# The Watford Word

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### What's on

**Sunday** 16 Mar: 10:30 AM.

Stefan speaking

Sunday 23 Mar: 10:30 AM. Bruce

speaking

**Wed** 26 Mar: "Seed to Harvest" - outreach equipping series fourth

Zoom session - "Demonstrating the Gospel Through

Service" (note change of date)

Sunday 30 Mar: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

Sunday 06 April: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

Sunday 13 April: 10:30 AM. Lance speaking

Monday 14th April: Mentoring training

Sunday 20 April: 10:30 AM. Easter Sunday

Monday 26th May: Mentoring training

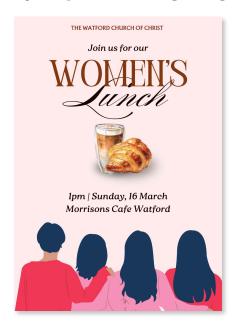
Sunday 08 June: 10:30 AM. International Service

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

Monday 7th July: Mentoring training

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

Monday 1st September: Mentoring training



Making the Bible your 'hobby' - Part 6. Some Helpful Resources

#### Introduction

In this series, we are exploring how approaching our Bible study as a hobby can make all the difference. Today, we dive into the treasury of Bible study resources. We have been touching on these all the way through this series, and we will do so in future episodes, but I want to talk about some specific Bible study aids that have helped me over the years.

#### **Bible Software**

Have you encountered Bible study apps like YouVersion (<a href="https://www.youversion.com/">https://www.youversion.com/</a>) or Logos Bible Software (<a href="https://www.logos.com/">https://www.logos.com/</a>)? My favourite is Accordance (<a href="https://www.accordancebible.com/">https://www.accordancebible.com/</a>), which I have used for almost 20 years.

Perhaps you feel that "All I need is the Bible and Holy Spirit" to study well. Of course, on one level, you are correct. However, you are missing out. Multitudes of scholars have spent countless hours studying deep and intricate aspects of Scripture and its context that you and I will never have a chance to investigate. Good Bible software brings this expertise to our fingertips just when we need it.

In the screenshot below, you can see my Accordance Bible software set up for when I'm doing Bible study. It might look complicated and overwhelming, but you don't have to imitate this. Still, I love having multiple translations, commentaries, my own notes and other links to further resources like dictionaries, atlases and timelines, which I can use to illuminate and



inspire my Bible study.

With an app like this you can see a transliteration of the Hebrew or the Greek. If you're interested in the topic, you can find every verse references a particular word or phrase.

Recently, I was in Psalm 91.11 -

"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

I wanted to understand more about angels. With two quick clicks of the mouse, I was able to bring up all 323 verses in the Bible that mention angels. Two more mouse clicks, and I had a Bible dictionary article to read on the topic.

Add-on modules will give you insights into church history, teachings of the early church fathers, detailed articles on biblical topics like covenant, law, grace and the Spirit, and so much more. Additionally, most modern decent Bible apps can be used on a mobile device or on a laptop or desktop, so you can indulge your Bible study hobby even while on the move.

#### Question

Do you have a bible app? If so, do you use it? And do you use it regularly? When we have a hobby, we look for resources to enhance our enjoyment of that hobby. The same thing applies to Bible software.

#### **Suggestions**

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If you don't have a Bible app now, consider trialling one. For example, you can download Accordance and use it free for 90 days.

Your brother, Malcolm

P.S. The podcast version can be found here: <a href="https://audioboom.com/posts/8646487-how-to-make-the-bible-your-hobby-part-6-helpful-resources-malcolm-cox-quiet-time-coachin">https://audioboom.com/posts/8646487-how-to-make-the-bible-your-hobby-part-6-helpful-resources-malcolm-cox-quiet-time-coachin</a>

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