

'Come and see' was how Jesus invited Andrew and John, His first two followers, to join Him on a journey of discovery. This same invitation was extended, implicitly or explicitly, to many other people during the next two or three years. It was met with different responses. Some realised that Jesus was the Messiah, God's chosen One, the person they had been seeking. Others were taken by surprise, recognising that He was the answer to situations in which they were trapped. But others had a vested interest in denying Jesus' identity and turned against Him in fear and anger. As we follow the story of John's Gospel over several months, what will our response be to Jesus' invitation to 'come and see'?

This series continues on **Sunday 11th September at 10:00am**



In a society where everyone is supposedly more connected, why is it that feelings of loneliness and isolation are on the rise? Even in the church, a community where we aspire to be an oasis of love and acceptance, we still struggle to make friends and sustain supportive relationships. In this short series entitled **Together** we will be thinking about four closely interconnected relational topics - singleness, friendship, marriage and dating. We will be looking at what the Bible has to say about how we can best relate to ourselves, to God and one another alongside hearing personal testimony about the joys and challenges of relational living.

This series starts on **Sunday 9th October at 10:00am**



The Magnificat, the song that we find at the start of Luke's Gospel, is a strident, active hymn of praise. So often when we think of Jesus' earthly mother, Mary, we view her as passive, restrained, benign, and demure, rather like the countless plaster statues we see adorning so many western churches. But there is nothing passive or benign about **Mary's Song**. Inspired by God's Spirit, Mary weaves together the message of the Old Testament into a glorious song that is a wonderful summary of the hope of salvation: a hope realised in the coming of Jesus Christ. Join us as we explore something of what the words of Mary's song meant for her; but also what they can mean for us and for the whole world.

This series starts on **Sunday 27th November at 10:00am**



The BIG Belmont Quiz is the start of Christmas for many people. Why not invite friends, neighbours, family or work colleagues? A great frontline opportunity on **Sunday 4th December at 7:00pm**



TEACHING PROGRAMME AUTUMN 2022

To keep up to date with any changes regarding online and in-person gatherings please read Focus and visit the Belmont website regularly.



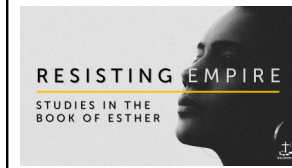
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

John 3:16-17 - NIV



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If God is real why doesn't He make Himself more clear? If God wants us to believe in Him, why doesn't He make it easier for us to see Him? If you have ever asked those kinds of questions welcome to the book of Esther. In this book, all of God's promises are in peril, and His people are on the brink of extinction. If ever there were a time for God to show Himself, this would seem to be it. And yet in the entire book of Esther God's name isn't mentioned once: there are no visions or directions from God about how to avoid disaster and there are no miracles. As the empire grows increasingly hostile towards God's people, they find themselves in danger. Join us as we explore the theme of resilient discipleship through the story of one courageous Jewish woman: Esther.

This series starts on **Sunday 11th September at 7:00pm**



At the close of Matthew's Gospel Jesus "tells His followers to 'Go and make disciples of all nations.'" In this four-part series entitled **Go!** we will be looking at how the early church responded to God's call to go global as well as exploring what mission might mean for us, both individually and corporately, beyond the confines of our own frontlines. In addition, we will hear up-to-date news and stories from across the globe and have the opportunity to pray alongside some of our mission partners.

This series starts on **Sunday 30th October at 5:00pm**



The Bible is the Word of God. How should we approach reading it? How can we be equipped to study it for ourselves? How can a text from centuries ago have anything to say today? This term we'll work together to study sections of John's gospel in some detail. Join us, whether you are leading a study or want to be better equipped to study for yourself.

The first session is on **Sunday 11th September at 7:00pm**

Links to the **Sunday Morning Service** and all other Belmont activities can be found on the website at www.belmontexeter.church/news/.

Look out for more details in Focus and on MyChurchSuite to connect with other events going on during the week.

For **Young Families** please check out this [Facebook page](#). For **Youth** please check out this [Instagram page](#).

If you would like to be connected with a Belmont Home Group then please contact the Office at office@belmontexeter.church. **All these links** are available through MyChurchSuite for those with access.

Autumn 22	Morning Worship in-person and available online	Refresh and Resource in-person sessions		
Date	10:00am	4:00pm- unless stated otherwise	5:00pm - unless stated otherwise	7:00pm
11th September AM communion	Come and See My Father's house Simon Richards John 2:13-25			Resisting Empire The empire laid bare also Dig Deeper - for more details see overleaf Esther 1:1-22 Nick Goldsworthy
18th September	Come and See Born again Jonny Baker John 3:1-21			Resisting Empire Waiting in the wings Esther 2:1-23 Megan Gaston
25th September AM communion	Come and See Friend of the Bridegroom Alex Yates John 3:22-4:3			Resisting Empire The gathering storm Esther 3:1:4-14 Richard Judd
2nd October Dedication Sunday	Come and See All Together Worship Living water Jon Hancock John 4:4-26		Communion Service @ 6:00pm a quiet and reflective time of remembrance	Resisting Empire Waiting, fasting, stillness Esther 4:15-5:8 Saz Flint
9th October AM communion	Together Singleness Lauren Windle			Resisting Empire Anger and pride also Dig Deeper - for more details see overleaf Esther 5:9-7:10 Andrew Trezise
16th October	Together Friendship Paul Cooke			Resisting Empire Consequences Esther 8:1-9:17 Adrian Bailey
23rd October AM communion	Together Marriage Simon Richards			Resisting Empire Celebrating God's rescue Esther 9:18-10:3 Nick Goldsworthy
30th October	Together Dating Jenny Flannagan		Go! a continuing mission Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:1-5 Gemma Cain	
6th November	Baptism Sunday All Together Worship Saz Flint	Communion Service a quiet and reflective time of remembrance	Go! a vital mission Acts 1:6-11 Nick Goldsworthy	
13th November Membership Sunday	Come and See Telling Good News Jonny Baker John 4:27-43	Remembrance Sunday Service @ 3:00pm with refreshments at the close	Go! a shared mission also Dig Deeper - for more details see overleaf Acts 1:12-26 Simon Richards	
20th November AM communion	Come and See Lord of space and time Gemma Cain John 4:44-53		Go! a global mission Acts 2:1-13 Andrew Trezise	
27th November	Mary's Song The person God chose Paul Cooke Luke 1:46-49			Prayer & Praise Celebrating Advent (including Communion)
4th December AM communion	Mary's Song The people God helps Saz Flint Luke 1:50-53			The BIG Belmont Quiz look out for more details in FOCUS
11th December AM communion	Mary's Song The promise God keeps Megan Gaston Luke 1:54-55		Carols around Newtown a great opportunity to bless our neighbours!	
18th December	All Together Carol Service			Carol Service a traditional service of carols and readings
25th December	Christmas Day Service a short service to celebrate the arrival of Jesus			
1st January AM communion	Communion Service			