

The Watford Word

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What's on

Wednesday 19th Feb: 8 PM.
*"From Seed to Harvest" -
 outreach equipping series third
 Zoom session - "Sharing Your
 Faith Story"*

Sunday 23 Feb: 10:30 AM.
Osagie speaking

Sunday 02 Mar: 10:30 AM.
Malcolm speaking

**Wednesday 05 Mar: "From Seed to Harvest" -
 outreach equipping series fourth Zoom session -
 "Addressing Common Questions and Objections".**

Sunday 09 Mar: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

Sunday 16 Mar: 10:30 AM. Stefan speaking

Sunday 23 Mar: 10:30 AM. Bruce speaking

Sunday 30 Mar: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

**Sunday 08 June: 10:30 AM. Pentecost International
 Service**

**Sunday 06 July: Outdoor Wellington Country Park
 service hosted by the Thames Valley churches of Christ**

**Sunday 20 July: 10:30 AM. Dr Rolan Monje is our
 visiting speaker from the Manila ICOC.**



reflections encourage readers to rediscover the Sabbath as a gift, fostering spiritual renewal, peace, and a closer walk with God.

Once a week, I proceed as follows:

1. Read the book chapter and Scriptures, and pray about anything that arises for me.
2. Open my notes software and create a note for that day's reading.
3. Note down the main Scripture(s)
4. Add any quotes from the book that stood out
5. Add my reflections in my own words. Some about the text, and some about myself.

Tips: Set a reminder; use software you are comfortable with; make the journaling process as simple as possible; use voice memos if you are not in a place conducive to writing; use a journaling Bible. At the bottom of this article, you'll find a list of suggestions.

2. Be creative

Journaling does not have to involve writing. Try drawing pictures, writing your thoughts as song lyrics, composing a poem, writing a letter to someone about what you have read, writing a blog article about what you have read (send it to me, and I might publish it), making a YouTube short, creating a picture on [Stencil](https://getstencil.com/app) (<https://getstencil.com/app>) or [Canva](https://www.canva.com/) (<https://www.canva.com/>) and posting it on Instagram.

Tips: https://thegraphicsfairy.com/bible-art-journaling-a-beginners-guide/?utm_source=chatgpt.com ; <https://rebekahrjones.com/bible-art-journaling-challenge/> ; <https://www.doodlingfaith.co.uk/>

Making the Bible your 'hobby' - Part 3

Introduction

In this series, we explore how approaching our Bible study as a hobby can help. Today, we are looking at Bible journaling. Let me illustrate by sharing my current practice.

1. Write Down What God Reveals

I am reading David Hoffbrand's "[52 Sabbaths](https://davidhoffbrand.com/)". This book offers insights into how embracing a rhythm of rest can deepen our relationship with God. 52 weekly

Question

How do you feel about journalling your Bible study? In other words, not just making notes on the text, but on your *response* to the text.

Conclusion

Try it for a week. If you're not comfortable or familiar with these ideas, at least give it a go and see what the Spirit reveals. Next week, I will offer some further inspiration to help you make the Bible your hobby.

Your brother, Malcolm

P.S. The podcast version can be found here: <https://audioboom.com/posts/8646478-how-to-make-the-bible-your-hobby-part-3-bible-journalling-malcolm-cox-quiet-time-coachin>



Journalling Bibles

1. ESV Journaling Bible

- Best for: Fans of the English Standard Version who want to record thoughts, prayers, or artwork.

2. NIV Journal the Word Bible

- Best for: Those who prefer the New International Version translation.

3. CSB (Christian Standard Bible) Note-taking Bible

- Format: Generous margins for journaling and reflections.

- Beautifully designed covers and thick pages to minimise bleed-through.

- Best for: A balance between modern English and note-friendly design.

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4. NRSV Artisan Journaling Edition

- Premium paper designed for pen and pencil journaling.

- Decorative cover designs.

- Best for: Lovers of the NRSV who enjoy creative journaling.

5. KJV Journal the Word Bible

- Best for: Those who appreciate the poetic beauty of the KJV.

6. The Inspire Bible (NLT)

- Format: Designed specifically for creative journaling and colouring.

- Pre-drawn illustrations and verses to colour.

- Space for personal doodles, prayers, or notes.

- Best for: Artistic individuals or those who enjoy expressing faith through creativity.

7. Interleaved Journaling Bibles

- Format: Every other page is blank for maximum note-taking or artwork.

- Best for: Deep study and extensive journaling.

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