

# The Watford Word

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## What's on

**Sunday** 04 February - 10:30AM. Stefan speaking on Daniel

**Sunday** 11 February - 10:30AM. Archie Higgin speaking on the Apostle Peter

**Sunday** 18 February - 10:30AM. Stefan speaking

**Sunday** 25 February - 10:30AM. Malcolm speaking

### ADVANCED NOTICE

**Pentecost Sunday** 19 May - 10:30AM.

International Sunday with food from around the world. Would someone like to coordinate the food?

## Rahab's New Thing

We are looking at God doing a new thing in Rahab's life. She is a fascinating character

- She does almost all the talking.
- She is shown as, in some ways, out-smarting the spies and the King.
- She is outside the people of God yet has inside knowledge of God's plans
- She is on the edge of town (inside the city wall) and closer to the purposes of God.
- She has a questionable trade going on under her roof, but is open to the moving of God in her life.
- She has control over the spies' lives and yet recognises that they have power over her destiny.
- She saves the spies, but is saved by them.
- She is in Jesus's genealogy (Matthew 1:5)
- She is an inspiration of faith (Hebrews 11:31)
- She is considered righteous (James 2:25)

*"Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given you this land and that a great fear of you has*

*fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below."* (Joshua 2:8-11)



Rahab knows that God is at work. Many have heard of what God is doing (parting the Red Sea). Many have experienced what God is doing (the destruction of Sihon & Og). Many are worried about what is going to happen (hearts melted in fear). But only Rahab 'knows' what God is doing ("I know that...")

Rahab 'knows' God is doing a new thing ("...the LORD has given you this land...")

### For Reflection

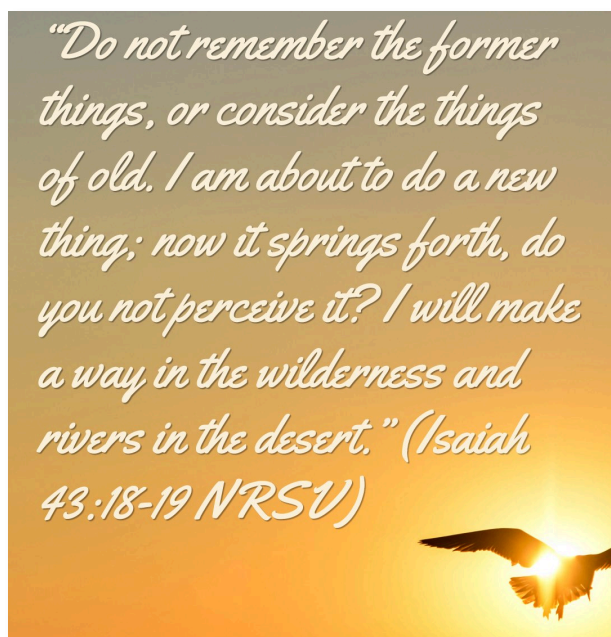
It is one thing to hear about God, but an entirely different thing to recognising the relevance for our own lives. Have you heard about God moving in someone else's life, or in a different church?

Could this be a faith-inspiration for you? What is the relevance of other people's good news for you?

God bless, Malcolm

These points and more are covered in the daily devotional podcasts accompany the 'A New Thing' teaching and preaching series. The relevant episodes are numbers 466-469. You can find them in the Watford podcast feed (below) or my personal podcast — RSS feed: <https://audioboom.com/channels/4909728.rss>

You might also like this article from the Biblical Archaeology Society website: <https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/people-cultures-in-the-bible/people-in-the-bible/rahab-the-harlot/>



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## Future Speakers

In addition to speakers within this congregation I am inviting people from further afield to preach for us. Already on the list are Archie Higgin, Andy Boakye and Douglas Jacoby. Is there anyone you would like me to invite? Malcolm

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## AIM – Spiritual Life

The next AIM module is 'spiritual life'. Topics include: Personal spiritual growth; men and women of the word; personal righteousness; prayer; fasting; biblical meditation; spiritual disciplines; creative spirituality; spiritual reading; spirituality and suffering; finances; time management and more. If this is something of interest to you, please book the date: 23 March 2024. Anyone who would like to attend on the day, without taking the rest of the course can do so for £20. More details on the website (<https://aimukandireland.com/>). More information contact us on: [courses@aimukandireland.com](mailto:courses@aimukandireland.com)

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## Global Missions' Service Team

The Global Missions' Service Team is inviting anyone who wishes to join in a month of missions in May 2024. They say,

"During this event, called "Eyes That See," we are asking everyone to download the free All Nations App. There you will find all kinds of videos and stories regarding our mission efforts worldwide. During the month of May 2024, each day a 60-90 second video will be sent your way through the app highlighting stories of God's power from around the world. As we think global, we'll also attempt to act locally to further God's mission. In May, we're inviting each disciple to daily plead with God in prayer, plant a seed in another's heart in faith, and set aside money for the need to spread the gospel."

This video provides context. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMRYEJCYJpk>

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## Watford Media

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj9Qa8D9zumJZdoAtARDUww>

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