

# The Watford Word

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## What's on

**Sunday 01 March:** Stefan speaking.

**Sunday 08 March:** Malcolm speaking  
*Philippians 3.1-11*

**Friday 13th of March:** 7:30 PM. The next meeting of our Spiritual Practices group will be looking at the spiritual practice of solitude. ✨

**Sunday 15 March:** Church service.



## Events further ahead

**Saturday, 14th March:** UK children's ministry training day: London and South

**Friday 03rd to 06th April:** European International Campus Ministry Conference, Paris, France

**Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th May:** UK & Ireland mature singles retreat – "Trust In The Lord"

**Friday 24th to 27th July:** ICCM Preteen Camp

**Saturday 25th to Friday 31st July:** ICCM Teen Camp

**Friday 11th - 13 September:** UK & Ireland Young Professionals Retreat in Chesham.

**Sept 30th - Oct 04th:** Celtic Spirituality Retreat.

**Friday 30th October to Sunday 01st November:** Autumn Student Retreat for the UK & Ireland.

**Thursday 12-15th November:** UK, Ireland and Nordics leadership retreat.

## Ukraine Update

We had a meaningful prayer time on Tuesday evening, asking God to intervene in a war that has now lasted four years, causing immense pain and suffering.

Today, our global fellowship of congregations in the International Churches of Christ are taking

up a voluntary collection to help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

To give us some perspective on what is happening for our fellow believers in Ukraine and some specific areas for prayer, I include here edited versions of messages from two Ukrainians. First, Tanya, who was with us in Watford and stayed with the Edwards for a while, and second, Alex, who has become a friend of Chris Pearce.

### Tanya

Our greatest dream is for a just and lasting peace. Pray that the Lord will protect our brothers who are defending our country on the front lines, that those who are captive or missing will be found. Also, pray for the physical, psychological, and spiritual restoration of those who have returned from the front lines. And their families. May the Lord console the mothers, wives, and children of those whose loved ones have died. Our home church already has all of these categories. May our faith not weaken, because there are so many trials—no light and no heat due to the shelling.

We have a dream to establish a rehabilitation centre for military personnel and their families...Nadia Medvedeva, a psychologist whose younger son is serving on the front lines, is overseeing this project. The church has assembled a team of specialists and plans to purchase a plot of land in the mountains to build such a complex.

### Alex

Please pray that God gives us strength to endure all the trials, to get through this winter, that it would be warm, and that the war would end as soon as possible. Pray that the Christians in the

church would live in the light, with no unrepentant sin or lies.

Please also pray for me — I feel very exhausted, with many different situations happening in my life right now. On February 5, I marked the anniversary of my baptism — 32 years since I was baptised. I’m very grateful to God for always protecting me and blessing me.

The following information comes from the organisers of the fundraising:

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We are calling for a day of giving with a collective goal of \$250,000, to be directed entirely toward trusted, existing ministry efforts in Ukraine. These funds will support three urgent priorities:

**1. Sustaining Faithful Shepherds**

Providing financial support for current ministers, pastors, and church staff who remain at their posts, caring for their people and proclaiming Christ under extraordinary pressure.

**2. Training the Next Generation of Ministers**

Establishing and strengthening training pathways for younger leaders—men & women who will carry hope into the future and ensure that the church in Ukraine not only survives, but endures and grows.

**3. Meeting Humanitarian and Recovery Needs**

Supporting critical humanitarian efforts, including the support of a recovery centre for those battling addiction, a growing crisis intensified by war, trauma, and displacement.

**Useful Links**

Ukraine Relief Campaign Website: <http://euromissions.org/ukraine-relief>

Ukraine Relief Fund Donation Link: <http://donorbox.org/ukraine-relief>

Day of Giving Video | YouTube - <https://youtu.be/e826vNfUEds>



More information is on the European Missions Society Instagram and YouTube pages:

Instagram: @euromissions (<https://www.instagram.com/euromissions>)

YouTube: @europeanmissions (<http://www.youtube.com/@europeanmissions>)

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