

'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 from **Sunday 16th April at 10:00am**



Do you have questions? You're not alone - everyone does. During the early part of this term there is an opportunity to explore together some of life's biggest questions, such as - 'Why is there suffering in the world?' and 'Is there only one way to God?'. This series, entitled **The Reason for God**, invites us to sit in on live and unscripted conversations between pastor and theologian Tim Keller and a group of people as he addresses their doubts and objections to the Christian faith. Sessions include video presentation, group discussion, and personal reflection.



A great place to explore faith together and an ideal invite for friends to come and find out more about what it means to be a Christian.

Drinks served from 9:45am. Sessions start at 10:00am.

The **Lounge@Belmont** starts on **Sunday 30th April at 10:00am**



Psalms 1 describes the person who delights in God's law as a tree that produces fruit in season. In our daily lives as disciples of Jesus we face challenges about how we think, speak and act which impact the fruitfulness of our lives. The Bible is full of individuals who are called by God to make significant choices, often in the presence of trees! In this All Together Summer series **Good Tree Good Fruit** we will consider some of these examples and reflect on how they encourage us to grow as followers of Jesus, like flourishing trees producing good fruit for God's kingdom.

This series starts on **Sunday 6th August at 10:00am**



TEACHING PROGRAMME SUMMER 2023

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



Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31



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Over recent years, there have been several cries for justice in our world whether race, gender-related, social or economic. God's prophets are amongst the most powerful and effective voices ever heard for keeping religion honest, humble, compassionate and just. Among those prophets, Amos stands out as the defender of the poor and the accuser of the powerful rich: those who use God's name to legitimise their self-serving religiosity. The book of Amos calls God's people to return to true worship centred on justice: a message as relevant today as it was when first written.

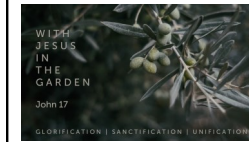
This series starts on **Sunday 16th April at 7:00pm**



God created us to be in relationship with Himself and with others. In the New Testament, there are over fifty references about how we ought to relate to 'one another.' Many of these passages

address not only our behaviour, but also our attitude. Most of the 'one another' statements are instructions describing how we relate to each other as Christ's followers. But imagine what those same attitudes and actions could reveal about the transformational power of the 'good news' of Jesus if we applied them to every-day situations we meet on our frontlines.

This series starts on **Sunday 25th June at 7:00pm**



Jesus' prayer in John 17 is full of movement. It's a prayer that invites us not simply to listen to Jesus as He prays, but to be involved with Him as He prays, and to draw alongside Him as He

connects very deeply with His Father. Over three evenings in a series called **With Jesus in the Garden** we will be exploring how Jesus' prayer helps to shape our own prayer lives through increasing our understanding of His identity and mission.

This series starts on **Sunday 6th August at 7:00pm**

Links to the **Sunday Morning Service** and 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 Home Group then please contact the Office at office@belmontexeter.church. All these links are available through MyChurchSuite for those with access.

Summer 2023	Morning Worship		Evening Worship
Date	10:00am - Auditorium live-stream available online	10:00am - The Lounge@Belmont café-style discussion	7:00pm - Auditorium
16th April AM communion	Come and See Where is this man? Gemma Cain John 9:1-41		Let justice roll - studies in the book of Amos The Lion's roar Nick Goldsworthy Amos 1:1-2:5
23rd April	Come and See The Good Shepherd Simon Richards John 10:1-42		Let justice roll - studies in the book of Amos God has no favourites Megan Gaston Amos 2:6-16
30th April PM communion	Come and See Dead man walking Jonny Baker John 11:1-44	The Reason for God - The Lounge@Belmont Isn't the Bible a myth? Hasn't science disproved Christianity? Saz Flint	Let justice roll - studies in the book of Amos Religion without repentance Nick Goldsworthy Amos 4:1-13
7th May AM communion	Come and See Darkness and light Simon Richards John 12:20-50	The Reason for God - The Lounge@Belmont Why does God allow suffering? Why is there so much evil in the world? Phil Lowman	Let justice roll - studies in the book of Amos Seek me and live Richard Judd Amos 5:1-17
14th May AM communion	Come and See The basin and the betrayal Alex Yates John 13:1-38	The Reason for God - The Lounge@Belmont What gives you the right to tell me how to live my life? Why are there so many rules? Gemma Cain	Let justice roll - studies in the book of Amos Religion gone wrong Megan Gaston Amos 5:1-17
21st May	Come and See I am the Way Paul Cooke John 14:1-14	The Reason for God - The Lounge@Belmont How can you say there is only one way to God? What about other religions? Alex Yates	Let justice roll - studies in the book of Amos Woe to the complacent Gemma Cain Amos 6:1-14
28th May PM communion	Come and See Pentecost Sunday All Together Worship John 14:15-31		Let justice roll - studies in the book of Amos Justice is coming Richard Judd Amos 8:1-14
4th June	Come and See How to bear fruit Ken Benjamin (LICC) John 15:1-25	The Reason for God - The Lounge@Belmont Why is the church responsible for so much injustice? Why are Christians hypocrites? Paul Cooke	Let justice roll - studies in the book of Amos What hope has the world? Nick Goldsworthy Amos 9:1-15
11th June PM communion	Baptism Sunday The Spirit of truth Megan Gaston John 15:26-16:15		Prayer & Praise God of justice
18th June AM communion	Membership Sunday The hour has come Paul Cooke John 17:1-26	The Reason for God - The Lounge@Belmont How can God be both full of love and wrath? How can God send good people to hell? Richard Judd	In conversation with ... Andy Flannagan Director of Christians in Politics and the author of 'Those who show up'
25th June AM communion	Come and See Betrayed and denied Saz Flint John 18:1-27		One another Love one another Megan Gaston 1 John 4:7-12
2nd July PM communion	Come and See Shall I crucify your king? Andrew Trezise John 18:28-19:16a		One another Accept one another Gemma Cain Romans 14:1-8, 15:1-7
9th July AM communion	Come and See Dead and buried Jonny Baker John 19:16b-42		One another Carry one another's burdens Jenny Flannagan Galatians 6:1-6
16th July	Come and See My Lord and my God Nick Goldsworthy John 20:19-29		One another Encourage one another Clive Hughes 1 Thessalonians 5:5-11
23rd July AM communion	Come and See Follow Me Paul Cooke John 20:30-21:25		One another Forgive one another Jen Hudson Ephesians 4:32-5:2
30th July PM communion	Holiday Club Sunday All Together Worship		Prayer & Praise People of God
6th August AM communion	Good Tree Good Fruit My way or your way? All Together Worship Genesis 2-3		With Jesus in the garden He prays for His Father's glory Richard Judd John 17:1-5
13th August PM communion	Good Tree Good Fruit Step back or step up? All Together Worship Exodus 3:1-15		With Jesus in the garden He prays for His disciples Adrian Rushworth John 17:6-19
20th August	Good Tree Good Fruit Keep out or invite in? All Together Worship Luke 19:1-10		With Jesus in the garden He prays for us Nick Goldsworthy John 17:20-26
27th August PM communion	Good Tree Good Fruit My will or your will? All Together Worship Mark 14:32-42		Communion Service a short reflective service of remembrance