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# MALCOLM'S MARVELLOUS MONTHLY MAGASINE



## Welcome!

Who is this for? What is it all about? Why should you take some of your precious time to read it?

Answer: It's for everyone who knows me and is interested in the same things as me, and the work I'm doing.

As editions of the mag go by we'll be covering areas of worship, music, theology, teaching and training, and few other things besides. I'll include links to audio & video of lessons I've given and also to articles I've written - as well as to some by other people that I believe could be interesting.

I hope you like it - more than that, I hope you find it helpful. Please send me suggestions, questions and feedback.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Malcolm Cox'.

## 2016 so far

“See, the former things have taken place,  
and new things I declare;” Isaiah 42:9  
NIV11

### Watford

Many new things have come my way this year. First and foremost the establishment of the Watford church of Christ.<sup>1</sup>

A long-cherished dream of many of the Watford family group has become a reality thanks to the faith of the members, the generosity of the London leadership and the grace of God. Our first service was on 3 January and our official “launch” service on 8th May. Since then we have met every Sunday in Laurance Haines School (Vicarage Road, WD18 0DD) at 10.30AM.<sup>2</sup>

God has brought several new friends to us from the local area - some coming in as a result of seeing the church sign on the pavement outside! We’ve been blessed to have people from other congregations visit including Atlanta, Manchester, Thames Valley, Dublin and others. Tim Dannatt was a visiting speaker two months ago, and all the men in the church are getting used to speaking more frequently than in the past. You can hear and watch their sterling efforts on our [YouTube channel](#).

As well as Sunday worship, we meet on Wednesdays for deeper Bible teaching (men and women alternate weeks) and in “Family Groups”. The Gospel of Luke has been our constant companion through the year as we seek to establish a church culture that truly reflects the teachings of Jesus and what it means to follow him as disciples.

Plans for the near future include a joint outdoor service on 14 August, 11AM, with the northwest region of the London church in Cassiobury park (go to the car park and you will find ushers and signs to the exact spot). In September we will have a family service and a “Forest” service organised by Joe Cronje.

The wider Christian community in Watford has given me and the Watford church encouragement in our new venture. Local churches of all denominations have prayed for the success of our efforts. Despite differences in doctrine and practice, it is heartening to see the desire of so many people of faith in this area excited about what God is doing. We’re very grateful to them and covet their prayers.

<sup>1</sup> A region of the [London International church of Christ](#)

<sup>2</sup> Except when joining the rest of the London church in central London.

## Watford Gets Wings



Facebook is here:  
[thewatfordchurch](#).

If you are on twitter and would like to keep up with future events and the meetings of the Watford Church then follow us on [@WatfordChurch](#).

Otherwise drop me a line:  
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## Thames Valley

My delightful work with the Thames Valley churches of Christ has increased in quantity since they decided to take up the option on my “spare” day of the week. I now work 1 1/2 days for Watford and 3 1/2 days for the Thames Valley church. My focus is most specifically on developing the speakers and worship leaders - especially those of the next generation. There is a bright future. These younger people can speak with conviction and faith!

There's also been an emphasis on developing leadership of all kinds. The church has grown in numbers, geographic spread and influence. Hence the need for new models and structures. You can see the recent conclusions here. In particular it's been faith-building to see the progress in Bristol and Oxford - and to welcome old friends the Wakefield's!

## Leicester

Earlier this year our church in Leicester invited me to deliver a teaching day on John chapter 17. They gave me a very warm welcome, and I'd like to take some credit for Leicester FC's incredible season - but I doubt that's reasonable!

## Other Matters

I've been having regular singing lessons (thanks, Jeff) which have improved the tone and stamina of my voice. Singing at my niece Emma's wedding was a highlight.

I've become a “befriender” with New Hope - a local charity helping people recover from addictions. They're a bunch of wonderful people who are guiding me through unfamiliar territory with much patience and grace.

The children have moved out from the nest, and moved in together. A real step into a new chapter for their lives. They both have local jobs and walk to work. We're very happy for them to be together and close by.

Penny & I celebrate our 31st wedding anniversary this month, and we're doing a short three-day walking holiday along the Thames Path to celebrate. Please pray my knees hold up!

## How to Find and Follow

Well, I'm on nearly all social media outlets, but here is the list:

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## Until Next Time

Thanks for reading this far. That's it for now. Let me know what you'd find interesting to hear about. The next edition will be out in September.

Take care, and God bless, Malcolm