

OAKSHAW ORACLE

A warm welcome to all visitors who are reading this online version of our worship. Today's short Service can be found on the Web and Facebook pages.

The service is available on the website

<http://www.oakshawtrinity.org.uk/music> (Music menu) and on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/oakshawtrinity .

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CONGRATULATIONS

Today David Murray, our Director of Music, celebrates 50 years as a Church of Scotland organist.

He is disappointed not to be able to play the organ in church for us today but we have included in the video Exit music of David playing the 'Trumpet Tune in D' by Henry Purcell from a recording.

The Music for Meditation is 'Winter' from The Four Seasons by Vivaldi.

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Minister:

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Rev. George K. Lind BD MCIBS

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn: No. 739

The Church's one foundation

PRAYER

Chosen Hymn: 167

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,

READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Reader: Pauline Thomson

ANTHEM

Gloria

By Vivaldi

READING: John 1:43-51

Reader: Catriona Muirhead

Hymn: No. 153

Great is thy faithfulness,

SERMON

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hymn: No. 702

Lord in love and perfect wisdom

THE BENEDICTION & DRESDEN AMEN

SERMON NOTES

Expect Great Things

From the very beginning of his ministry to the day of his ascension Jesus put his disciples under the power of expectation. In many ways, this echoes back to the earlier call of Samuel who answered God by saying, "...your servant is listening." All expected to see greater things, do greater things, become better people, receive greater knowledge and power. There was always something ahead for them to look forward to; and I am sure a sense of expectancy is something we all desire while living under the shadow of this pandemic.

The desire for better things is part of our makeup from children looking forward to birthdays and Christmas to adults hoping for a spouse, a new job, house or car.



If we desire vitality in our faith, we must never lose touch of the desire to expect greater things. We get a better idea of this after Nathanael's declaration in vs.49 when Jesus said you will see greater things "Very truly I tell you, you will see "heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on" the Son of Man." My friend, we should expect nothing less today.

PRAYER: *Lord, in these dark and lonely times, give us the foresight to listen for your voice of wisdom and to have the same sense of expectation as your servants of old...*



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TODAY:

Due to Government restrictions on Public Gatherings, Sunday Services have been suspended by order of Scottish Parliament for the time being. If the Covid Level reduces to a sufficient Tier, our next Church Services will resume subject to the agreed booking arrangement.



Hymn 167 was chosen by Anne Chalmers as it is a family favourite and sung at many happy and sad occasion, it is such an uplifting and inspiring hymn.

FOODBANK:

In view of the strain of COVID 19 the foodbank are unable to take donations until the end of January. Anyone wishing to donate can send cash direct to their bank account:- Sort Code 83 46 00 A/C No. 11350487 payable to Renfrewshire Foodbank.



ITEMS FOR ORACLE:



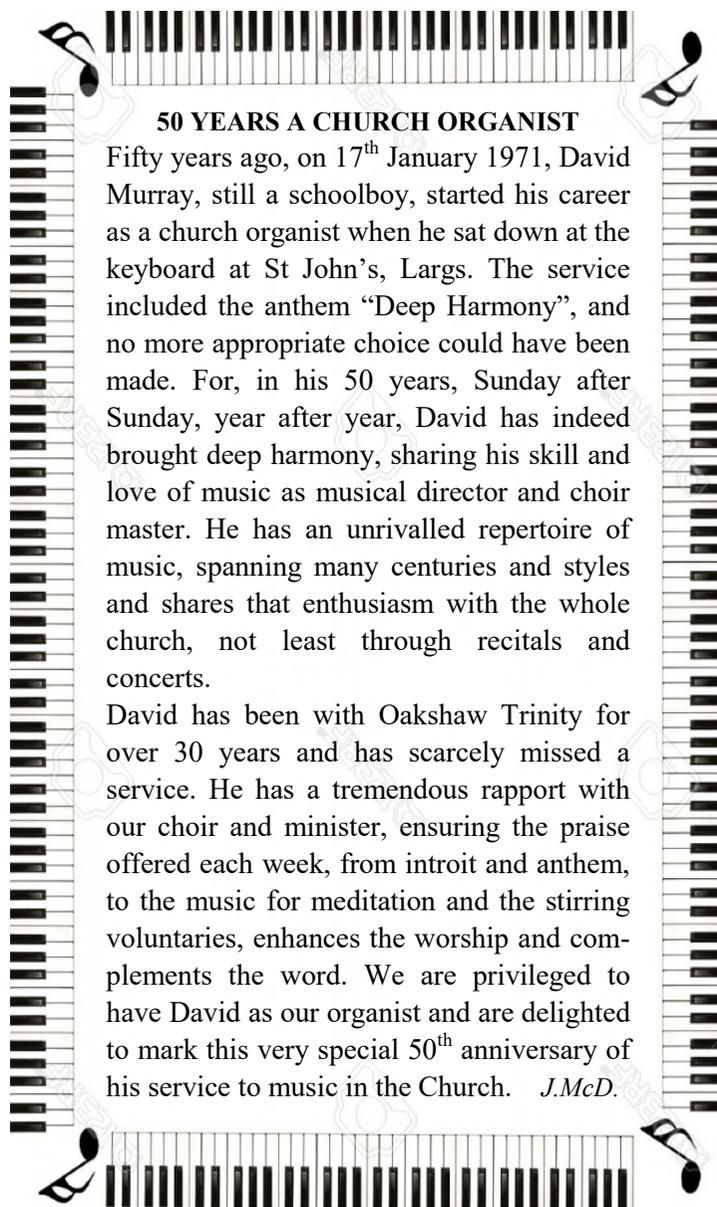
Any items for inclusion in next week's Oracle can be passed to Catriona on the Office Number or email before Wednesday.



visit our website!

OAKSHAW TRINITY COOKBOOK:

With Christmas now past, we are looking for you to share some of the recipes that you have been using during lockdown, new ones or old favourites. Please submit these by either email or post to Isabel Pearson oakshawchurch@gmail.com.



50 YEARS A CHURCH ORGANIST

Fifty years ago, on 17th January 1971, David Murray, still a schoolboy, started his career as a church organist when he sat down at the keyboard at St John's, Largs. The service included the anthem "Deep Harmony", and no more appropriate choice could have been made. For, in his 50 years, Sunday after Sunday, year after year, David has indeed brought deep harmony, sharing his skill and love of music as musical director and choir master. He has an unrivalled repertoire of music, spanning many centuries and styles and shares that enthusiasm with the whole church, not least through recitals and concerts.

David has been with Oakshaw Trinity for over 30 years and has scarcely missed a service. He has a tremendous rapport with our choir and minister, ensuring the praise offered each week, from introit and anthem, to the music for meditation and the stirring voluntaries, enhances the worship and complements the word. We are privileged to have David as our organist and are delighted to mark this very special 50th anniversary of his service to music in the Church. *J.McD.*

Details and lots of extra information about Church events can be found on the web
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ORGANISATIONS:

Our organisations will continue to remain in contact each week through social media.



E.M.E.C: - Kindness Rock Garden:



During this lockdown and to give us motivation and inspiration of hope at a difficult time in our lives, why not consider collecting a rock and painting an inspirational message on it for our Church Garden. If you cannot manage to paint a rock why not post your ideas of a message that gives comfort and post it on the Church Facebook. Once we have received enough rocks these will be collected and placed in a special place in the garden to be dedicated on an official day.

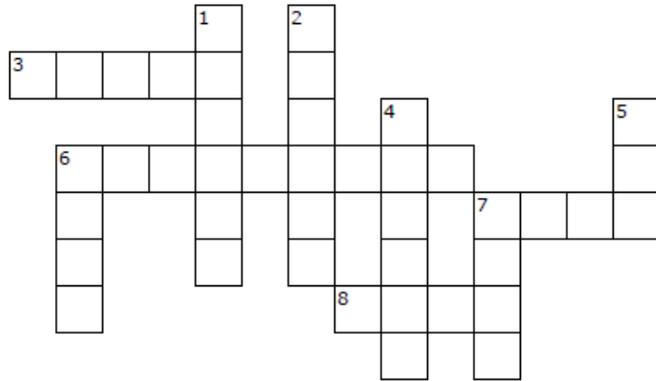
Show Others You Care

The whole town gathered at the door to watch. So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases. Mark 1:33-34a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 1:29-39



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ACROSS

3. A condition when the body temperature is higher than normal
6. A place of meeting for worship in the Jewish faith
7. The body part used for holding things
8. To cure from sickness or disease

DOWN

1. To deliver a sermon
2. Evil spirits
4. The time of day when the sun disappears below the horizon
5. A piece of furniture for sleeping
6. To be ill or have a disease
7. To give assistance; to aid

FEVER	HEAL	HAND	BED	SYNAGOGUE
SICK	HELP	PREACH	DEMONS	SUNSET

Jesus was always kind and helpful to the people he met. One day he was in the home of Simon Peter. Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever. Jesus went into the room where she was and took her by the hand and helped her out of bed. When Jesus touched her, the fever left her immediately. Later that evening people brought everyone who was sick and those who were demon-possessed so that Jesus could heal them. The Bible says that the whole town was gathered around outside the door. Jesus healed the sick and drove out evil spirits. Jesus showed his love by caring for those who needed his healing touch.

The next time you want to let someone know how much you care for them, remember that we show others we care, not just by sending them gifts, but by showing acts of kindness each and every day—just like Jesus did.

Dear Father, Jesus taught us how to care for one another. Help us to follow his example and show our love by acts of kindness toward others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.