

The Watford Word

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What's on

Sunday 20th Oct: 10:30 AM. Stefan speaking
Fri-Sat 25-26th Oct: Christian Wellbeing Conference
Sunday 27th Oct: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking
Sunday 03rd Nov: 10:30 AM service. Stefan speaking.
Sunday 10th Nov: 10:30 AM. Remembrance Sunday.
 Lance Owen speaking
Sunday 17th Nov: 10:30 AM. "Safeguarding Sunday"
Sunday 24th Nov: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking
Sunday 01st Dec: 10:30 AM. Stefan speaking
Saturday 7th Dec: AIM UK&I - "World Views"
Sunday 08th Dec: 10:30 AM. Dr Andy Boakey speaking.
Sunday 15th Dec: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking
Sunday 22nd Dec: 10:30 AM. Carol service
Sunday 29th Dec: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

Harvest Collection Today

This year, we are collecting food items for the breakfast 'toast stations' at Laurance Haines School (where Becky works). Every classroom has a 'toast station' to ensure all children have breakfast before school begins. The school receives free donations of bread, but they need to buy jam and butter.



Thank you for bringing in jam or donating money towards butter.

Thank you! Steve & Sharon Clark

"You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to

provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing." Psalm 65:9-13

Fruitful? Or Successful?

Here's a question for you. What's the difference between being fruitful and successful?

God frequently commanded fruitfulness:

"God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."" (Genesis 1:22 NIV11) (see also Gen. 1:28; 8:17; 9:1, 7; 35:11; Jer. 23:3; Ezek. 36:11)

Also, consider this. Bearing fruit is a sign of discipleship:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing... This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." (John 15:5, 8 NIV11)

We are *meant* to be fruitful. We are *designed* for it. But we are not commanded to be successful. What is the difference? In fact, *is* there a difference? I think so because success seems to be a human-focused approach, whereas fruitfulness implies God's intervention. But what do you think?

Mourn with those who mourn

Nana's mother, Akosua Nyarko, passed away recently. Her funeral is on Friday 1st November. Please pray for Nana and his family — both those here and those in Africa.

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." (Romans 12:15 NIV11)

Christian Wellbeing Conference



Speakers include: David Kelly, Penny, myself, Rhoda Agerbak, Roger Packham, Dr Andy Boakye, Bevis Allen, Dr. Jennifer Konzen, Elleen Okotie and many more.

Topics covered include: Masculinity, Sexuality, Carers' Support and Health Implications, Bereavement and Mental Health.

To register, click the link below.

<https://iccmissions.churchsuite.com/events/jod9trwa>

The coordinator is Sandra Ezeilo. The sponsoring congregation is the East London ICOC.

Malcolm

Future Staff Update

We will be asking all members of the congregation to make a regular contribution pledge in the near future. The purpose is to help us plan responsibly for future staff hirings and other expenditure. We will have more on this topic next week.

How (and How Not) to Talk with Your Children about Sexuality



I came across this resource recently. You may find it useful when you need to discuss sexual issues with your children.

<https://www.douglasjacoby.com/how-and-how-not-to-talk-with-your-kids-about-sexuality/>

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