

# The Watford Word

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## “A New Thing”



Part 1 - Introducing the series  
Quiet Time Coaching Episode 446 | Malcolm Cox

### What's on

**Sunday** 07 January - 10:30AM. Osagie speaking  
**Sunday** 14 January - 10:30AM. Malcolm speaking  
**Sunday** 21 January - 10:30AM. Stefan speaking  
**Sunday** 28 January - 10:30AM. Malcolm speaking

### A New Thing

**“A New Thing” teaching and preaching series, January, February and March 2024.**

God is not static. He is involved in his creation. He is actively healing, redeeming and transforming the world and its people. In other

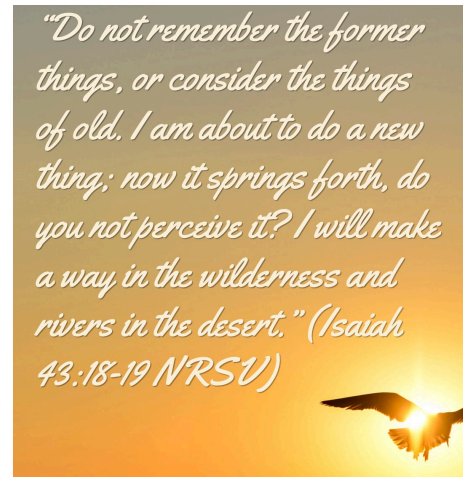
words, he is always doing 'a new thing'. The title of our series comes from the book of Isaiah:

*"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."* (Isaiah 43:18-19 NRSV)

Isaiah reveals God's plan for his people. They will not remain in exile forever. A return to the promised land is prophesied. The people in exile felt a mixture of fear and excitement. For some, living in exile had become comfortable. To uproot and return would be difficult. For others, it was the fulfilment of decades of prayerful expectation. This section of Scripture parallels the exodus with the return from exile. Leaving one land for another. Going on a difficult and dangerous journey. Leaving the familiar for the unknown. Having to trust God for provision. Pursued and surrounded by enemies.

Perhaps you can relate. The Christian life is one where we are secure in God, but always learning, growing and journeying towards something better. Moving forward and growing is exciting, but disturbing. There is a need to let go of old things, not to say they weren't useful — they taught us things and we should remember those lessons — but we do not live in the past. We are moving forward in time and maturity towards being with God for ever and growing more and more into the likeness of his son, Jesus.

As we enter a new year God surely has plans to do new things in us and among us. What those are we may not yet know. But we can be sure they will be revealed as the year progresses. In this series we are seeking to learn from the great men and women of faith in Scripture who encountered something new, were called to something new, took on something new, and left lessons in faith for us who follow after them.



Why not take a moment to pray and reflect on what you hope to get from his series?

### Conclusion

I hope you find your heart, your life, our congregation and your world inspired by God doing a new thing.

God bless, Malcolm

Daily devotional podcasts accompany the teaching and preaching series. You can find them in the Watford podcast feed (below) or my personal podcast — RSS feed: <https://audioboom.com/channels/4909728.rss>

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