

The Watford Word

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What's on

Sunday 01st Dec: *Celebration service and retirement party for Tim & Shevvy Dannatt in Thames Valley.*
2:30 PM.

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

Sunday 08th Dec: 10:30 AM. *Dr Andy Boakye is 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*

Sunday 5th Jan: 10:30 AM. *Church service*

Sunday 12th Jan: 10:30 AM. *Malcolm speaking*

Sunday 19th Jan: 10:30 AM. *Daniel Miller & Emma Whitworth are our visiting speakers from the East London international church of Christ*

Sunday 02 Feb: 10:30 AM. *Toby Agerbak is our visiting speaker from the North West region of the London ICOC.*

Christmastide Spiritual Encouragement



I have contributed to a spiritual encouragement series on Douglas Jacoby's website. You might find these helpful for spiritual enrichment at this time of year.

From the website:

We have a plan we hope will help you to have more joy and a biblical perspective during a season which, for all too many, is anything but joyful and spiritual. For some, it's a sad time of the year, a remembrance of loss. For others, even Christians, this can be the least spiritual season of the year. Yet, keeping our focus on Christ — "the reason for the season" — this can be a deeply meaningful time.

Our project is called *Connecting with Christ through Carols*, and offers a daily devotional for each day of Advent, which this year falls on 1-24 December. We've invited 24 brothers and sisters around the world—persons we believe have a lot to offer—to share their favourite carols.

Advent calendars have become more and more popular. Normally each day we open one of the doors or windows and take out a chocolate. But this year, people will click on the day and receive a Christmas carol! This isn't just audio (music + comments), but also video. Each offering is about 15 minutes in length.

Please enjoy this special Advent gift—and share with your friends. Douglas & Vicki

<https://douglasjacoby.com/connecting-with-christ-through-carols-advent-2024/>

29 December

On Sunday 29 December we will have a shorter, more informal service followed by a pot-luck lunch. What is a pot-luck lunch? It is a lunch where we all bring something to share. Feel free to bring your Christmas leftovers, or whatever you are happy to consume and share!

January Sunday Focus

Last week, I was praying about our focus for next year. It occurred to me that starting the year with a greater emphasis on collective worship might be good. I'm proposing that for January, we have more singing and prayer, a shorter lesson and more emphasis on the Lord's supper each Sunday. What do you think? Please give me your feedback between now and 8th December so we have time to plan and prepare.

God bless, Malcolm

Worldviews and Evangelism

Explore, Understand, Share: Join the "Worldviews and Evangelism" Course

How well do you understand the beliefs shaping the world around you? Are you equipped to confidently and respectfully share your faith in a way that connects with people of different worldviews? Join AIM UK & Ireland for "Worldviews and Evangelism", a course designed to deepen our understanding of global perspectives while strengthening our confidence in the Christian worldview.

How to Join

Sign up today at <https://aimukandireland.com> and join others as we learn to understand the world better—so we can change it. This is more than a course. It's an opportunity to grow in faith, knowledge, and love as we prepare to share Jesus' hope with a world in need.

The cost is £25 for the live session (4 classes) or £75 for the entire course. Your teachers will be Malcolm Cox, Douglas Jacoby, Paul Smith and Andy Boakye. The additional recorded classes feature teachers highly skilled in their fields.

Location: West Watford Free church, Tolpits Lane, Watford WD18 6NU



Online: The classes will be live on Zoom

Date & Time: 07 December, 9:30 AM - 2.45 PM

Refreshments: Light lunch, hot and cold drinks

Registration and Payment: <https://tvcoc.churchsuite.com/donate/fund/cwz603be>

If you have questions, please email courses@aimukandireland.com

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