

The Watford Word

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What's on

January Theme - Psalm 91, Prayer, and the Lord's Supper

Sunday 5th Jan: 10:30 AM. Stefan speaking

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

Wednesday 15th January: 8 PM. "From Seed to Harvest" - outreach equipping series first Zoom session - "The Heart of Outreach"

Sunday 19th Jan: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

Sunday 26th Jan: 10:30 AM. Daniel Miller & Emma Whitworth are our visiting speakers from the East London international church of Christ.

Monday 27th January: First mentoring training session on Zoom

Sunday 02 Feb: 10:30 AM. Toby Agerbak is our speaker from the NW region of the London ICOC.

Wednesday 5th Feb: 8 PM. "From Seed to Harvest" - outreach equipping series second Zoom session - "Building Relationships" with guest speakers TJ & Sonia Masalanami.



He Is My Refuge by Yongsung Kim

Psalm 91

Our theme for January is Psalm 91. It's the perfect text to prepare us for 2025. As you can see below, the writer meditates on the blessings of deciding to live and abide under God's protection.

Undoubtedly, the year ahead will bring challenges, and some will be painful. Yet we are promised that none can truly harm us. In other words, nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8.39). Not only that, but he is *with us* in our challenges. He is the ultimate shepherd, constantly watching over and attending to the needs of his sheep (Psalm 121.3-8; Psalm 23.1-6).

With those thoughts in mind, we will begin to explore the Psalm at our gathering today.

1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

2 will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

4 he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

5 You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

- 8 You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,
- 10 no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
- 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
- 12 On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
- 14 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.
- 15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them.
- 16 With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Afghanistan

As mentioned last week, we are taking up a collection for the work of HOPE worldwide in Afghanistan. The contribution details are below, and the deadline for the collection is the end of January.



To give online:



WATFORD CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
<https://www.hopeworldwide.org.uk/give>

- Select amount
- Tick "I am a UK taxpayer" if you are one (this gets an additional 25% from the government)
- Select "Afghanistan General" from designation dropdown
- Put "Watford Collection" in the comment box

Your Voice Matters

In January, I'm starting a new weekly YouTube series for new and inexperienced preachers and teachers called "Your Voice Matters". The actionable tips will come out in January.

The series will last three months. Each video will be about five minutes long and focus on one tip covering preparation and/or presentation. Between now and the end of the year, I am releasing a series of short appeals for tips.

Here are links to the first and second appeal for tips: https://youtu.be/r7BZZHib_nI, <https://youtu.be/drD-cpAw49k>, and a link to the "Your Voice Matters" playlist: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsSKYNRILIE9DfockaogT7YJgu_gBfAtU.

God bless, Malcolm



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