

# Wesley Memorial Church Oxford

Praying to be as just, loving and generous as God's grace

Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Pentecost Sunday

## A prayer for today

Boundary-crossing Spirit, move us from isolation to community, from fear to courage, from past to future, from exclusion to inclusion. Make us a people of the dance of freedom and the joy of Christ.

**10.30 a.m. Mr Simeon Mitchell**

## A celebration of Pentecost and Christian Aid Week

Opening responses:

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. **All: Come, Lord of life**

Leader: You bring each new day alive with possibility

**All: You fill creation with vitality and hope**

Leader: You give each human being great potential.

**All: You inspire people to transform the world.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, and enter our worship

**All: Come, Lord of life, and infuse our lives.**

**SONG** Praise with joy the world's Creator (see separate sheet)

Introduction

Dramatised reading of Pentecost story Fizzy

Choir

Prayer of Praise

Talk with all ages

**SONG SUPPLEMENT 29** Holy Spirit, we welcome you

Children and young people leave for their own activities

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b – 13 Mark Petersen

Video: Christian Aid in Bangladesh

Prayer of confession

**HYMN 295** Spirit of the living God

Sermon

**HYMN 804** The Church of Christ, in every age

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer John Cammack

Video: Climate change reflection

Offering our actions and our gifts

Looking ahead

**SONG SUPPLEMENT 46** Living God, your joyful Spirit

Blessing

**Lunchtime:** 'They shared their meals with unaffected joy'

Today many members of the church will be having lunch together in people's homes. There are still a few places left, and if you would like to join in, you would be very welcome – seek Paul or Wendy Spray by the piano in the hall after the service.

**6.30 p.m. The Revd Dr Martin Wellings.**

**Worship with Holy Communion and an opportunity for the renewal of marriage vows.** (Beryl and Neville Shepherd will have information on this)

Readings: Joel 2:25-32 Acts 2: 14-24 Hymns: 281, 374, 298, 777.