

## OAKSHAW ORACLE

A warm welcome to all visitors who are reading this online version of our worship. Today's Worship video can be found on the church Web site and Facebook page.

The Anthem and Music for meditation have been chosen by our Choir Master David Murray. The anthem today is taken from a recording made of David Murray and Oakshaw Trinity Choir in 2000 and the Music for Meditation is 'Song to the Moon from 'Rusalka' by Dvorak.

The video is available on the website <http://www.oakshawtrinity.org.uk/music> (Music menu) and on the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/oakshawtrinity](http://www.facebook.com/oakshawtrinity).

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### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Chosen Hymn: No. 512**

To God by the Glory

### PRAYER

**Hymn: No. 100**

O Lord thou art my God and King

**READING: Psalm 133**

*Reader: David Osborne*

### ANTHEM

Lord of Creation, to Thee be all praise

**READING: John 20:19-31**

*Reader: Jessie Cross*

**Hymn: No. 432**

How often we like Thomas

### SERMON

### MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Hymn: 458**

At the name of Jesus

### THE BENEDICTION & DRESDEN AMEN

## SERMON NOTES

### *Eyes Wide Shut?*

*The Gospel reading today is familiar to us; the story of Thomas, the doubting disciple, who would not believe in the Resurrection until he had put his hand in Christ's side and felt the holes where the nails had been.*

*No one seems surprised when Jesus appears to the disciples though the door is barred; it is as if Jesus coming through bolted doors was a natural experience*



*for them. However, it is now that Thomas can believe, when he can feel something substantial.*

*For us today it is v29, especially the second half, which has most power; "... blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed."*

*We are not privileged like Thomas to be able to touch the living Christ. We don't get to see Him behind a locked door. Yet we remain faithful because we believe...*

**PRAYER:** *Loving Lord, we pray for your strength, to live our lives in the Light of the Glorious Resurrection. May the works of your Son give us confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we cannot see...*



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### TODAY:

11a.m. Morning Worship conducted by Rev. Gordon Armstrong and Mr. Steven Henderson.



### NEXT SUNDAY:

Due to Government restrictions on Public Gatherings, Sunday Services have been restricted to a maximum of 50 persons. You will require to book in advance by email each week on:

[booking.oakshawtrinity@thewynd.org.uk](mailto:booking.oakshawtrinity@thewynd.org.uk)

**Please do not turn up without booking in advance.**



Hymn 512 was chosen by Isabel Gray. Apart from being a great sing, verse 1 reminds us what God has done for us and continues to do so, especially during this time when we need

reassurance.

### WEEKLY CHURCH OPENING:

Rev. Gordon Armstrong and Rev. George Lind will be available in the Church of Tuesdays from 11am –3pm. Prayers will be said on the hour.



### OAKSHAW TRINITY COOKBOOK:

We are still looking for Starters and Desserts to complete our Fundraiser Cookbook. Please submit these by either email or post to Isabel Pearson at [oakshawchurch@gmail.com](mailto:oakshawchurch@gmail.com)



### SATURDAY CLUB:

The Saturday Club now hold a time of 'Saturday Club From The Sofa.' This takes place on Facetime at 3pm on Saturdays. Please feel free to join in and keep us up to date with how you have been coping.



### ORGANISATIONS:

Our organisations will continuing to remain in contact each week through social media. This will continue until we can meet together.

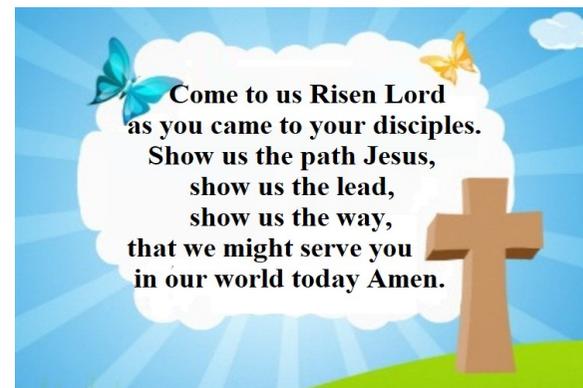


### MISSION FUND—Return of Boxes:

Boxes can be handed into the Church on Tuesdays between 11 and 3p.m. or any Sunday Service if you happen to be attending. Thanks to all who continue to support the Fund throughout lockdown.



Donations are now accepted at their store, Westway Renfrew (inside security gates) Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00—12 noon.



Details and lots of extra information about Church events can be found on the web Oakshaw Trinity Church: [www.oakshawtrinity.org](http://www.oakshawtrinity.org)  
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## Jesus Appears to His Disciples

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



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 C X I T A T F M L H O Y W A X  
 W X R K N Y G X P O F O M E D  
 X M A D V Y G E A X C O R E H  
 R X C C J V D R L X H K V S A  
 T L L U V E D A E T N E E D M  
 T K E S H E H I R C I N S D S  
 O X S C W B A S S L O C Y N T  
 G R U O L K N Z E C L R G D N  
 E O H D Q Z D B H J I I D E P  
 T S I U J J S A S R S P F E Z  
 H N T F E K D P I A M I L B D  
 E T W U S N K D D U L G E E E  
 R S R N U K P S E S L V H N S  
 R P T V S V D O U B T I N G B

JESUS	TOGETHER	DOUBTING	RECORDED
MIRACLES	SIGNS	SHOWED	BELIEVED
DOORS	LIFE	HANDS	DISCIPLES
TOUCHED	THOMAS	SIDE	LOCKED

There is an interesting book called "Believe It or Not." It was written by Robert Ripley. Mr. Ripley enjoyed collecting strange and amazing bits of information that were unbelievable, but true. Let me share some examples from his book ,

According to Mr. Ripley, a boy went to the doctor because he had a pain in his foot. The doctor discovered that the boy had a tooth growing in the bottom of his foot. Can you believe that? I think I would have to see it to believe it!

You may be surprised to know that a man by the name of James Cook once had a chicken that laid a perfectly square egg. Now, I have seen white eggs, brown eggs, even spotted eggs, but I have never seen a square egg. I think I'd have to see it to believe it!



On the Sunday that Jesus rose from the grave, He appeared to a group of his disciples. One of the disciples, whose name was Thomas, was not with them. When the disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus and that he was alive, Thomas said, "I won't believe it until I see it with my own eyes." He said he wanted to see the nail-prints in Jesus' hands -- and the place where the spear was thrust into his side.

A week later, Thomas saw Jesus. Jesus invited Thomas to touch his hands where the nails had been. He told Thomas to put his hand in the wound in his side. Then Thomas believed! Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

A lot of people today won't believe that Jesus really rose from the grave because they haven't seen him with their own two eyes. Do you know what? It is true whether they believe it or not! You and I have never seen Jesus, we have to accept him by faith. The question is, will you believe it -- or not?

Dear Jesus, help us to accept by faith that you have risen from the grave and that you are alive. Help us to believe, because it is true. Amen