

# The Watford Word

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## What's on

**Wednesday 5th Feb: 8 PM.**  
*"From Seed to Harvest" - outreach equipping series second Zoom session - "Building Relationships" with guest speakers Tj & Sonia Masalanami.*



**Sunday 09 Feb: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking**

**Sunday 16 Feb: 10:30 AM. Stefan speaking**

**Sunday 23 Feb: 10:30 AM. Osagie speaking**

**Sunday 02 Mar: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking**

**Sunday 09 Mar: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking**

**Sunday 16 Mar: 10:30 AM. Stefan speaking**

**Sunday 23 Mar: 10:30 AM. Bruce speaking**

**Sunday 30 Mar: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking**

**Sunday 08 June: 10:30 AM. Pentecost International Service**

**Sunday 20 July: 10:30 AM. Dr Rolan Monje is our visiting speaker from the Manila ICOC.**

## How to make the Bible your 'hobby' - Part 1

### Introduction

How would you feel about making the Bible your 'hobby'? In this series, we explore how our attitude makes all the difference.

#### 1. Task or treat?

How do you view the Bible? And especially Bible reading and Bible study? Is it a task or a treat? Indulging in a hobby is a treat. What difference would it make to view your Bible study as a treat?

*"I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word." Psalm 119.16*

#### 2. Rejoice in the riches

Hobbies lose their attraction when they become routine. People who enjoy fly fishing find that every session is different. The weather, the river, and the fish are all unpredictable. I take great pleasure in playing the piano as a hobby. One of my favourite pieces is the Prelude in C major by J. S. Bach. Each time I play it, the notes are the same, and the piano is the same.

However, no two performances are identical. My fingers don't always behave themselves, and my playing is dictated by how I feel. If I have an audience like my granddaughter Talaya, that changes everything!



One of the delights of Scripture is that it contains inexhaustible resources. There is always more to learn. Read the book of Philippians five years ago and read it again today, and you will see new things because you are a different person.

The Bible is more than just a book—it's a collection of stories, poetry, history, wisdom, and prophecy. Studying it is like embarking on an adventure, uncovering new insights and truths every time we read.

When we rejoice in the riches of Scripture, we might well exclaim like the apostle Paul:

*"O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!" Romans 11.33*

### Question & Suggestions

What do you think of the idea of making Bible study your hobby? What would it take for you to see it as a treat more than a task? Take some time to think about the hobbies you enjoy. What is it about them that attracts you to them? Can you see any relevance for your own Bible study?

### Conclusion

Next week, I will offer some further inspiration to help you make the Bible your 'hobby'.

Your brother, Malcolm

P.S. The podcast version can be found here:  
<https://audioboom.com/posts/8637837-how-to-make-the-bible-your-hobby-part-1-malcolm-cox-quiet-time-coaching-episode-555>

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## From Seed to Harvest

Here are the dates for the rest of the series:

- Class 2 - 05 Feb. Building Relationships.
- Class 3 - 19 Feb. Sharing Your Faith Story.
- Class 4 - 05 Mar. Addressing Common Questions and Objections.
- Class 5 - 19 Mar. Demonstrating the Gospel Through Service.
- Class 6 - 02 Apr. Navigating Worldviews.
- Class 7 - 16 Apr. Living a Missional Life.
- Class 8 - 07 May. The Role of Pre-Evangelism.
- Class 9 - 14 May. Using a Bible Study Series.

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## Cambridge Women's Event

Below is a link to the Women's Day event the Cambridge Church hosts on Saturday 15th, March. From the Cambridge church: "We would

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love you to advertise and ask your members to pray that God blesses and uses this event to give Him glory and honour and that women can most certainly have 'One Voice, One Purpose' for Him as we celebrate the women in our Christian lives. Thank you."

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



International Women's Day  
 One Voice, One Purpose

Guest speaker, entertainment & afternoon tea

15th March

Harston Village Hall,  
 20 High street, Harston,  
 Cambridge, CB22 7PX

12:30 - 15:00

Cost: £20

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## Watford Contribution Details

**Church bank account:** Three Counties churches of Christ HSBC

**Sort Code:** 401915

**Account Number:** 04759613

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## Watford Media

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/watfordchurchofchrist6708>

**Podcast:** <https://www.podbean.com/pu/pbblog-aiinq-raef90>

**Insta:** [https://www.instagram.com/thewatfordchurch?igsh=MWphaHcoYTR3a2dnMQ%03D%03D&utm\\_source=qr](https://www.instagram.com/thewatfordchurch?igsh=MWphaHcoYTR3a2dnMQ%03D%03D&utm_source=qr)

