

# The Watford Word

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## What's on

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**Sunday 06 August - 10:30AM. Andy Ezeilo speaking.**  
**Sunday 13 August - 10:30AM. Malcolm speaking.**  
**Sunday 20 August - 10:30AM. 'Devotional' Sunday**  
**Sunday 27 August - 10:30AM. Barry Lamb speaking.**  
**Sunday 03 Sept - 10:30AM. Stefan speaking**  
**Sunday 10 Sept - 10:30AM. Sunday service**  
**Sunday 17 Sept - 10:30AM. Dr Andy Boakye**  
**Sunday 24 Sept - 10:30AM. Malcolm speaking**  
**Sunday 01 Oct - 10:30AM. Stefan speaking**  
**Sunday 08 Oct - 10:30AM. Malcolm speaking**  
**Sunday 17 December - 10:30AM. Carol service**

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## Prayers

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- For Tanya and family in Ukraine
- For students making decisions about future study
- For our youth as they go to camps this summer
- Rejoicing with Sharon and her family as her husband and two of her sons have joined her in the UK
- For safe journeys as many go on holiday over the summer
- For Simon and Patricia as they move into their new home. May they find a warm welcome from new neighbours, and a channel for the Gospel to spread in their new neighbourhood.
- For our local and national government to implement wise policies to benefit all our country's citizens (1 Timothy 2:1-5).

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## The Ezeilos

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Andy and Sandra Ezeilo are members of the East London Church of Christ. They served in our sister congregation in Bristol for 4 years in the early 90's before settling down in East London. They have 2 children James aged 27 and Ella aged 25.

Andy owns his own business in relation to gas, plumbing and property development while Sandra recently completed a masters in the psychology and neuroscience of mental health with the intention of providing much needed support to those within our churches and beyond.



I have known Andy and Sandra for over 30 years. They have proved tried and trusted friends as well as deep thinkers about the Christian life. They serve without ego, but combine a passion for God's Word with a compassion for people.

I am delighted they are visiting today.

Malcolm

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## Cover to Cover: Unveiling the Bible's Rich Tapestry in a Year - Part 2

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Last week I mentioned my decision to read the Bible in 12 months. It's something I've done many times, but not in recent years. I talked about my personal reasons last time, but here I offer some further motivation for taking on such a project.

1. **Spiritual Growth:** Engaging with the Bible regularly help us to deepen our spiritual understanding and connection with our faith. It provides insights into our core beliefs.

2. **Comprehensive Understanding:** Reading the entire Bible in 12 months ensures that we cover both the Old and New Testaments, providing a comprehensive understanding of the Scriptures, their historical context, and the overall narrative of the faith.

3. **Discipline and Commitment:** Committing to read the Bible over a year requires discipline and consistency, fostering a sense of commitment and perseverance in spiritual practices.



4. **Personal Reflection:** Regular reading of the Bible prompts introspection and self-reflection. The stories, parables, and teachings can often resonate with one's own life experiences, leading to personal growth and insights.

5. **Inspiration and Encouragement:** The Bible contains numerous stories of faith, resilience, and hope, which can inspire and encourage us during challenging times.

6. **Community and Discussion:** Reading the Bible on a schedule can be done individually or as part of a group study. Engaging with others in discussions about the scriptures fosters a sense of community and allows for diverse perspectives and interpretations.

7. **Cultural and Literary Knowledge:** The Bible has profoundly influenced Western literature, art, and culture. By reading it in its entirety, one gains valuable insights into references and allusions found in various works of art and literature.

### Conclusion

I hope you find these ideas helpful. Reading the Bible in 12 months is to some degree an artificial aim. However, I cherish the idea of becoming more familiar with *all* of Scripture. It's there for a reason, and interacting with it more fully can only enrich our lives.

God bless, Malcolm

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## Christians and Climate Change

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*'An evening encounter with our creator God on Climate Change'*

Sunday 24th September, 5.30pm, St Mary's church, 1 Church Street, WD18 0EG

Guest speakers: Dr Martin and Rev Margot Hodson; Rachel Johnson

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## AIM UK&I

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The next AIM module is Homiletics — the preparation and delivery of effective lessons. [www.aimukandireland.com](http://www.aimukandireland.com)

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