

The Watford Word

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What's on

Sunday 02 November: 10:30 AM.
Malcolm speaking. Start of the new
sermon series, "Heart of a Child". This
week, "**Humility**".



Sunday 02 November: 16:30 PM. Carol service
planning with the worship team.

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Meeting ID: 929 7615 9515. Passcode: 227884

Thursday 06 November: 8-9 PM - "Heart of a Child
- Humility" follow-up discussion and prayer

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Meeting ID: 978 0847 2409. Passcode: 251402

Sunday 09 November: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking.
"Heart of a Child" series - part 2, "Awe and wonder".
Remembrance Sunday.

Thursday 13 November: 8-9 PM - "Heart of a Child -
Awe & Wonder" follow-up discussion and prayer

Sunday 16 Nov: 10:30 AM. "Heart of a Child" series -
part 3, "Having a not-knowing stance". Danny
speaking.

Thursday 20 November: 8-9 PM - "Heart of a Child
- Not-Knowing Stance" follow-up discussion and prayer

Sunday 23 Nov: 10:30 AM. "Heart of a Child" Part 4,
"Playfulness". Bruce speaking. 'Safeguarding Sunday'

Thursday 27 November: 8-9 PM - "Heart of a Child -
Playfulness" follow-up discussion and prayer

Sunday 30 November: 10:30 AM.. "Heart of a Child"
series - part 5, "Timelessness". Stefan speaking.

Thursday 04 December: 8-9 PM - "Heart of a Child -
Timelessness" follow-up discussion and prayer

Sunday 07 December: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking.

Sunday 14 December: 10:30 AM. Church service

Sunday 21 December: 10:30 AM. Carol service

Is Your Love New Every Morning?

How do we find the emotional and spiritual
strength to love our neighbour as ourselves? Let's
consider how the day-long availability of God's
love helps us.

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies
never come to an end; they are new every morning."* —
Lamentations 3:22-23

God's love is new every morning, but is ours?

Every dawn brings us a fresh dose of God's mercy
— patient, faithful, and real. His mercy is what
enables us to love our neighbour. I don't know
about you, but I find that my love for others
easily grows thin. We tire, we forget, we rush. To
love our neighbour as ourselves, our love must be
renewed daily, and that renewal begins in — you
guessed it — prayer.

Prayer as love-fuel

Prayer is where we remember how fully we are
loved. It's where our spirits are refreshed so that
love can overflow from us to others. Here's
something to add to what we already know -
renewal isn't limited to morning devotions. It also
happens in small moments throughout the day.

Even a brief turn of the heart toward God —
even while cooking, working, or waiting in traffic
— can steady us and make ordinary things holy.
As Robin Daniels writes,

*"Prayer... will put you, and keep you, in closest union
with your source."* — *The Virgin Eye*, p. 393

Prayer as a lifestyle

What happens when we leave a focused time
with God? When we step out of solitude to take

up our responsibilities, we don't *really* leave prayer behind; *we carry it with us*. Each task becomes an extension of that conversation with God. All very well, but how do we practice this in the hurly burly of everyday life? Don't expect to develop ongoing, habitual conversational prayer with God overnight, but by paying attention to these steps, you will create a life of prayer and a prayer-full life over time:

- 1. Attention:** Pause and notice God is present.
- 2. Intention:** Ask, "What does God want me to do here?"
- 3. Affection:** Do it because you love Him.
- 4. Commitment:** Continue because you trust Him.

As *The Virgin Eye* reminds us, "*the prayer of conversation merges with the prayer of action, resulting in life as prayer.*" p394

Brother Lawrence spoke of this same way of living in The Practice of the Presence of God — an awareness that turns every ordinary duty into an act of love (<https://amzn.eu/d/bx8E53W>).

What did Jesus say? "*Abide in me, as I abide in you... apart from me you can do nothing.*" (John 15:4-5) Paul urged, "*Pray without ceasing.*" (1 Thess 5:17) Our heavenly Father is inviting us to stay connected to the source of love in the *whole flow of life*.

For Reflection

- When do I most easily forget that God is present during my day?
- How might I let love shape my responses to others rather than hurry or habit?

A Simple Practice for the Week Ahead

Each morning, take a moment to pray:

"Lord, as your love is new this morning, make my love new too."

Then, pause once or twice during your day — perhaps before a task or conversation — to remember His presence and renew your intention to act in love, fuelled by His love.

Your brother, Malcolm

Leadership Refresh

Leadership according to Jesus is online here: <https://watford.podbean.com/e/leadership-according-to-jesus-malcolm-cox-01-october-2025/>, <https://youtu.be/qiAoH7MDmKA>.

Church leadership in the NT is here: <https://watford.podbean.com/e/leadership-in-the-new-testament-malcolm-cox-15-october-2025/>, <https://youtu.be/gTlgsOeEttA>

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