

# Wesley Memorial Church Oxford

Praying to be as just, loving and generous as God's grace  
Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Fifth Sunday of Easter

## A prayer for today

God of grace and glory, use the work of our hands for the blessing of others, the love of our hearts for the strengthening of relationships and the service of our lives for the building of community, in the name of the Christ who is at the centre of creation. Amen.

**10.30 a.m.** The Revd David Cooper and Mr David Walton  
Commissioning of the John Wesley Society Committee.

The Invitation to Worship

Wise God, you are older than the ages, and you dance in the sunlight

**We know that you love us**

Compassionate Jesus, you share your bread with strangers and you welcome little children

**We rejoice that you understand us**

Strengthening Spirit, you wrestle with the powerful and comfort those who need you

**As you disturb us, share with us your peace**

**HYMN 14** Praise the Lord, His glories show

Silence

We sing (twice) Ubi caritas, et amor Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est

(Where charity and love are found, God himself is there)

Prayer of approach

Moments of Confession followed by the singing of Kyrie Eleison

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Choir

Sharing with the children

**SONG SUPPLEMENT 66** Sent by the Lord am I

Children's blessing

Scripture: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 James Demery

1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14 Helen Cooper

**HYMN 457** Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Sermon

Prayer of intercession. Bidding: God of peace and love

Response: Enlighten our darkness

The Prayer of Jesus

The Offering of our gifts

**HYMN 255** Crown him with many crowns

The Blessing

We are delighted to welcome Mr David Walton, Vice-President Designate of the British Conference. He is preaching today at morning and evening worship

6.30 p.m. **Circuit Service** at Wesley Memorial – Admission of Heidi Cottrell as a Local Preacher.