

# The Watford Word

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## What's on

### January Theme - Psalm 91 and the Lord's Supper

**Sunday** 26th Jan: 10:30 AM. Daniel Miller & Emma Whitworth are our visiting speakers from the East London international church of Christ. Lord's Supper - Esther.

**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.

**Sunday** 09 Feb: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

**Sunday** 16 Feb: 10:30 AM. Church service

**Sunday** 23 Feb: 10:30 AM. Church service

## Psalm 91 - Are We Safe?

Psalm 91 is our Scripture thread throughout January. Over and over again it promises us safety.

*"...he will save you ...He will cover you...you will find refuge...You will not fear...terror...arrow...pestilence... plague...no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent... his angels [will] guard you... you will not strike your foot... You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent...I will rescue him; I will protect him...I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honour him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."*

But - are we safe? We often feel vulnerable. To be human is to experience pain. How do we make sense of the Psalm 91 promises?

One of my favourite authors is Dallas Willard. He discusses the idea that life in this world can be "totally safe" with God in his book "The Divine Conspiracy." He explores how living in God's kingdom transforms our perspective on safety and security. Willard emphasises that when we live in the reality of God's presence and care, we are ultimately safe, even in the face of life's challenges and suffering.

He wrote:

*"This world is a perfectly safe place for us to be—as long as we are in the kingdom of God."*

Willard elaborates that this safety doesn't mean the absence of pain or danger but rather the assurance of God's presence and ultimate sovereignty over everything. It's about living with the confidence that nothing can separate us from God's love and that our eternal well-being is secure.

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)*

So, are we safe or aren't we? Perhaps the last word on this is from Psalm 56.

*"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise—in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?...In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise—in God I trust and am not afraid. What can man do to me?" (Psalm 56:3-4; 10-11)*

God blesses, Malcolm

## From Seed to Harvest

Here are the dates for the rest of the series:

- Class 2 - 05 Feb. Building Relationships.
- Class 3 - 19 Feb. Sharing Your Faith Story.
- Class 4 - 05 Mar. Addressing Common Questions and Objections.
- Class 5 - 19 Mar. Demonstrating the Gospel Through Service.
- Class 6 - 02 Apr. Navigating Worldviews.
- Class 7 - 16 Apr. Living a Missional Life.
- Class 8 - 07 May. The Role of Pre-Evangelism.
- Class 9 - 14 May. Using a Bible Study Series.

## Prayer Requests

Chris Pearce has volunteered to be our prayer requests coordinator. If you have a prayer request that you would like to have circulated and prayed about on a Sunday at our church service, please let him know. He will ensure that the person praying on Sunday knows about your request.

Many thanks to Chris for taking this on.

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."*

**Ephesians 6:18**

## Good Enough Parenting

Desmond and Esther have stepped in to distribute the books and take payment. If you need a book, please talk to them.

## Afghanistan

As mentioned previously, we are collecting money for the work of HOPE worldwide in Afghanistan. The deadline 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

## South East London Staff



Our sister congregation in South East London has hired new staff to replace the now-retired Toks and Bola Sowoolu. They are Mister and Crystal Raines ('Mister' is his first name), who have moved here from Baltimore.

## Watford Contribution Details

**Church bank account:** Three Counties churches of Christ HSBC

**Sort Code:** 401915

**Account Number:** 04759613

## Watford Media

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/watfordchurchofchrist6708>

**Podcast:** <https://www.podbean.com/pu/pblog-aiinq-1aef90>

