

# The Watford Word

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## What's on

**Monday 3rd March:** Mentoring training with John & Karen Louis

**Wednesday 05 Mar:** "From Seed to Harvest" - outreach equipping third Zoom class. "Pre-Evangelism —Ploughing Before Planting".

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

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

**Wednesday 19 Mar:** "From Seed to Harvest" - outreach equipping series fourth Zoom session - "Demonstrating the Gospel Through Service"

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

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

**Sunday 06 April:** 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

**Sunday 13 April:** 10:30 AM. Lance speaking

**Monday 14th April:** Mentoring training

**Sunday 20 April:** 10:30 AM. Easter Sunday

**Monday 26th May:** Mentoring training

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

**Sunday 06 July:** Outdoor Wellington Country Park service hosted by the Thames Valley churches of Christ

**Monday 7th July:** Mentoring training

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

**Monday 1st September:** Mentoring training



## Making the Bible your 'hobby' - Part 5. Community and Accountability

### Introduction

In this series, we explore how approaching our Bible study as a hobby can make all the difference. Today, we will examine how community and accountability can be helpful in establishing hobby-like habits in our Bible study.

### 1. Community

Most Bible study in history has been done in community. Over the last 2000 years, very few Christians had their own Bible, even if they could read at all. Therefore, Bible study was primarily done when the church gathered and at home. Passages were likely memorised, or certain parts of the Bible copied and discussed exhaustively around the dinner table, while working in the fields, or as companions walked to the market or from town to town.

The old saying two heads are better than one is highly applicable to Bible study. It can make Bible study exciting because we hear other people's insights, which are often so different to our own. Those differences are stimulating and enriching.

How do we do this? It could be as simple as talking to friends at church and setting up a WhatsApp group to study a Biblical topic. You can even do this online. For example, Bible Study Fellowship (<https://www.bsfinternational.org/>). (BSF) offers an online platform where people can join virtual groups to study the Bible together, share insights, and grow in faith.

Another example is The Bible App You Version (<https://www.youversion.com/>), which has a vast collection of Bible reading plans, devotionals, and the ability to join community groups where you can discuss your readings, pray for each other, and encourage one another.

You can also find dedicated Bible study groups on platforms like Facebook or Reddit, such as "Bible Study & Discussion" or "Christian Bible Study," where people from various denominations and backgrounds engage in discussion, share resources, and ask questions.

## 2. Accountability

How does the idea of being accountable for your Bible study strike you? It can be a struggle to welcome accountability when imposed, but how about when we *voluntarily* submit ourselves? This kind of accountability is a second aspect of community Bible study. We're talking about partnering with another Christian or a group of like-minded people to help each other develop healthy Bible study habits.

If you decide to take the community approach to your Bible study, discuss what accountability you will employ with the others in your group or with your mentor. It could be posting your learnings, checking in to say that you've read your Bible that day, or committing to reading a certain amount of scripture daily. It's whatever is meaningful, comes *from* you, and *helps* you to develop healthy habits that matter.

### Suggestions

Have you tried the community approach to Bible study? If not, will you give it a go? Try it for a week. Let me know how it goes. If you're not comfortable or familiar with these ideas, at least experiment and see what the Spirit reveals.

Your brother, Malcolm

P.S. The podcast version can be found here: <https://audioboom.com/posts/8646485-how-to-make-the-bible-your-hobby-part-5-community-and-accountability-malcolm-cox-quiet-t>

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## Helping Hands Club

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From Nadine of HOPE UK.

“Are you passionate about helping young people thrive? Here’s your chance to make a real impact!

HOPE worldwide UK is expanding Helping Hands Club across the UK, and we’re excited to start working with a primary school in Harrow.

But we need more volunteers to bring this vision to life! What is Helping Hands Club?

It’s a holiday club that creates a safe, fun, and nurturing space for children while supporting schools and families. The club will run on select Saturdays throughout the year during school breaks, from 9 AM – 2 PM.

We already have an amazing group of volunteers from the North West church, but we need a few more to make this happen— and we believe the Watford church can help!

We are visiting your church service today to share more about the programme and what it means to be a volunteer. If you're looking for a meaningful way to give back, this is it!”

Nadine Ebhogiaye

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## Watford Contribution Details

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## Watford Media

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