

The Watford Word

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What's on

Sunday 13th Oct: 10:30 AM Harvest service.

Malcolm speaking.

Sunday 20th Oct: 10:30 AM. Stefan speaking

Fri-Sat 25-26th Oct: UK Christian Wellbeing Conference

Sunday 27th Oct: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

Sunday 03rd Nov: 10:30 AM service. Stefan speaking.

Sunday 10th Nov: 10:30 AM. Remembrance Sunday.

Lance Owen speaking

Sunday 17th Nov: 10:30 AM. "Safeguarding Sunday"

Sunday 24th Nov: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

Sunday 01st Dec: 10:30 AM. Stefan speaking

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

Sunday 08th Dec: 10:30 AM. Dr Andy Boakey speaking.

Sunday 15th Dec: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

Sunday 22nd Dec: 10:30 AM. Carol service

Sunday 29th Dec: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

Future Staff Update

We are communicating with some applicants. Please pray it becomes clear how to proceed. We'll let the church know as we get closer to the formal interviews. We want as many congregation members to be involved in this process as possible.

As announced last Sunday, we will soon approach the church and request that all members make a specific financial pledge for their regular contribution to the church's work.

The objective is to give the leadership team a reasonably clear idea of future income so that we can act responsibly when hiring people. We will *not* force people to maintain their pledges in the face of changed circumstances or use them to gauge people's spirituality.

Please pray about the matter. If you have questions, please speak to any member of the team.

Harvest Collection 13 October

This year, we will collect food items for the breakfast 'toast stations' at Laurance Haines School (where Becky works). Every classroom has a 'toast station' to ensure all children have breakfast before school begins. The school receives free donations of bread, but they need to buy jam and butter.



Please bring in jam or donate money towards butter. Any type of jam in jars will be fine. Please make sure it is within the 'use-by' date. As the butter would need to be kept cold, we are requesting monetary donations towards butter.

Thank you! Steve & Sharon Clark

"You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing." Psalm 65:9-13

UK Christian Wellbeing Conference



The aim of the UK Christian Wellbeing Conference is to support the well-being of our attendees and listeners by presenting a selection of topics that influence our positive mental health and the quality of our daily lives. The speakers are all God-believers with professional training and skills to help a hurting world. This is in line with the following Scripture:

"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ..." 1 Corinthians 12:7-9

To register, click the link below!

<https://iccmissions.churchsuite.com/events/jodotrwa>

Coordinator: Sandra Ezeilo

Watford Contribution Details

Church bank account: Three Counties churches of Christ HSBC

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Hospitality

You will have noticed the hosting theme in the recent series about Sunday worship. I am very interested in this topic. I discovered this helpful article on my friend Douglas's website. You might like it.

<https://www.douglasjacoby.com/the-apologetics-of-hospitality/>

"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." (1 Peter 4:9)

Compassion



Another topic on my mind is compassion because I am teaching a class on loss at the Christian Wellbeing Conference.

I recently heard somebody explain that compassion is the antidote to competition and comparison. Think about it. You cannot be compassionate *and* competitive with somebody, and you cannot compare yourself positively or negatively to somebody else and simultaneously have compassion for them.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Eph 4:32

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