

Wesley Memorial Church

Oxford

Praying to be as just, loving and generous as God's grace
27th July 2008



A prayer for to-day

God, give me the resolution to say 'no' to the good so that I will be ready to give my 'yes' to the better. Give me the courage to keep living in the open-endedness of the unknown future and, as you invite me to share your kingdom of shared relationships, may I live the vision of the beloved community into the reality of a new world.

10.30 am Mr Paul Spray What is the kingdom like?

Call to Worship

Hymn 636 *New every morning*

Prayer of adoration

The Lord's Prayer

What is the kingdom like?

- Matthew 13: verse 44
- Hidden treasure

Kate Lorimer

Song 69 (and Offertory) *Shout for joy and sing your praises to the king*

What is the kingdom like?

- Matthew 13, verse 33
- yeast

Mary Schofield

A Blessing for those who leave for Junior Church

What is the kingdom like?

- Matthew 13, verses 45-46
- a pearl of great price
- Peter Maxwell-Davies *Farewell to Stromness* Malcolm Pearce

Kate Lorimer

What is the kingdom like?

- Matthew 13: verses 47-50
- a fishing net

Mary Schofield

A prayer of confession

Hymn 139 *The kingdom of God is justice and joy*

What is the kingdom like?

- Matthew 13 verses 31-32
- a growing seed

Kate Lorimer

Prayers of intercession

Hymn 267 *Love Divine*

Reading: Romans 8: verses 31-39

Bill Spray

Silence

The Grace

We leave out of both doors, singing ***Thy kingdom come, thy will be done***

6.30 p.m. The Revd John Rowland

Hymns: 254 520 432 642

Readings: Psalm 139: 1-12 2 Corinthians 4: 7-18