

# The Watford Word

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## What's on

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

**Wednesday** 05 Mar: "From Seed to Harvest" - outreach equipping series fourth Zoom session - "Addressing Common Questions and Objections".

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

**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 (Palm Sunday)

**Monday** 14th April: Mentoring training with John & Karen Louis

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

**Monday** 26th May: Mentoring training with John & Karen Louis

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

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

**Monday** 7th July: Mentoring training with John & Karen Louis

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

**Monday** 1st September: Mentoring training with John & Karen Louis



## Making the Bible your 'hobby' - Part 4

### Introduction

In this series, we are exploring how approaching our Bible study as a hobby can make all the difference. Today we're going to find inspiration from our own hobbies.

#### 1. Write Down Your Hobbies

What hobbies do you have? What relevance does this have? Bear with me, and I will explain. You see, you have interests different from other people in this congregation. Because of that you will read the Bible uniquely. It's important that you allow your personality and your personal interests and experiences to influence you so that a more multifaceted interpretation of the Bible can develop in the congregation.

What hobbies do you enjoy? Is it sports, cooking, reading, travelling, creative arts? Write them down. Now, let me give you three examples of how engaging with your personal Bible study through a hobby might be helpful.

For example, as a musician, I enjoy examining passages in the Bible that talk about music, such as Colossians 3.16, Ephesians 5:19, 1 Corinthians 14.26, 2 Chronicles 29.28, Mark 14.26, Psalm 40.3 - and many more. I feel a spiritual and emotional connection that seems stronger than many other passages of Scripture. Why is that? I don't know exactly. But I know they touch something deep and meaningful that God put inside me. That makes it worth exploring in more detail.

#### 2. Storytelling

Do you love storytelling? Then why not dive into biblical narratives like David, Ruth, or the

Gospels? Map out the storytelling arc. What is the author telling you about how the characters interact with each other and God? How does the shape of the narrative influence what you consider to be important? Can you find act 1, act 2 and act 3? Are there any surprises in the way the story is told? What can you find out about Hebrew storytelling that helps you understand why the story is told in the way it is?

### 3. History

Do you enjoy history? Why not take a special interest in the archaeology or historical context behind the Bible?

Get yourself a good Bible dictionary (<https://www.ivpress.com/the-ivp-bible-dictionary-series>) and reference it as you study the Scriptures.

Subscribe to magazines like Biblical Archaeology Review (<https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/magazines/>), or visit the British Museum (<https://www.britishmuseum.org/>) (or browse their website for biblical references).

How does the context or the archaeology help to illuminate the point of whatever section of Scripture you are exploring?

### 4. Puzzles

Do you like puzzles? If so, you will find it fascinating to delve into prophecy and its fulfilment and cross-references across the Bible. Get a book on the fulfilment of prophecy, or more specifically on the books of Daniel and Revelation, and delight in investigating and solving the puzzles contained therein.

### Question

Can you find a way for your hobbies to shape the way you study your Bible?

### Suggestions

Try this approach with one of your hobbies. Let me know how you get on.

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### 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/8646479-how-to-make-the-bible-your-hobby-part-4-connect-to-your-interests-malcolm-cox-quiet-time>




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