

# The Watford Word

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## What's on

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**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 our local and national government to implement wise policies to benefit all our country's citizens (1 Timothy 2:1-5).
  - For unity between Christians and churches
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## "Singing Over Talaya"

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### A Grandparent's Reflection on God's Love

Perhaps it is inevitable, but our granddaughter's arrival gave me a refreshed perspective on one of my favourite descriptions of God. Let me set the scene.

Two days had passed since our granddaughter, Talaya, came into this world, and I was about to meet her for the first time. I confess I was tingling as I stood outside the hospital ward, waiting for my chance to hold her. I knew that this moment would change my life.

I entered the room and was greeted by the sight of our precious two-day-old Talaya. She was tiny, her eyes still adjusting to the world around her. My daughter and son-in-law offered Talaya to me and I gingerly picked her up.



Automatically, without thought, I began to hum a traditional nursery rhyme to her. Talaya's tiny eyelids grew heavy. She settled into my arms and fell asleep. It was magical.

In that moment, I couldn't help but recall a passage from Zephaniah:

*"The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love, he will no longer rebuke you but will rejoice over you with singing" (Zephaniah 3:17 NIV11).*

As I sang to Talaya, I felt a profound connection between this verse and our experience.

Just as I sang nursery rhymes over my granddaughter, I realised that our Heavenly Father sings over us with love and joy. Singing over someone is an intimate act. He takes delight in us, just as I took delight in my granddaughter.

I continue to sing over Talaya at every opportunity. In those moments, I feel an unbreakable bond between us, a bond rooted in

love. It is a tangible reminder of God's love for each of us, His children. It's a reminder that God's love for us is like that of a grandparent holding their precious grandchild—overflowing with delight, tenderness, and an unending melody of love.

### Conclusion

What does knowing that God delights to sing over you mean to you? What songs do you think he might sing?

*“Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.” (Psalms 100:2 NIV11)*

God bless, Malcolm

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## 2024 Series

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We begin each year with a series of lessons from a book of the Bible. In 2023 it was 1 Thessalonians. It's time to start planning for the 2024 series. What part of the Bible would you like us to explore? It could be a book, a section of a book, or a focus on the life of a hero of the faith.

Don't forget to include both the Old Testament as well as the New Testament in your thinking. Let me know what God lays on your heart.

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.



[thewatfordchurch@gmail.com](mailto:thewatfordchurch@gmail.com)

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

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## Happy Homiletics

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I uploaded a new video about the Homiletics teaching day coming up on 16th September right here in our venue. You can find the link here: <https://youtu.be/FLIUcrYVNqo?si=chBg6sIrzeqhtTZI>

The link you need for the website is: [www.aimukandireland.com](http://www.aimukandireland.com)

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