

The Watford Word

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What's on

Wednesday 02 April, 8PM - "Seed to Harvest" - outreach equipping series fourth Zoom session - "Demonstrating the Gospel Through Service"



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 06 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
3-5 October: Young Professional's retreat

6. Rachel – Mother of Joseph and Benjamin (Genesis 30:22-24; 35:16-18).

7. Jochebed – Mother of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam (Exodus 6:20; Numbers 26:59).

8. Naomi – Mother-in-law of Ruth, but also seen as a maternal figure (Ruth 1:2-4).

9. Ruth – Mother of Obed, grandmother of King David (Ruth 4:13-17).

10. Hannah – Mother of Samuel (1 Sam 1:20).

11. Bathsheba – Mother of Solomon (2 Sam 12:24).

12. Abigail – Mother of Daniel (also called Chileab), son of David (1 Samuel 25:42; 2 Samuel 3:3).

13. Tamar – Mother of Perez and Zerah by Judah (Genesis 38:6-30).

14. Athaliah – Queen and mother of Ahaziah (2 Kings 8:26; 11:1-3).

15. Jezebel – Wicked queen, mother of Ahaziah and Jehoram (1 Kings 16:31; 2 Kings 9:22).

16. Elisabeth – Mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:57-60).

17. Mary – Mother of Jesus (Luke 1:26-38).

18. Lois – Grandmother of Timothy (2 Tim 1:5).

You might find it inspiring to study one of them. Why not take some time this week to learn what you can about these mothers?

You might also like this devotional resources called, "God's presence for busy mums" created by Mariah Velásquez: <https://conversatio.org/the-practice-of-presence/>.

Mothering Sunday

Around 84 mothers are mentioned in the Bible. Here are some of the most prominent:

1. Eve – The mother of all living (Gen 3:20).
2. Sarah – Mother of Isaac (Genesis 17:15-16).
3. Hagar – Mother of Ishmael (Genesis 16:15).
4. Rebekah – Mother of Esau and Jacob (Genesis 25:21-26).
5. Leah – Mother of Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, and Dinah (Genesis 29:31-35, 30:17-21).

Easter Saturday

In the run-up to Easter, it's worth reflecting on the meaning of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. In other words, not only what *happened* then, but what it means *now*. This week I offer a few thoughts on what it means when we are going through a tough time.

In *Honourably Wounded* (a book about stress for Christian workers), Marjory F Foyle writes,

“I believe that when things go wrong for us we need to remember it is only Easter Saturday.”

Marjorie is reminding us that even in times of despair, resurrection is coming. If you are facing troubling times, your might find meditating on the following Scriptures helpful.

1. John 16:20 – “Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.”

- Jesus acknowledges suffering but assures that joy is on the way—just like the transition from Easter Saturday to Sunday.

2. Psalm 30:5 – “Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.”

- Easter Saturday is the “night” of sorrow, but resurrection morning brings joy.

3. Romans 8:18 – “I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

- A reminder that our suffering, like the waiting of Easter Saturday, will be overshadowed by future glory.

4. Lamentations 3:21-23 – “Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

- Even in despair, God's faithfulness brings hope—just as Easter Saturday was not the end of the story.

5. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 – “For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

- Easter Saturday felt like a defeat, but the unseen victory was coming.

6. Mark 9:31 – “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.”

- Jesus had already foretold the resurrection—Easter Saturday was just part of the plan.

Each of these passages reminds us that when we are in a season of waiting, suffering, or confusion, we must hold onto hope because resurrection is coming.

Your brother, Malcolm

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