

## 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 'Abendempfindung' by Mozart. We also have Calum Murray playing one of today's hymns.

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

**Hymn: No. 159**

Lord for the years

### PRAYER

**Chosen Hymn: 192**

All my hope on God is founded

**READING: Psalm 23**

*Reader: Helen Harrison*

### ANTHEM

The Lord's my Shepherd

**READING: John 10:11-18**

*Reader: Caroline Cowan*

**Hymn: No. 133**

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud,

### SERMON

### MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Hymn: 202**

Stand up and bless the Lord;

### THE BENEDICTION & DRESDEN AMEN

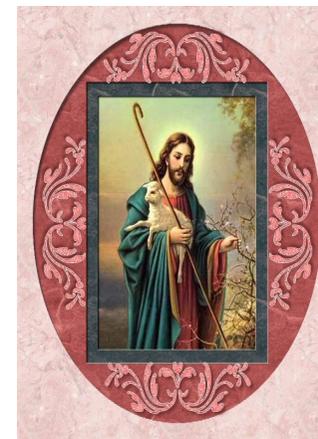
## SERMON NOTES

### *The Lord's My Shepherd*

*The shepherd was a common sight. His was the oldest of the country callings of Israel.*

*Those in the know tell us that it is not an easy calling; ...to lead the flock to new grazing ground,*

*...to look after the stray sheep, ...to bind up the wounded sheep, ...to take care of the ewes before they gave birth to their lambs, ...to carry tired sheep, ...and to protect the flock from wolves and other wild animals.*



*As then, as it is today, there were also bad shepherds. It was the good shepherds that the*

*sheep followed and others in the community regarded as worthy.*

*The rich literature of the Old and New Testaments are full of references to the Good Shepherd. And for how many has the Good Shepherd given up his life? The Good Shepherd will never be forgotten. He will always be loved and remembered.*

**PRAYER:** *Help us to look away from fears and failings to you, and to recognise your hand in the ordinary things of life that we can truly serve you, the Good Shepherd...*



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

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



Hymn 192 was chosen by Bob Copleton. The words are the basis for Hope, Security and Encouragement for all our lives particularly at this trying and difficult time.

### **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.



### **MISSION FUND—Return of Boxes:**

Can be handed into the Church on Tuesdays between 11—3 p.m. or if you are attending Sunday Service. Thank you for your support.



## **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)



### **ORGANISATIONS:**

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



### **FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES:**

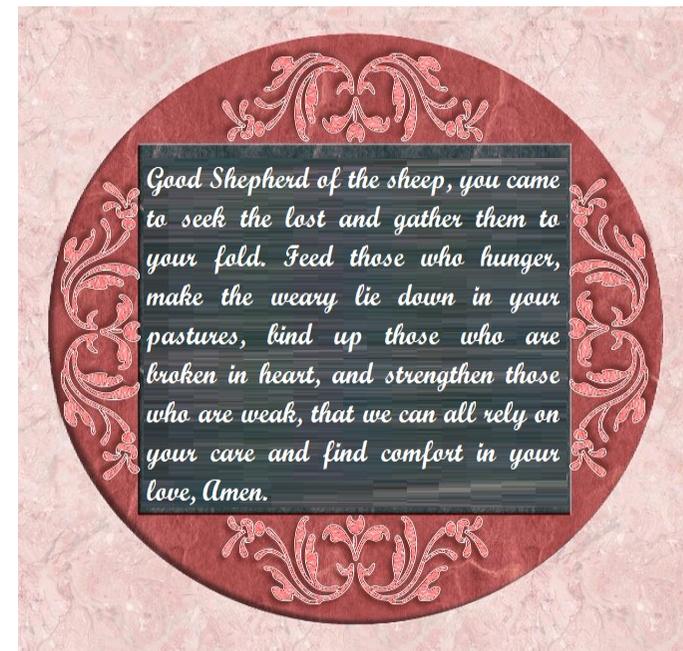
If you have any Freewill Offering Envelopes and you wish these to be collected please contact John McKenzie to arrange collection.

### **FAVOURITE HYMN:**

We are still looking for favourite hymns to share in our service, why not contact the church office and say in no more than 30 words why you like it.

### **STAMP APPEAL:**

Barbara Copleton will be delighted to receive used stamps for the Church of Scotland Appeal



*Good Shepherd of the sheep, you came to seek the lost and gather them to your fold. Feed those who hunger, make the weary lie down in your pastures, bind up those who are broken in heart, and strengthen those who are weak, that we can all rely on your care and find comfort in your love, Amen.*

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)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/oakshawtrinity](http://www.facebook.com/oakshawtrinity)

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Today's story is one that Jesus taught to a group of religious leaders one day.

The religious leaders were very upset that Jesus was often seen associating with what they thought were bad people, He was even sometimes seen eating with them. The religious leaders didn't like that at all and were very annoyed with Jesus. So Jesus told them a story to help them to understand.

A story told by Jesus to help people understand a difficult lesson is called a Parable .

So this is a Parable :-

"Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and you lost one of them," Jesus said. "Wouldn't you leave the ninety-nine who were safe, and go and search for the lost sheep? And when you found the lost sheep, wouldn't you joyfully put it on your shoulders and carry it back home?

Wouldn't you be so happy that you would tell all of your friends about finding the lost sheep?" I imagine that all of the religious leaders had to agree that they would do just as Jesus had suggested. Then Jesus said to them, "In the same way, there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine people who do not need to repent."

The Bible teaches us that we are like sheep and sometimes stray away from God. That makes God very sad, but he never gives up on us. He keeps searching for us and calling to us. He wants to draw us back into his arms. He even sent Jesus, his Son, to save those who are lost. Aren't you glad that God doesn't give up on his lost sheep?

**Dear Jesus**, you are the Good Shepherd. We are thankful that you came to save those who are lost. Amen.



Help the shepherd through the maze to find the lost sheep.

