

The Watford Word

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What's on

Monday 02 June: Mentoring training

Sunday 08 June: 10:30 AM. International Service

Sunday 15 June: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

Sunday 22 June: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

Sunday 29 June: 10:30 AM. Church service

Sunday 06 July: Outdoor 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

3-5 October: Young Professionals' retreat



Helping Hands Club - Volunteers Needed!

Recently, Nadine, Programme Manager at HOPE worldwide UK, shared about The Helping Hands Club, a holiday programme designed to support children who need it most.

Here is a follow-up note from her:

We're excited to announce that two Helping Hands Club days will take place in Harrow on Saturday, 26th July and Saturday, 2nd August.

We already have some wonderful volunteers from the Northwest and Watford churches, but we need more helping hands to bring this initiative to life! Want to get involved? Simply fill out this quick Microsoft Form to express your interest:

👉 <https://forms.office.com/e/d185By8NNv>

If you have any questions, contact Nadine at nadine.Ebhogiaye@hopeworldwide.org.uk

We've successfully run Helping Hands Club days at a primary school in East London. But don't just take our word for it—here's what the co-headteachers had to say:

"The impact of Helping Hands / Hope worldwide's support on our disadvantaged pupils cannot be overstated. These initiatives have boosted engagement, improved well-being, and fostered a sense of belonging among our students. For many, these activities have created positive memories and experiences that they will carry with them for years to come."

Watford Contribution Details

Church bank account: Three Counties churches of Christ HSBC

Sort Code: 401915

Account Number: 04759613

Answer to last week's quiz

The painting, 'A Miracle of the Eucharist', is by Stefano di Giovanni Sassetta (1392-1450) and designed as a narrative to be read in the manner of a cartoon strip. The scene is the interior of a typical 15th century church.

The congregation, to the left, are looking on in horror at the scene unfolding to the right of the composition. A young Carmelite monk has been struck dead at the altar. His cloak has turned black and a devil is snatching his soul from his mouth.

It was taught by the Church at that time that a person accepting the communion bread and wine during Mass must believe that they had been transformed during the ceremony into the body and blood of Christ. The Carmelite monk in this painting is not a true believer and has thus



suffered a terrible consequence. The scene was intended as a teaching tool and dire warning for the congregation kneeling below the altar.

Let us be thankful we are not in fear of similar treatment today! A correct understanding of the Lord's Supper is one where we, unworthy as we are, come to commune together with one another and Christ in gratitude for God's grace. The bread and wine are meaningful symbols of the body and blood of Christ.



ABOUT US

HOPE worldwide UK is a global charity that has partnered with local communities since 1995 to provide housing for those experiencing homelessness as well as humanitarian aid, education, vocational training, funding, and healthcare in the UK and around the world.



OUR HOLIDAY CLUB

Helping Hands Club (HHC) is a holiday club that offers a safe, supportive space where children can build confidence and resilience through play and activities based on Rossouw's 6 Domains of Resilience.



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BENEFITS

- Creating resilience in children through play & activities
- Giving a safe space and nutritious food to the children
- Supporting parents

"Play is the highest form of research."

– Albert Einstein

"Inner resilience is an important resource that appears to be in the outer world and the basis of good mental health"

– (Neenan, 2018).

OVERVIEW

- Runs for **7–10 days** each year.
- Serves **15–40 children**, supported by **6–15 trained HOPE worldwide UK volunteers**.
- Children are divided by age group: **5–7 years and 8–11 years**.
- HOPE worldwide UK provides funding for catering and activity equipment.



TAKE ACTION

Simply scan the QR code to fill out a quick and easy form to express your interest in this wonderful opportunity.

