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Newsletter, Easter 2025

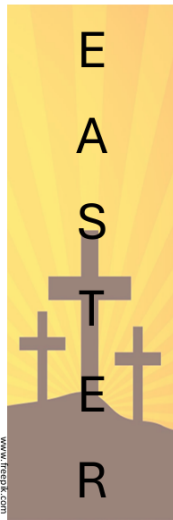
"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall live; and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11v25

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We are so excited to be taking the wonderful news of Jesus' death and resurrection, the message of repentance and forgiveness in Jesus name (Luke 24v47) to many young people in our city schools over the next two weeks. May they hear Jesus' question to them, 'Do you believe this?'

We need your prayers! Hot off the press is our Easter Prayer Calendar (see below) listing the many Easter RE Lesson, BeSpace sessions, Christian Union clubs and outreach events. We would hugely value your daily prayers for the life-transforming reality of the first Easter events to be received by listening ears and responsive hearts.

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Prayer Diary

22 March - 6 April 2025

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"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10) Pray that God would prepare hearts and minds to hear His Word in schools during the weeks before Easter.	Easter lessons at MAS period 1 and TOA periods 3&4. Lunchtime: TOA 6th-form CU event, and Cherwell North site CU. BeSpace at TOA period 5. Gosford Kintsugi after school.	"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 11:25-26)	Easter lesson at MAS period 1 Lunchtime: Cheney CU event.
Give thanks and pray for all the volunteers and OSC staff who are delivering Easter lessons this year.	Easter lessons at TOA periods 1&3. Lunchtime: Cheney CU BeSpace at TOA periods 1&5.	Easter lesson at TOA period 4 Lunchtime: TOA CU After school: TOA CU, Swan Kintsugi and Swan CU event. BeSpace at TOA period 4.	Easter lessons at MAS period 3 and GHS period 4.
Pray for TOA* and Swan Christian Unions, and Swan Kintsugi meeting after school today.	Easter lessons at MAS period 1 and TOA period 2. Lunchtime: Wheatley Park Kintsugi. BeSpace at TOA period 5.	Easter lessons at MAS period 1 and GHS periods 1&5. Lunchtime: COC and GHS CU events. After school: Cherwell South site CU event.	Please pray for the next Easter lesson at MAS: period 3 on Wednesday 23 April.
Easter lesson at TOA period 1 Lunchtime: COC and GHS CUs BeSpace** at TOA periods 4&5. Cherwell South Site CU after school.	Pray for the future of OSC, that sufficient funding will be found to secure and increase our work.	Easter lessons at GHS periods 2&5 and MAS period 5. Lunchtime: Cherwell North site CU event. 2pm Gosford Kintsugi.	Give thanks for all the lessons and other events that have taken place this Easter. Pray that the seeds of the gospel sown will come to fruition.

*COC: City of Oxford College
MAS: Matthew Arnold School
GHS: Gosford Hill School
TOA: The Oxford Academy

Kintsugi = mental health and wellbeing course

** BeSpace is an interactive resource, with activities provided for students to learn about the events of the first Easter, with the assistance of volunteers to explain the significance of these events for Christians.

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Praise God for many answers to prayer already this term - here are some snapshots:

What would you do for someone you love?

Valentines Day presented a timely opportunity to get students thinking about love. We had many fascinating conversations as they responded to the question "What would you do for someone you love?" This provided a springboard to share the amazing truth that "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Rom 5:8



How many pancakes can you flip in 10 seconds?

What a lot of fun we had with pancake events across our schools. At OSC we don't just celebrate 'pancake day' we have 'pancake week'. Can you beat the student record of pancake flips in 10 seconds ... fifteen flips!

Amidst the fun of voting for favourite toppings, flipping pancakes and quizzes we asked students what characteristics are most important to be a peace-maker, using the list in 1 Cor 13:4-7 ... making the point that this is in fact a description of Jesus, through whom alone we have peace with God, from which all other true and lasting peace ensues Romans 5:1



Giving to OSC

As you know, the work of OSC is completely reliant on financial donations from individuals and churches. If you already support our work, thank you! And if you have recently increased your gift to us, thank you so much too. If not, we would be so grateful if you would prayerfully consider a gift to allow our work to continue and grow. The need is now becoming urgent. Could you consider a fundraising activity? A sponsored bake or cycle ride? Making a donation to OSC as part of your will? Holding a coffee morning now for friends and neighbours? We would be very happy to come

along and meet your neighbours and share what is happening in the local schools, to see if they would like to partner with us, or to meet with you if you have ideas to raise the profile of this important work.

As ever, donations can be made by bank transfer, to CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account No: 00021506 , or follow the link to our website for details of other ways to give at www.oxfordschoolschaplaincy.org/support

This work cannot happen without you. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Prayer points

Please do join us in giving thanks for:

- the many students who heard the good news of Jesus through the Valentines and Pancake Day events
- a re-launch of the Sixth Form CU at the Oxford Academy
- new volunteers who have joined us recently, especially to support the Easter Lessons

Please pray for:

- Every Easter lesson and outreach event taking place this term, that the seeds of the gospel will be rooted in hearts and minds
- The OSC 2025 funding challenge - we need to attract new, regular donors who are prepared to commit to support this work, in order to see it continue, and grow into the future



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