

The Watford Word

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What's on

Friday-Sunday 15-17th Nov: *Unity Advisory Group present their recommendations to the UK & Ireland churches.*

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

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

Tuesday 26th Nov: 8:00 PM. *Zoom event - Malcolm speaking on, "Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." (Luke 5:16) - An exploration of the 'why' and 'how' of taking personal spiritual retreats*

Saturday 30th Nov: *Teaching Day based on Acts 13. Speakers: Malcolm, Paul Smith, James Thomas. Our Birmingham sister church hosts it. Online attendance is available. Details will be forthcoming soon.*

Sunday 01st Dec: 10:30 AM. *Stefan is speaking in Watford.*

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

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*

Remembrance Sunday

We are all affected by global events, conflicts, and personal challenges, which can be overwhelming. However, remembering can be a powerful tool to grow in gratitude and faith, even in times of difficulty.

Why Our Memories Matter

What we remember deeply influences who we are and who we become. You could say we are what we remember. Our memories shape our choices, values, and perspectives — both personally and collectively as a congregation. By choosing which

memories to dwell on, we are guided in one direction or another.



Remember What God Has Already Done

Scripture reveals that God understands our need to remember. Throughout the Bible, there is a recurring theme of remembrance to build gratitude and faith. In Deuteronomy 32:7, God instructs His people to recall the past:

"Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you."

These memories served to remind Israel of God's faithfulness and to encourage future trust in Him.

This emphasis on remembrance carries into the Christian life. In the Lord's Supper, we are called to remember Christ's sacrifice:

"And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me'" (Luke 22:19).

This act of remembrance isn't just a ritual—it's a way to renew gratitude for Jesus' love and salvation.

Likewise, Peter wrote letters to remind believers of essential truths.

“Therefore I intend to keep on reminding you of these things, though you know them already and are established in the truth that has come to you” 2 Pet 1:12.

He recognised that, as humans, we forget, and we need these reminders to stay grounded in faith.

Heroes of Faith as Reminders

One way to build gratitude and faith is by meditating on the lives of those who have walked in faith before us. Hebrews 11 offers a powerful list of heroes who endured trials and demonstrated unwavering faith. From Abraham’s obedience to Moses’ courage, these individuals remind us of God’s power to work through our weaknesses and to bring hope even in the darkest times.

Questions for Reflection

Which memories do you hold onto? Are there specific memories that bring you gratitude, hope, or a sense of peace?

Which Scriptures or biblical examples has God used to remind you of his faithfulness, love, presence and comfort?

Let us be deliberate in what we remember. Choose to focus on the times when God has provided, guided, or comforted you. In doing so, you’ll find gratitude growing within you and faith for the future. Let’s commit to nurturing our memories in a way that helps us recognise God’s hand in our lives—past, present, and future.

God bless, Malcolm

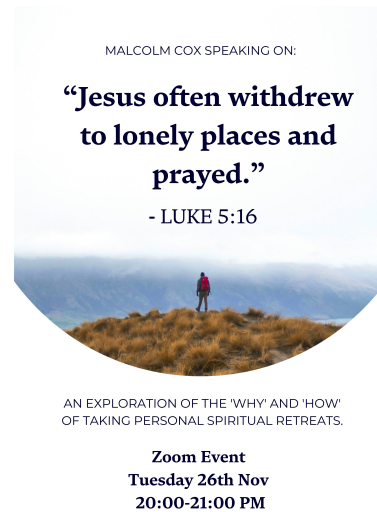
Wellbeing Conference Recordings

The conference was an outstanding success. Recordings can be accessed via the link: <https://iccmissions.churchsuite.com/events/wcl4fakj>

Free: How to Take a Spiritual Retreat

Zoom ID: 977 5095 5942

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