esther Preacher: Esther	No Philomena
10 September	6pm Charismatic Service	Isaiah 52.7-12 Take my feet, and let them be	Leader: Mandie Preacher: Joanna*	
13 September	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Esther and Mandie	
17 September	9am Communion Service 10.30am Worship Service Spotlight	Romans 12 Take my hands and let them move	Leader: Grace/Esther Preacher: Will  Leader: Esther Preacher: Will	No Margaret No Philomena
17 September	6pm Charismatic Service	Isaiah 6.1-8 Take my lips, and let them be	Leader: Mandie Preacher: Judah*	
20 September	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
24 September	9am Worship Service 10.30am Communion	Psalms 63 Take my voice and let me sing	Leader: Philomena Preacher: Michael	No Sally No Mandie

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			Leader: Esther Preacher: Michael	
24 September	6pm Charismatic Service	Romans 12.1-2 Take my intellect, and use	Leader: Sally Preacher: Matt*	
27 September	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
1 October Harvest	9am Communion Service 10.30am All Age Worship	Matthew 13:31-35 Things that grow	Leader: Esther Preacher: Esther  Leader: Joanna Preacher: Rachel	No Sally No Mandie
1 October	6pm Charismatic Service with Communion	Proverbs 4.23 Take my heart, it is thine own	Leader: Grace Preacher: Clem*	
4 October	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
8 October Gift Day	9am Worship Service Spotlight 10.30am Communion Service	Acts 4:32-37 Take my silver and my gold	Leader: Margaret Preacher: Esther  Leader: Esther Preacher: Esther	Gift Day
8 October	6pm Charismatic Service	Galatians 2.20 Take myself, and I will be	Leader: Judah Preacher: Mandie*	
11 October Gift Day	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
15 October	9am Communion Service 10.30am Worship Service Spotlight	Philippians 2:12-18 Take my will and make it Thine	Leader: Michael Preacher: Margaret  Leader: Michael Preacher: Margaret	No Esther

### Vision and Values Reset

*To be a loving and growing community released and empowered to participate in the advancement of God's kingdom in Egham and beyond.*

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<i>Inviting → Welcoming → Courageous → Creative → Transforming → Christ Centred</i>				
15 October	6pm Charismatic Service	John 1.35-51 Inviting	Leader: Joanna Preacher: Lee*	
18 October	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
22 October	9am Worship Service 10.30am Communion Service	Luke 7.36-50 Take my love; my Lord I pour	Leader: Margaret Preacher: Esther  Leader: Will Preacher: Esther	
22 October	6pm Charismatic Service	Matthew 5:46-48 Welcoming	Leader: Philomena Preacher: Claire*	
25 October	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
29 October	9am Worship Service What's your story?  10.30am Worship Service What's your story?	Acts 2.42-47 Loving and Growing Community	Leader: Mandie Preacher: Michael  Leader: Esther Preacher: Michael*	No Philomena
29 October	6pm Charismatic Service with Communion	Testimony Sunday	Leader: Grace Hopkins Preacher: Grace Hopkins	Communion
1 November	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
5 November	9am Communion Service  10.30am All Age Worship Service	Matthew 18:21-35 The unmerciful Servant	Leader: Michael Preacher: Margaret*  Leader: Lee Preacher: Esther	
5 November	6pm Charismatic Service	Deuteronomy 31.1-8 Courageous	Leader: Sally Preacher: Grace	

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8 November	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
12 November Remembrance Sunday	10am Remembrance Sunday	1 Corinthians 15.1-8 Overcoming Death	Leader: Esther Preacher: Esther	
12 November	6pm Charismatic Service	Ephesians 2.10 Creative	Leader: Clem Preacher: Sally*	
15 November	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
19 November Baptism Sunday	9am Worship Service 10.30am Communion Service	Luke 10.1-23 Released	Leader: Will Preacher: Esther  Leader: Esther Preacher: Esther*	No Margaret No Philomena
19 November	6pm Charismatic Service	2 Corinthians 5:17 Transforming	Leader: Esther Preacher: Judah	
22 November	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
26 November	9am Worship Service Spotlight 10.30am Worship Service Spotlight	Acts 1.1-11 Empowered	Leader: Grace Preacher: Will  Leader: Esther Preacher: Will*	No Margaret No Philomena
26 November	6pm Charismatic Service	Philippians 2.1-11 Christ Centred	Leader: Joanna Preacher: Esther	
25 November	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
Advent Season: IRL Encountering God				
3 December Toy Service	9am Communion Service	John 1.1-18 Present - The Word became flesh	Leader: Michael Preacher: Esther	

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	10.30am All Age Toy Service		Leader: Rachel Preacher: Lee*	
3 December	6pm Charismatic Service	John 2.13-22 Zealous - Zeal for your house will consume me	Leader: Judah Preacher: Sally	
6 December	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
10 December	9am Worship Service 10.30am Communion Service	John 4:13-26, 39-42 Knowing - He told me everything I ever did	Leader: Margaret Preacher: Jörg  Leader: Esther Preacher: Jörg*	No Philomena
10 December	6pm Contemporary Carols	Various IRL	Leader: Grace & Students Preacher: Grace	
13 December	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
17 December Nativity Service	9am Communion Service 10.30am Nativity Service	John 11.20-24 Compassionate - Jesus wept	Leader: Esther Preacher: Will  Leader: Robin and Rachel Preacher: Robin and Rachel	
17 December	6.30pm Carols by Candlelight	Various Readings IRL	Leader: Esther Preacher: Esther	
20 December	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
24 December	10am Communion	John 14.1-14 Revealed - Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father	Leader: Will Preacher: Esther	No Margaret No Judah
24 December	4pm Crib Service	IRL	Leader: Robin and Rachel Preacher: Robin and Rachel	
24 December	11pm – Midnight Communion	John 15:9-17	Leader: Simon Preacher: Michael	

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		In relationship - I have called you friends		
25 December	10am - Communion	John 14.1-14 IRL	Leader: Esther Preacher: Esther	
27 December	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
31 December	10am - Communion	James 3.17 – Bible Verse 2024 Wisdom from above	Leader: Michael Preacher: Margaret	No Judah No Lee No Esther
3 January	12pm Wednesday Communion		Leader: Simon	
6 January 2024	9am Communion Service 10.30am All Age Toy Service	TBC	Leader: Will Preacher: Esther  Leader: Grace Preacher: Lee*	
6 January 2024	6pm Charismatic Service	James 3.17 – Bible Verse 2024 Wisdom from above	Leader: Sally Preacher: Mandie	

## 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.

### Parables of Jesus

Continuing the series in the All Age services to get to grips with the teaching parables that Jesus used to share with people the heart and character of God. His teaching was to reinforce what God's people had already experienced of God throughout history, but now Jesus told

them more about the Kingdom of God in ways in which both the 'common' people and the 'ruling/educated classes' could hear, but as Jesus warns, 'not all have ears, not all see'. A good warning to all of us, to ask the Holy Spirit to give us ears to hear, hearts to receive these teachings.

### **Stewardship Season: Take my Life and Let it be**

We sang hymn 'Take my life and let it be' at the 9am Service on 16 July and it felt like my searching for a focus for Stewardship Season landed. I read this later: *The hymn above focuses not so much on their giving themselves to God (there is some of this, and rightly so, especially in the second half of the hymn) but on their asking God to take them. Though the Bible insists on both, God's taking is infinitely more reliable than our giving. When singers of this hymn make their request sincerely, they should expect God in Christ to grant it, even if it not be in the way they expect!* May God 'take our lives' this Stewardship Season

### **Vision and Values Reset**

We have focussed many times on our Mission Statement and many of us have taken it on board that as a church we are here to love God, love one another and love our community. It feels right to spend time swelling on our vision statement and our values in this next season.

### **Advent and Christmas - In Real Life (IRL) - Series plan available**

*From Pia – the author of our Advent/Christmas Series*

The "Christmas story" has grown so clichéd and confused with myth and tradition that it can be easy to miss, as we approach Advent, that we are reflecting on the coming of God in human form. As we hear about Jesus' life from Bethlehem birth to Jerusalem crucifixion, we are seeing God walking on the earth and living amongst us. Each time we encounter Jesus in the Gospels, we have the awesome opportunity to see God face to face and ask what those accounts teach about God.

Most people, especially due to Covid, have experienced the difference between a distant encounter and one in real life. We have a God who was not satisfied with a relationship at arm's length but wanted to be with His people face to face.

This sermon series touches on a number of stories from the life of Jesus and we are taking time to reflect on them to show us more about who God is in the flesh; His struggles and joys. These stories, from over 2000 years ago, can help and teach us in our own walk with God today.

### **Verse for the Year 2024**

**James 3.17:**

*But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure;  
then peace-loving, considerate, submissive,  
full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.*