

Wesley Memorial Church Oxford

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

Sunday May 18th, 2008

Trinity Sunday

A prayer for today

God of all time; merciful love of the Father, compassionate service of Christ, untamed communion of the Spirit; gentle us into believing, unsettle our certainties and strengthen us in the truth in which we are held, this day and forever.

10.30 a.m. The Revd David Cooper

The Invitation to Worship (on sheet)

HYMN 7 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty

Silence

Responsive Reading H&P 836 (Psalm 8)

A prayer of approach to God

Laudate omnes gentes, Laudate dominum (twice)

(Sing praises all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord)

We offer our confession and sense God's peace

Kyrie eleison (twice)

Choir

Sharing with the children

SONG SUPPLEMENT 70 Teach me to dance

Children's Blessing

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Janet Forsaith

Matthew 28: 16-20

'Look and see' (Mary Oliver)

HYMN Lord, your love has called to being (on sheet)

Sermon: 'The invitation to Dance with God'

Prayer of intercession

Colin Saunders

The Prayer of Jesus

HYMN 8 How shall I sing that majesty

The Blessing

Organ Voluntary: 'St Anne' Fugue in E flat (J S Bach)

6.30 p.m. Mrs Beryl Quinlan

Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-10

Hymns: 501. SWAMS 50. 137.

We offer a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers today.

Coffee, tea and squash are served in the hall after morning worship,
served today by members of **North Hinksey Group**

The **Crèche** room is available for parents with very young children. The service is relayed to the room.

SPECIAL NEEDS. Wesley Memorial is committed to making worship accessible to all. Wheelchair space is available; there are facilities for the hard of hearing, and large print items are available on request. Please let us know if there is anything you need

THIS WEEK

Mon 10.30a.m. The **North Oxford Monday Morning Group** meet at 33 Ritchie Court. Speaker: The Revd Philip Beuzeval

Tues 7.30p.m. Joint **Cumnor and North Hinksey groups meeting** at Orchard House, Stanville Road. Slides of The Holy Land

Wed 10-12 noon **Wednesday Coffee**, in the John Wesley Room

10.30 a.m. **Funeral Service for Ellen Thompson**

12.30 p.m. **Prayers in the Church**

5 p.m. in Lincoln College – **John Wesley Lecture.** Dr Deborah Madden, (Post-Doctoral Researcher Oxford University) ‘Saving Souls and Saving Lives: John Wesley’s ‘Inward and Outward Health’. All welcome. Reception follows the lecture)

7.30 p.m. **Central Oxford Group** meet at 47 Latimer Grange, Headington

Wed. Thurs. Fri. 10.30 – 2 p.m. Rainbow House

Fri. 11.30 – 1.30 p.m. **Lunchbreak**, in the John Wesley Room

2.00 p.m. **Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Professor Graham Higman**

7.15 p.m. **PHAB Club**

7.30 p.m. **Choir practice**

NEXT SUNDAY May 25th

10.30 a.m. The Revd Bob Whorton

11.30 a.m. Coffee in the hall served by members of **Open End Group**

6.30 p.m. Mrs Hilary Blake. Taizé Prayer

Next Sunday, 25th May, it is the turn of **Central Oxford Group and extras, to provide food for The Gatehouse**

KITBAG – any material for the circuit newsletter should be sent to Jonathan by **18th May**, via the church office or by email: newsletter@oxfordmethodists.org.uk
Any reports of activities, news of forthcoming events, comments and reflections on church life will be welcome.

The Friendship Walk will be held on **Tuesday June 3rd** - beginning at the Synagogue, Richmond Road at 6.30p.m. and walking to St Mary’s, High Street and ending at the

Mosque at Manzil Way, Cowley Road. It is hoped that there will be a good representation from Wesley Memorial. Please collect a card in church or from the link porch

PLEASE NOTE: Church Council will meet on **Thursday 19th June at 7.30 p.m.** (not on June 12th as previously arranged)

Another date for your diary **Saturday 21st June** 6.45-10 p.m. **Midsummer Barn Dance** in aid of Flexicare and the Institute for the Healing of Memories. Caller Derek Rawson. Dust off your dancing shoes and exercise those muscles!

Farewell Lunch for David and Helen Cooper

Please make a special note of **Sunday 20th July**, which will be David's last service as minister here at Wesley Memorial. After the morning service and coffee, everyone is invited to join in a celebration of David's ministry, beginning at 12.15 in the church, and continuing with a shared buffet lunch at approx 13.15 in the hall. All are welcome! If you would like to contribute, or have particular memories (or photographs) which you would like to share, please contact one of the stewards.

Rotary Fun Run May 10th. Our thanks to the Godfrey and Clements families who hope to have raised over £300 for Flexicare. Any more sponsors will be welcome. Congratulations to Jack Godfrey who finished 5th in the individual race in a time of 19.47 minutes.

TACKLEY METHODIST CHURCH BICENTENARY.

Today Sunday 18 May 4.00 the open-air service on the village green will be led by Rev Dr Tim Macquiban, with support from Bletchington Silver Band. Tea served afterwards. Bring your own chairs. (If wet in village hall)

Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories: The human cost of conflict

Oxhub Speaker Series, in association with Christian Aid. **Nigel Varndell** of Christian Aid's Advocacy and Policy Group for the Palestinians and Israel will explain what life is like for ordinary Palestinians under occupation and what Christian Aid is doing to help, on **Wednesday 21st May at 8 p.m.** in Magdalen Auditorium, Magdalen College. All welcome

It is hoped to open a **Christian Bookshop** at the Churchill Hospital and a further meeting has been arranged for **Thursday 22nd May** at 7.30 p.m. in the Chapel at the Churchill Hospital. All interested welcome.

Saturday 5th July 10.30 p.m. start Oxford Moonlight Stroll in aid of the Sobell House Hospice Charity. See poster in link porch for full details.

JOHN WESLEY SOCIETY – FOR ALL STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Today 12.00 Extraordinary General Meeting to welcome James Demery to the JWS Committee, followed by JWS pub lunch.

At 8 p.m. **Manse Coffee** with David Cooper at 26 Upland Park Road
Tuesday 5.30 p.m. Bible Study in the Choir vestry

Donations. If you would like to contribute to our Church Funds please use one of the pink envelopes in the pews, fill in your details and place in the offertory plate. Consider using GIFT AID

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To Newcomers: Welcome to Wesley Memorial. We are glad that you have joined us for worship and hope that you will make yourself known to us at coffee-time. If you are passing through Oxford, please sign the Visitors' Book. If you live in Oxford and would like to know more about our activities, please complete one of the cards in the back of your seat.

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