

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 'Romanza' from Piano Concerto No.1 by Chopin.

The video 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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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn: No. 14

The Lord's my Shepherd,

PRAYER

Chosen Hymn: 404

I danced in the Morning

READING: Psalm 4

Reader: Ian Waddell

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

READING: Acts 3:12-19

Reader: Ann Lightbody

Hymn: No. 608

Spirit of truth and grace,

SERMON

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hymn: 352

O for a thousand tongues, to sing

THE BENEDICTION & DRESDEN AMEN

SERMON NOTES

A Happy Religion

Psalm 4 says "Fill my heart with Joy" (v7).

1. The first secret of a happy religion is to feel the significance of the simple things. Jesus delighted in the ordinary things because he knew that this was his Father's world and that God had given his people all things to enjoy.

2. This created a thrill of great surprise in all who encountered Jesus. The people to whom we are introduced to in our reading from Acts also form a happy company because of the element of surprise; and the element of surprise goes on to become a major part of their religion.



3. The third secret of a happy religion is to feel a renewed and satisfied call to service. Yesterday, we united as a Nation, Commonwealth and world to celebrate the life of Prince Philip. Perhaps like me, you were surprised by the vast amount of charities he was involved with – yet we are all mortals together...

The only people who can have the gladness in the heart of what the Psalmist speaks are those whose lives are dedicated to God in the service of others...

PRAYER: *Lord God, direct our lives so that we may in the freedom and happiness of our faith, may look to the good of the other in word and deed...*



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TODAY:

11a.m. Morning Worship conducted by Rev. Gordon Armstrong and our Student 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 each week in advance via the Booking email address:

booking.oakshawtrinity@thewynd.org.uk

Please do not turn up without booking in advance.



Hymn 402 was chosen by Gail McGregor. It is a lovely upbeat bit of music and as a childhood dancer it always sung to me as a wonderful springtime hymn!

Also a great one for learning about the life of Christ.

WEEKLY CHURCH OPENING:

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



OAKSHAW TRINITY COOKBOOK:

Starters and Desserts are required to complete our Fundraiser Cookbook. Please submit these by either email or post to Isabel Pearson at: 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 continue to remain in contact each week through social media. This will continue until we can meet together.



MISSION FUND—Return of Boxes:

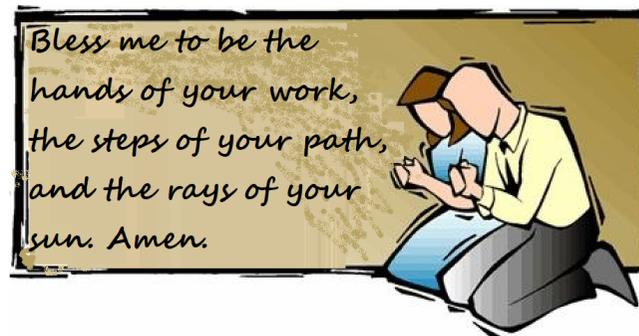
Boxes can be handed into the Church on Tuesdays between 11 and 3p.m. or any Sunday Service if you happen to be attending. Thanks to all who continue to support the Fund throughout lockdown.



Donations are still being accepted at their store, Westway Renfrew (inside security gates) Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00—12.00.

STAMP APPREAL:

Just a reminder that Barbara Copleton is still collecting used stamps for the Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal. Please help by saving your used stamps and passing them on to Barbara.



Details and lots of extra information about Church events can be found on the web
Oakshaw Trinity Church: www.oakshawtrinity.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/oakshawtrinity

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Scottish Charity No. SC005362

CCLI No. 102574



This Thursday, the 22nd of April is Earth Day

This is a day where we thank God for the goodness of his creation. What should we be thankful for?

It is hard to focus on just a few things, there are so many — For the forests, the clear water that flows from the mountains, the birds and killer whales, the flowering shrubs that give beauty to our neighbourhoods with flashes of pink and yellow, the variety of human life, and yes, even the rain.

For all that we have, and all that we are, we owe thanks to God. God created heaven and earth and said it was good. And, although we believe man is special in God's world, we are merely a part of the Creation -- placed here by God.

Creation belongs to God - the land, the water, the animals, the air - all belong to God

How are we supposed to take care of the Earth?

That's a good question. Fortunately the bible provides help.

In Genesis, where God placed man in the garden and it states "till it and keep it." This means we have the right to work the Earth in order to make it fruitful. But does this mean we are to work all of it? No, we also have the duty to "keep it" which means to protect it -- to "keep" the Earth by conserving it. "Till it" yes, but know when to stop.

For me, and perhaps for you, nature is the most real sign of God's presence, when you are at the beach, or the countryside, maybe at the top of a hill or a mountain

Our spiritual journey is still more mystery to us than understanding. But day by day, one step at a time, and with God's help, our understanding grows, if we will take the time to listen for his guidance and read his holy word.

To help us celebrate Earth day the Sunday School teachers will be handing out Earth Day packs full of activities and fact pages to make you think about God's Planet and what you can do to help protect it.

Look out for your Earth Day Packs arriving this week I hope you enjoy them. Have A Happy Earth Day.



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Let us pray.

Lord, we thank you for this occasion to think about your creation and our duty to take care of these gifts. Help us to know that each of us has a key job in caring for the earth, by the choices we make, and by the actions we take. Give us good judgment to choose thoughtfully, and to act with care, to show our love for you, through our love of this good Earth, our home. Amen.

Try this art work at home



2021 Easter Egg decoration competition winners and other entries



Winners

Under 5s



Peppa learns to drive
George Higgins

6-10



6-10 - Cute Bunnies
Sophie Walker

11-16



Joshua the vampire -Matthew Mcdonald

17 plus



DEgg coupage
Edith Muir

