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The Lord has given us a powerful and promising theme for this year. When He first impressed it on my heart, I struggled to understand it. The more I tried to ignore it, the stronger it became, until it was undeniable that this was truly God's plan for us. Accepting the 2026 theme felt challenging at first, especially after last year's remarkable theme—supported by Jeremiah 29:11—which we saw fulfilled through the many events that confirmed God's intention to give us a year of Exponential Growth.

As we celebrate Easter, I am reminded of a simple analogy that beautifully illustrates God's promise of exponential growth. It is the well-known riddle of a pond, a lily pad, and time. The story goes that a single lily pad is placed in a pond, and it doubles every day. On day 1, there is just one pad; on day 2, there are two; on day 3, four—and it continues this way. By day 30, the lily pads completely cover the pond. The question is: on which day is the pond half-covered? The answer is day 29. The transformation happens suddenly—between day 29 and day 30. This analogy is often used at Easter to illustrate the rapid, unexpected nature of exponential growth, echoing the power of the resurrection.

The disciples experienced this kind of abrupt transformation. They watched Jesus condemned through a corrupt and chaotic judicial process—one that lacked logic, fairness, and evidence. The prosecution could not prove a single wrongdoing against Him.

Pilate found no offence in Jesus, yet he bowed to public pressure and approved His crucifixion. Jesus was killed, His body was taken down, and His disciples watched Him laid in the tomb. Soldiers were stationed to guard the grave, while His loved ones returned repeatedly to ensure nothing happened to His body.

But everything changed on the third day—the day of resurrection. Jesus rose from the dead. His body was not stolen; He truly resurrected.

Day one brought despair.

Day two was filled with sorrow.

But on day three, everything shifted. The miracle of resurrection defied human understanding, yet it happened exactly as promised.

As we celebrate this Easter season, my prayer for you—based on one of my favourite passages in 2 Kings 3:16–18—is that the Lord will fill every valley in your life with abundant water and grant you true exponential growth this year, in the name of Jesus. When and how it unfolds will be according to God's perfect timing. Happy Easter to you and your family.

- Pastor Patrick Tolani (Lead Pastor)



Community Programme
Elders' Nest Initiative

Physical Activities For YOU

Admission: **FREE Over 50s**

Join us for a fun and friendly session of gentle exercises designed to keep you moving, boost your energy, and lift your spirits — all at your own pace. No experience needed! Healthy refreshments and socializing afterwards!!!

Activities:

- Walking Exercises
- Gentle Aerobics
- Stretching
- Chair Exercises

Every Last Sunday of the Month **1pm prompt**

4A, Between Towns Road, Cowley, Oxford OX4 3LZ
or
73 Hollow Way, Oxford OX4 2ND

Stay Active Stay Connected Stay Well

Food Nest

Free surplus food maybe available around **1pm Every Sunday**
@ 1st floor, Cowley Workers Social Club, OX4 3LZ

All are welcome!

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The Resurrection - M.S. Lowndes

We hold so close to our hearts
 The cross where Jesus died,
 But so much more than the blood-
 stained cross
 Is that Jesus came back to life
 The stone's been rolled away;
 The tomb lay open and bare —
 They looked for Him, and then the
 angel said
 That He is no longer here
 Oh what joy they must have felt
 To see Him just once more,
 To eat with Him, to drink with Him,
 To receive Him back as Lord
 So much did He accomplish
 through His death upon the cross
 And in His rising from the dead,
 He reconciled us back to God
 Nothing else could bridge the gap
 That sin had wrenched apart —
 Now we can freely go to God
 And receive Christ in our hearts.

“Our Lord has written the
 promise of resurrection, not in
 books alone, but in every leaf in
 springtime.” – Martin Luther

**“He is not here;
 He has risen!”
 – Luke 24:6**

Salvation Call

Have you received Jesus into
 life, if not, say this prayer:

*Dear God, Thank you for the
 sacrifice of your son - Jesus. I
 believe and accept Him as my
 Lord. Please give me the power
 to sin no more. Amen.*

**Imperative for Spiritual Growth
 (2 Peter 3:18; Colossians 1:10)**

Apostle Peter urges Christians to pursue spiritual growth in the face of end time challenges. Notable among these challenges is the multiplication of naysayers who will follow their desires, question the faith in Jesus, and misread God's patience as indifference. In response, believers are called to remain steadfast and to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,” guarding themselves from error.

Anglican Bishop Robert Bickersteth identified seven means of growing in grace: hearing the Gospel, studying Scripture, prayer, meditation and self-examination, fellowship, baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

Growth in knowledge likewise comes through consistent reading and meditation on God's Word. Thankfully, we have numerous opportunities for growth in Christ's Love Assembly (CLA), let us take advantage and grow accordingly.
 - Tolulope

**Upcoming Events****Youth Sundays**

Join the Youth of Christ's Love Assembly every last Sunday of the month for a time of spiritual growth and fellowship

**Father's day celebration**

Join the Men of Valour as they celebrate Father's Day
21st of June 2026.

**Oxford Power Conference**

Coming up **10th - 12th July 2026.**
 Featuring CLA Shekinah Voices.
 More details about CLA events on our social media platforms - please see cover page



Tips for navigating cultural identity for families

Celebrate Both Cultures - Honour your heritage whilst embracing British life. Both identities matter

Teach Your Mother Tongue - Bilingual children have a lifelong advantage.

Share Your Family Story - Knowing where they come from gives children confidence and pride.

Find Your Community - Connect with local cultural groups. Belonging reduces isolation.

Prepare Children for Questions - Teach them to speak about their background with confidence & pride.

Know Your Rights - The UK protects against racial discrimination. Know them, use them.

Be Proudly Both - You don't have to choose. Your dual identity makes Britain stronger.

Health tips for YOU



Walk your way into a fit lifestyle

Here are 4 practical ways to build an active walking habit in 2026:

- **Park farther away** – next time you go to the supermarket, don't look for the closest spot. Relieve stress as you park far from the hustle and bustle of cars.
- **Walk at work** – During your lunch break, go outside for a stroll around the block. Make it a habit.
- **Play** – Say yes to the outdoor game you used to go to. Go outside with your kids and play with them. Take your kids to explore parks in your area...a different one every weekend until you've explored them all.
- **Get a Step Counter** – If you don't have one already, get a step-counting watch. Simple step counters are very cheap and worth getting.



A little leaven leavens the whole lump

All have sinned!
Through one man,
Sin entered the world.
Through one man, Death spread
to all men. Even those yet
unborn.

All have justification!
Through one man,
The free gift came,
Through one man,
Grace is released,
A righteous promise to reign in
life.

All are born according to the
flesh! Through an act of
disobedience.

Through works of flesh, Debtors
to the law, Fallen from grace.

All can receive liberty in Christ!
Through one man's obedience,
Many made righteous.

Through faith working through
love, The law is fulfilled even in
this:

"You shall love your neighbour as
yourself"!

By Onyeka Ogundiran
(Inspiration from Galatians 5,
Romans 5.)

Testimonies

Sister F: Glory to God for his healing hands, notably on a family member with heart issues following several surgeries at birth, for supernatural provision and sustenance for another family member during a season of job loss.

Pastor F: Thank God for his mercies with answered prayers and the blessings of safe delivery of babies since the beginning of the year. Thank God for healing from earache, palpitations and health scare

Deac N: Thank God for safe journey for wife who travels a lot and for divine positioning for the future.

Mummy B: Thank God for showers of blessings in the family, for successful surgeries, for healing of a frozen shoulder, for settling daughters in their schools, for the blessing of a new car and for keeping husband's job.

Puzzles section

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Which of these Easter-themed words can you find?

- Resurrect ◦ Crown ◦ Jesus ◦ Cross ◦ Tomb ◦ Truth
◦ Gospel ◦ Life ◦ Mary ◦ Death ◦ Grace ◦ Alive

Picture splash



Picture list

- International Mother Language Day 2026
- 2026 First Thanksgiving Sunday
- 31st Dec 2025 Cross over and Holy Communion Night.
- PraiseGate 2025

Regular Events

SUNDAYS (WORSHIP SERVICE) || 10.15AM - 12.30PM
 WEDNESDAYS (ONLINE PRAYER MEETING) || 7.00PM - 8.00PM
 FRIDAYS (ONLINE BIBLE STUDY) || 7.30PM - 9.00PM
 LAST FRIDAYS (NIGHT PRAYERS) || 9.00PM-11.30PM

VENUE: 1ST FLOOR, COWLEY WORKERS SOCIAL CLUB (CWSC),
 4A, BETWEEN TOWNS ROAD, COWLEY, OXFORD OX4 3LZ

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