



THE SANCTUARY

C.O.G.I.C. Watford's Newsletter

Easter Special Edition 2017



Our Pastor would like to welcome you to the March Easter edition of The Sanctuary, COGIC Watford's Newsletter. Pastor's vision for this newsletter is to provide an opportunity for visitors and members to connect with and encourage one another both in and out of Church.

BEING ONE WITH CHRIST

It is with much joy that I convey best wishes to one and all during this holy week. It is a time to reflect on the significance of the death of Jesus Christ and the equally important event of Christ's resurrection from the dead.

This death has brought about freedom from the nature of sin that had a hold over the world. At the same time, it has brought about unity with fellow Christians and a oneness in Christ.

One of our youngest members has written on the beautiful subject of being one in Christ.

God bless you as you read and I pray that if you are not a Christian then there will be a time of deep reflection, which I trust will bring about a significant change in your life.

With much Easter blessings.

Pastor Joseph Brown (PJ)

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Sundays:

11.30am to 12.30pm -
Sunday School
12.30pm to 2.30pm -
Worship Service

Mondays:

11.30am to 1.30pm -
Prayer Meeting:
8.00 pm to 9.00pm
Baptism classes

Wednesdays:

8.00pm to 10.00pm -
Bible Study

Fridays:

7:00pm to 8:30pm -
Youth Meeting

Where are we?

3rd Floor, Beechen Grove
Baptist Church Hall,
Clarendon Road, Watford,
Herts, WD17 1JJ.



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The Redemptive Power of the Cross



Isaiah the prophet introduced Christ in his own person in chapter **61 verses 1-3**:

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.”

When Christ spoke in **Luke 4:18-21**, He applied the passage to himself showing he was the fulfillment of the words spoken by Isaiah. He made it clear he spoke by divine appointment:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me...”

Christ was set apart, anointed, not with oil as a king or priest would have been anointed with oil, but with the Holy Spirit. He was of the elite class, yet unlike Kings, the priests and observers of the law at that time, he did not gravitate to his class but called out directly to the poor, dispossessed, and underprivileged. He gave hope to all promising ‘I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly’. His message was one of simplicity. He gave no false promises. Speaking the language of the common man he delivered what he said he would – man’s redemption [from sin] by his death on the cross.

“And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.” (**2 Corinthians 5v15**)

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The Redemptive Power of the Cross cont.

Christ gave his life so that millions might have the hope of eternal life. The cross has become the great symbol of freedom. Deliverance of humankind from its state of alienation from God has been accomplished through the death and resurrection of Christ.

By DJB

Greetings: All - I greet you all in the mighty name of Jesus

As the easter celebration and convocation approaches, we'll be thinking on all the things we need to do and all the great things we will share together with our family/friends and as a church.

I am truly blessed to be a part of the COGIC church family - I will be looking forward to meeting with and seeing everyone again. As I begin to think about the topic of our Convocation, I meditate on what "The redemptive power of the cross" means to me!

When I consider what Christ is to me and what he has done.

Christ Jesus who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds
(Titus 2:14)

We being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
(ROM 3:24)

We are the Ransomed of the Lord...and we shall return to Zion with singing, everlasting joy shall be upon their heads, they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
(Isaiah 35:10).

The blood of his sacrifice is his own blood, not the blood of goats and calves, and thus he has entered the sanctuary once for all and secured an eternal liberation
(Hebrew 9:12)

You know you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from our ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb, without defect or blemish.
(1 Pet 1:18-19)

Christ Jesus who offered himself as a ransom for all.
(1Tim 2: 5-6)

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For I know that my Redeemer lives, and he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

Job 35:10

Wonderful saints of God as we continue on in Christ Jesus I pray he will continue to strengthen us, and give us boldness to stand out and stand up for Jesus. May the dear Lord continue to bless you. And cause his face to shine upon you. Amen!

Sandra B.

Youth Ministry

The Redemptive Power of the Cross

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

Romans 8:11 KJV

Trusting in the God with all your heart. As children of God we must rely on His word. In the scripture above Paul tell us the Spirit Christ has dwells within us also. Through Christ we are saved, we are made new and are promised everlasting life. Understanding this scripture I knew I wanted to do everything I possibly could to be deserving of Christ's salvation. I wanted to be closer to Him, which would mean I would need to spend more time in His word.

Being someone who studied English Literature and History I enjoyed analysing a piece of text - delving deeper into its concept and meaning. It frustrated me then, when I couldn't do this with the Holy Bible.

I knew I was at a blockade, which meant I needed to work with God and not alone. From that moment I know nothing could be accomplished by myself and God was speaking to me telling me He was there and I didn't need to struggle when I have His Spirit. It was even embedded to me into my school logo "Non Nobis Solum" translating to not ourselves alone. God was clearly projecting His voice to me in my everyday life and I was still dismissing it. But through the redemptive power of the cross I was renewed and made whole.

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Youth Ministry

The Redemptive Power of the Cross cont.



Seeing His transformation within my life is unexplainable, I went from being a stubborn young girl quite adamant that I could do everything independently to a child of God who wanted to serve Him at all times. Knowing that Christ died for me told me of His love for me. And so as John 4:19 says we love him, because He first loved us. Once I was born again and Christ created a new man within me I began to be hungry for his Word. I wanted to be filled with His Holy Spirit (something I still seek for everyday)

Reading his word, fasting and prayer - I began to ask God for His help I wanted to hear him and kept asking "Lord, what do you want me to do for you."

It wasn't until August 2016 that God would answer my request. I have two family members who both attended the Calvary Theological College and both of them raved off its courses ability to open up the word for you in new ways. It promised enlightenment with God, through God and for God. As I said previously I love analytical study, this course covered all my wants and was for God not man! It seemed like a dream opportunity had been put on my lap. BUT, being a full time student and part time sales assistant I was already wrapped up in so much. I again almost dismissed the opportunity. God continued to put this on my heart for 6 months as I debated with Him, until I opened my heart and said yes. I knew all the difficulties it would introduce and that it would mean I'd be so busy and hardly have any spare time. However I knew that being a child of God I had to and wanted to do all I could for Christ. I took a leap of faith and jumped on this chance because I knew this was Gods plan for me. Becoming more Christ like would mean I needed to understand more about who Christ was. Almost a year later and as a member of the Calvary Theological College I can honestly say I am so grateful I listened to God and acted upon His instructions. Yes, it has been and still is a struggle juggling all my work as well as taking on the troubles life throws at me. But I know through it all if God is for me, then who can be against me. Talking about God puts a smile on my face because I understand so much more than just the simple facts in the surface.

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want to join us?

Our Sunday school leaders would love to have you join us every Sunday between 11.30 am. - 12.30 pm.

Our young peoples meeting (YP) takes place every Friday from 7pm - 8.30 pm. Aged 5 upwards. We look forward to welcoming you to join in the fun, games and learning experience, having God in the centre of all that we do.

Youth Ministry

The Redemptive Power of the Cross cont.

Opening the word intrigues me as I grasp it's intellectuality and allow it to become 3 dimensional to me.

This is my testimony, one I didn't even realise I had until I began to write this article.

Whom ever reads this I pray you let Christ come in and let his works manifest within your life.
Amen.

Khian King

Get out of self

Isaiah 61: 1-3

What God can do through you is more than you can imagine. God has filled you with his spirit so that you can lead others to him. This means that you have to get out of self in order to do the will of God. You have been chosen to bring good news to the poor and to heal the broken heart with the encouraging word of God that he has placed inside of you. This means that you have to remember it's not about you, but about who will reach the kingdom. God has called you to ensure his believers that they can walk in freedom because Jesus died on the cross for their sins and they are no longer captives to sin. You are chosen by God to proclaim that God has defeated the enemy and will save anyone who accepts Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior You have been called and chosen by God to do a new work in the earth for his kingdom. Continue to strive for greatness.

Blessings
Karis King,



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PRAYER CORNER

How could Jesus pray to God if He is God? Was Jesus praying to Himself?

The key to understanding how Jesus could pray to God the Father is found in [Hebrews 2:17](#): "Therefore [Jesus] had to be made like his brothers in every respect." One of the important callings of all people is to pray. Jesus was fully human as well as fully God, and it was perfectly fitting that He should pray to the Father in heaven.

There are several reasons why Jesus, as a human being, prayed to the Father. First, all people are called to worship God. Prayer is one form of worship.

Second, as a Jew, Jesus was fulfilling the Law of Moses to pray to the LORD. If He did not pray to God the Father, He would have been disobedient and sinful.

Third, as our high priest, Jesus intercedes on behalf of God's people ([Hebrews 2:17](#)). We see Jesus acting as intercessor in [John 17](#), sometimes called the "High Priestly Prayer."

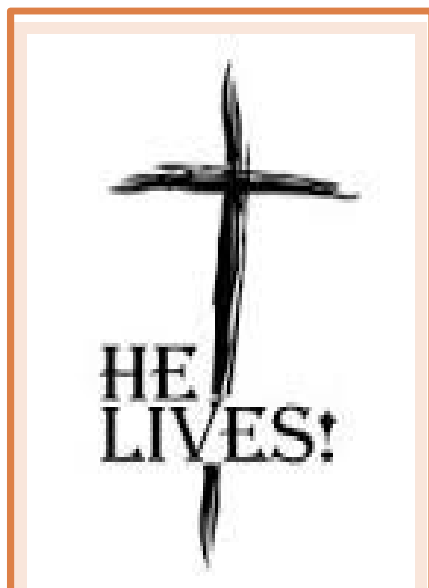
A fourth reason for Jesus praying to the Father is found in [John 11:41-42](#). In this passage, Jesus prays before He raises Lazarus

from the dead: "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." So, one reason Jesus prayed to the Father was for the benefit of those around Him.

Fifth, Jesus prayed to the Father to enjoy the fellowship of the Triune Godhead of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Sometimes, the Bible simply says, "Jesus prayed," yet other times we see a glimpse of something more. Following Jesus' baptism, He prayed, and "the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'" ([Luke 3:21-22](#)). Here, within the context of a prayer, Father, Son, and Spirit are all revealed in perfect fellowship.

Jesus prayed to God the Father because it was an appropriate, natural, and essential part of His mission on earth. His prayers set an example for us grow in intimacy with our Heavenly Father.

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God has the answers

For your most pressing issues:

- **Sickness**
- **Relationships**
- **Work**
- **Education**
- **Money**

Luke 9:11(KJV)

11 And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

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Prayer corner

Please forward any prayer requests, no matter how small to us:

Email Address : jm.brown15@yahoo.co.uk

: Cogicwatforduk@hotmail.com

Call or Text to : 07917 628288

Or alternatively hand in your written request to Pastor Joe Brown. Any problems shared with us are treated confidentially....a problem shared is a problem halved!



Prayer Meeting :

Prayer meeting is held every Monday morning 11.30 am - 1 pm.

Contact us for more information



United in prayer

**PRAYER
CHANGES THINGS!**

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Sunday services

1st Sunday of the month:

Communion Service

2nd Sunday:

Women's Service

The service is led by the female members of the church

3rd Sunday:

Men's Service

4th Sunday:

Mission Sunday

5th Sunday:

When there is a 5th Sunday in the month, it is led by our Youth and Sunday school children(all parents and friends are encouraged to come and support their child/children in this ministry)

OUR SPECIAL SERVICES

COMMUNION

Every Christian believer is asked by God to remember the death of his son Jesus Christ. We do this by celebrating the Holy Communion which we regard as the highest form of worship.



St Paul in his letter to the Corinth reminds them that this ordinance should be maintained and observed with all reverence .

1 Corinthians 11 verse 23-28

BAPTISM SERVICE

In accordance with scriptures, once an individual has received a core in his life and has responded to that core by receiving Christ into their heart, the next step is baptism, which God has commanded in the Bible.

Before undertaking this event the new convert will be taught what it means to be a Christian and will receive help to develop their new life in Jesus Christ through Baptismal classes.

Jesus Christ was an example as He too was baptised: outlined in *St. Mathew 3 verse: 13 -17*

BABY BLESSINGS

In accordance with scripture we believe that a child that is born into this world should receive the blessing of God upon it's life as outlined in *Mark 10 verse: 13 -16*

WEDDINGS

We are happy to prepare couples for marriage and pre marital counseling classes, available on request.

We are also happy to conduct engagement ceremony and a traditional wedding ceremony and the blessing of marriages.

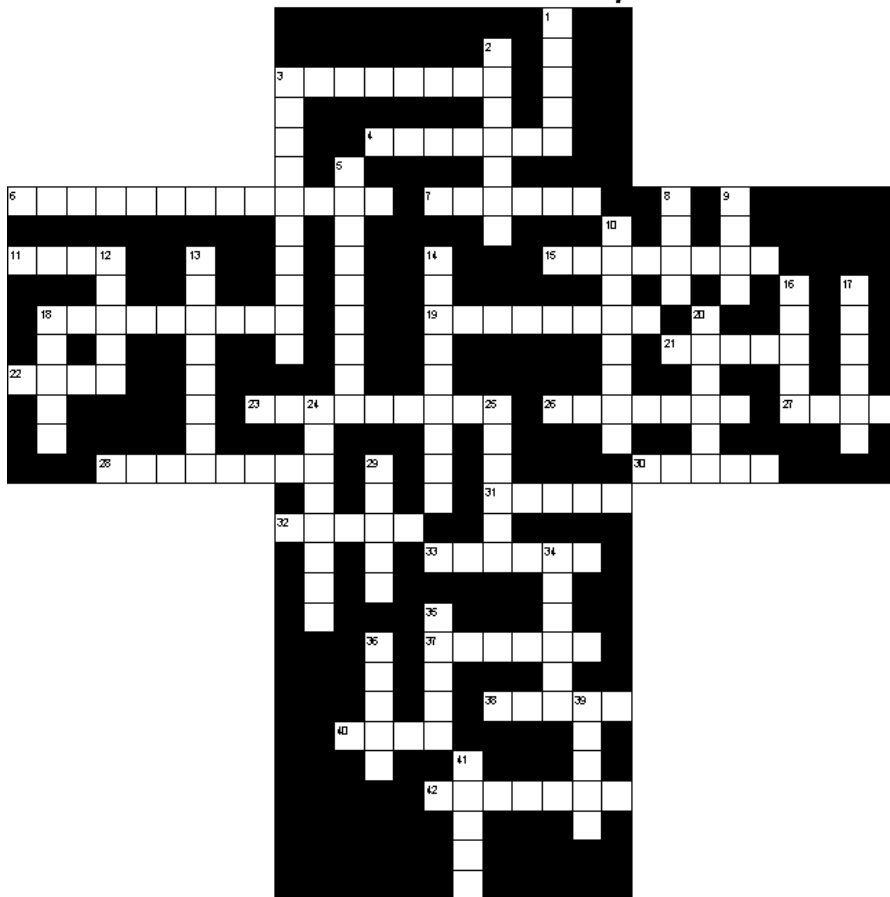
FUNERALS

During a very sad time of losing a friend or member of a family we are able to offer grief counselling and can also conduct a funeral ceremony.

During this difficult time we will be able to assist the family and to guide them in relation to all the issues that may arise from the death of a loved one.

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The Easter Story



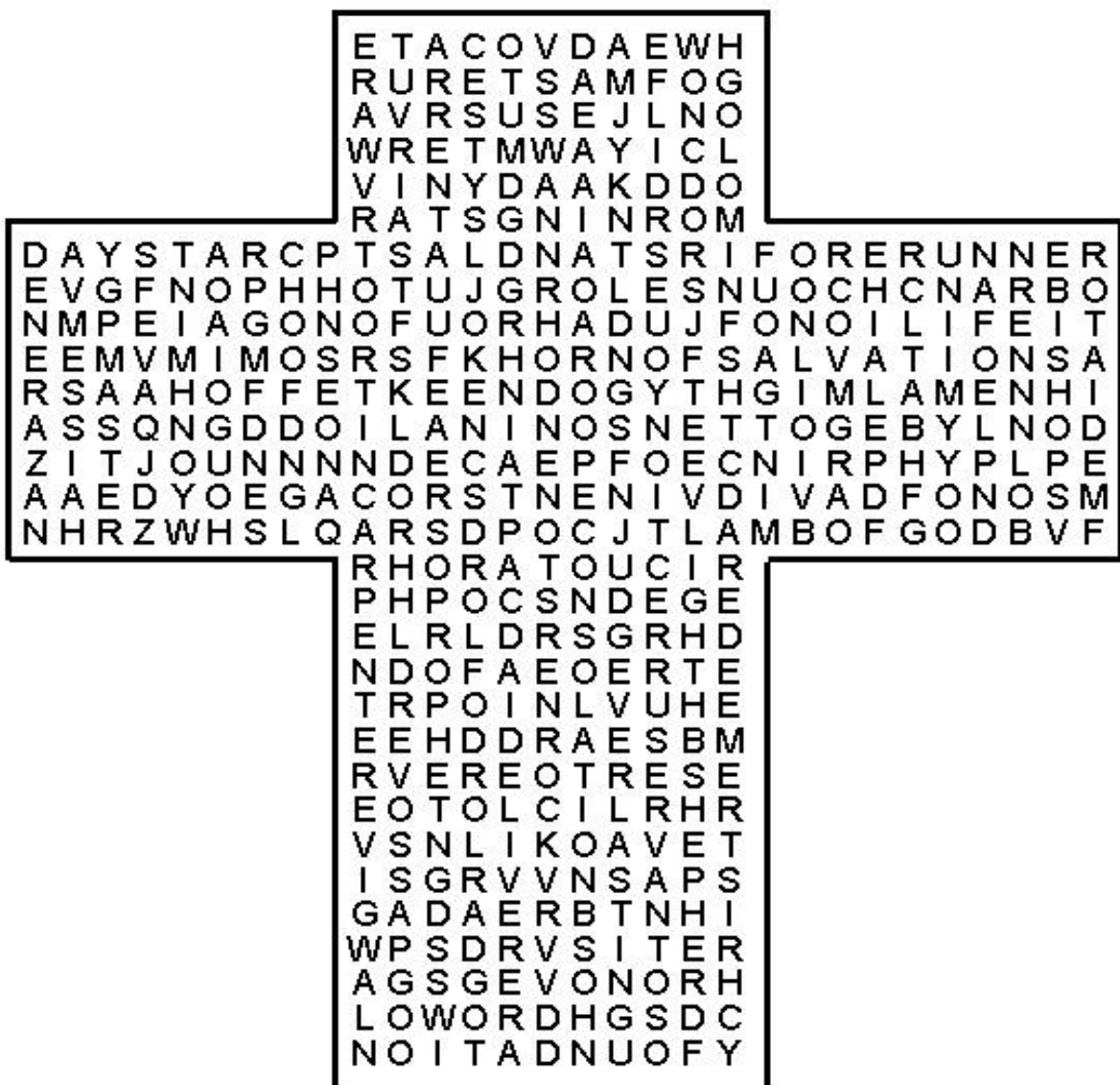
Across

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| 3. It means "A place of a skull,"
Where He was crucified | 26. "Father, _____ them; for they
know not what they do." |
| 4. These guys were crucified on each
side of Him. | 27. He shed His blood so our _____
would be forgiven. |
| 6. And He was numbered with the
_____. | 28. The Last Supper was a celebration
of this Jewish holiday |
| 7. Jesus was anointed with precious
ointment in preparation for His
_____. | 30. The ruler of Galilee |
| 11. This part of the temple was torn in
two from the top to the bottom | 31. This was sent to strengthen Him
when He was praying in the
garden. |
| 15. And when the sixth hour was
come, there was _____ over the
whole land. | 32. This apostle denied that He knew
Jesus three times. |
| 18. This Roman said, "Truly this was
the Son of God." | 33. This wealthy man of Arimathea
buried Him. |
| 19. The high priest who said it was
expedient that one man die for all. | 37. The doubtful apostle |
| 21. The _____ of blood was
purchased with the betrayal money | 38. "A spirit has not _____ and bones
as ye see me have." |
| 22. The disciple that took Mary home
as his own mother | 40. And they stripped Him, and put on
Him a scarlet _____. |
| 23. He appeared first unto Mary
_____. | 42. They gave Him this to drink when
He was on the cross. |

Down

1. The father-in-law to the high priest. Jesus was first brought to him
2. Another name for the place of His crucifixion.
3. The garden where Jesus prayed before He was arrested
5. And it was the third hour, and they _____ Him.
8. This was written and set over His head: "_____ of the Jews"
9. Judas betrayed Jesus with a _____.
10. "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every _____."
12. Joseph took His body down and wrapped it in fine _____.
13. The prisoner released by Pilate instead of Jesus
14. The pharisee that brought spices for His burial
16. The apostle who betrayed the Christ
17. "Why seek ye the _____ among the dead?"
18. He was taken up; and a _____ received Him out of their sight.
20. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of _____.
24. And they crucified Him, and parted His _____, casting lots:
25. He appeared to two disciples on the way to this village.
29. Jesus told Peter to feed His _____.
34. The Roman governor who washed his hands of the whole affair
35. This was rolled in front of the tomb and then sealed.
36. _____ and His sweat was as it were great drops of _____.
39. The soldier pierced His side with this
41. He is not here: for He is _____ as He said.

But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate
Almighty
Alpha and Omega
Amen
Apostle
Beloved Son
Bishop
Branch
Bread
Captain
Carpenter
Chosen
Christ
Consolation
Cornerstone
Counselor
Day Star
Deliverer

Door
Emmanuel
Everlasting
Faithful and True
First and Last
Forerunner
Foundation
Governor
Head
High Priest
Holy and Just One
Horn of Salvation
I AM
Jesus
Judge
King
King of Kings
Lamb of God

Lawgiver
Life
Light
Lion of Judah
Lord
Lord of Lords
Master
Master
Mediator
Messiah
Mighty God
Morning Star
Nazarene
Only Begotten Son
Passover
Priest
Prince of Peace
Prophet

Redeemer
Resurrection
Rock
Savior
Servant
Shepherd
Son of David
Son of God
Son of Man
Vine
Way
Wonderful
Word

The Sanctuary

Under the Leadership of Pastor Joseph Brown, Watford COGIC has entered into a new era. Our name change to *'The Sanctuary COGIC Watford'* is so we can aim to provide a place where people can come and not only feel welcome but also feel at peace.

Our vision as a church is to continue the development and growth of our church, in pastor's words... "In pure love and unity, embracing and serving the local community without relinquishing the foundation that has been established over the past 50 years."

His focus will also be on the spiritual and temporal development of individuals and to embrace our children and our youth.

The Sanctuary is part of the COGIC Shires District which also includes Dunstable, Bedford and Aylesbury Assemblies. Pastor Elroy Patrick Is currently the superintendent for the district and oversees all four assemblies.

The founding members of COGIC Watford Assembly were namely Brother Vincent and Sister Susan Beckford, In 1963 the COGIC church was formed under the leadership of Pastor Michael E. Williams Watford Fields School Hall .The church moved in 1978 to Kingham Hall in Watford and finally 1989 to where we are today at Beechen Grove.Baptist Church.



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RIDDLE

I am old but also new

I may seem rather strange but all of me is true

I am 66 inside but really only 1

I can be pocket sized or sometimes weigh a ton!

All of me is about a person you really ought to meet

He often signs his name and each story is his treat

I am a world best-seller but sadly seldom read

Perhaps you've seen me on a shelf or lying by a bed?

What am I?