

The Watford Word

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What's on

Sunday 14 July - 10:30AM. Speaker Kerry Mathurin

Sunday 21 July - 10:30AM. Speaker Olyden Johnson.

Annual church meeting after the service

Sunday 28 July - 10:30AM. Speaker Malcolm Cox

Sunday 04 August - 10:30AM.

Sunday 8th Sept: A 'thank you' service

Saturday 14th Sept: AIM UK&I - "Family Life"

Sunday 15th Sept: Congregational vision workshop

Sunday 29th Sept - 10:30AM. Speaker Bruce Miller

Saturday 7th Dec: AIM UK&I - "World Views"

Spiritual Lessons Learned During My Studies - by Niyi Adenubi

Relocating to the UK presented both financial and emotional challenges. As I embarked on my journey as a master's student, the initial difficulties were daunting. However, as a Christian, I entrusted everything to God. The scripture from Matthew 19:26 often came to mind, reinforcing my faith.

"Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

My academic pursuits demanded not only intellectual rigour but also personal growth, especially in embodying the fruits of the Holy Spirit such as gentleness, tolerance, and compassion, as taught in Galatians 5:16, 22-23. This scripture advises,

"Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh... The fruit of the Spirit includes love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things, there is no law."

Teamwork is essential in project management, and our assignments often required collaboration. Coming from diverse backgrounds, my team faced challenges such as language barriers and differing attitudes, which initially led to

misunderstandings and missed meetings.

Overcoming these hurdles was crucial, and I strove to seek input and guide our team toward our goals.

This proactive approach did not go unnoticed. My behaviour caught the attention of our lecturers and module leaders, leading to my appointment as the class representative for over 200 students. This role, along with my academic performance, earned me several awards and recognitions from both the department and the school.

Through these experiences, I learned the importance of letting God guide me and the value of being coordinated and proactive in all situations. My advice to others is to allow the Holy Spirit to lead and direct their actions, no matter where they find themselves.

Your brother, Niyi Adenubi



Watford 'Jobs'

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:10-11 NIV11)

Brothers and sisters, the church is getting bigger (amen to that!), which means it is important to spread the church 'jobs' around. If anyone would be willing to take on one or more of the tasks below, please let me know.

1. Watford website: Keeping basic information up-to-date and adding a link to the latest sermon video. *Estimated time commitment: 15 minutes a week.*
2. Design weekly Sunday poster. *Estimated time commitment: 15 minutes a week.*
3. Upload sermon podcasts. *Estimated time commitment: 15 minutes a week.*
4. Upload sermon videos. *Estimated time commitment: 20 minutes a week.*
5. Edit sermon videos. *Estimated time commitment: 30-60 minutes a week.*
6. Compile Sunday song service slide deck. *Estimated time commitment: 30 minutes a week.*
7. Maintain the Church socials (facebook, twitter). *Estimated time commitment: 10-20 minutes a week.*

By the way, training is available for anyone willing but feeling unsure about how to do any of these jobs.

Many thanks, Malcolm

A reading prayer

If you struggle to focus while reading, you might like to pray this 'reading prayer' I came across recently.

Guide my mind to read the right books and, having chosen them, to read them in such a way that I am willing to learn lessons that will change my life.

When I read to enhance my faith, may I read in such a way that I am drawn closer to You.

When I read for recreation, may there be nothing in what I read that would take me away from You.

May everything I read so refresh my mind that I seek after everything that is pure, right and true.

Amen

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