

OAKSHAW ORACLE

A warm welcome to all visitors who are reading this online version of our worship. Today's service is conducted by Mr. Steven Henderson, Rev. Gordon Armstrong and Rev. George Lind.

The video can be found on the church website 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 'Bei Männern' from The Magic Flute by Mozart.

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 & OAKSHAW ORACLE

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn: No. 127

O worship the King, all glorious above,

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Chosen Hymn: No. 688

By cool Siloam's shady rill

READING: Psalm 22:25-31

Reader: David Little

ANTHEM

All people that on earth do dwell

READING: John 15:1-8

Reader: Jan Little

Junior Praise: No. 230

Thank you

SERMON

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hymn: No. 246

Great God of every shining constellation

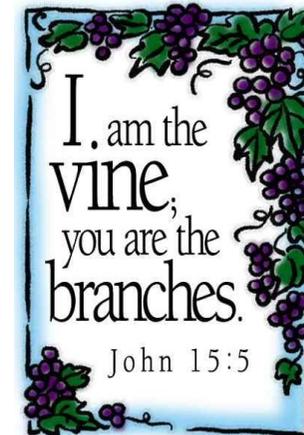
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SERMON NOTES

I Am The Vine

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus gives us a bold "I am.....", one of His favourite turns of phrase. Jesus is the true vine and God is the gardener.

According to the Royal Horticultural Society, vines need good soil for their roots, plenty of light, judicious watering, support and careful pruning to encourage quality growth.



Jesus is offering himself to us, a strong vine, rooted in the soil that is the love of God. Christ calls us to be grafted to Him and He will feed us our daily bread, He will bring the light of the Word of God, He will water us with his blood

shed for us. Just as He will prune those branches that will bear no fruit, so we, the branches, are asked to prune away that which draws water, light and energy away from our faithful attachment to Christ.

PRAYER: Loving God, gardener of your people, show us what diverts us from Christ and nurture us into a fuller relationship with him through the light of his glorious resurrection...



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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.

You will require to book in advance either by telephone or email to John McKenzie each week on:

booking.oakshawtrinity@thewynd.org.uk

Please do not turn up without booking in advance.



Hymn 688 was chosen by Seonaid Prentice. Seonaid and her Dad attended Glasgow Orpheus Choir Concerts and their favourite piece was this hymn to the tune "Belmont" as her folk's house was called "Belmont" after it.

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.



TRINITY MAGAZINE:

All items for inclusion in the Spring Edition of Trinity should be emailed to oakshawchurch@gmail.com or sent to the Church Office no later than Thursday 6th May.



ORGANISATIONS:

Most of our organisations will continue to remain in contact through social media until we can meet together.



KIRK SESSION:

Due to the ongoing restrictions the Kirk Session Meeting will be conducted on Zoom on Tuesday 18th May at 7.30 p.m.

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 a few words why you like it.

MISSION FUND—Return of Boxes:

Your boxes can be handed into the Church on Tuesdays between 11.-3.00 p.m. if unable to attend Church on a Sunday.



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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Children's Page

Oracle 2nd May 2021



One day when I was out for a walk I found a branch underneath a tree, I guess it had been broken off by the wind, the leaves had started to wither and die. I also found a another branch nearby, but it had no leaves at all. In fact, I suppose it was more like a stick!

Do you think that if I took these branches out into a garden and planted them in the ground and watered them they would come back to life?

No, that wouldn't work, because the branches get the nutrients that they need to live from the tree. Branches cannot live or grow without the tree. Without the tree, there will never be leaves on the branches. If the branch comes from a fruit tree, there will never be fruit on the branch if it is separated from the tree. If I take a dead branch and plant it in the ground and water it, it won't come back to life, it will just be an old stick in the mud.

That same thing is true about our life with Jesus. Listen to what Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

If we keep our life connected to Jesus, we will grow. Our life will produce beautiful leaves and delicious fruit. But if we are separated from Jesus, our leaves will wither and die and we will never put forth any fruit.

What will your life be? Will you be a beautiful branch on the tree...or will you just be a stick?

Dear Jesus, help us to remember that apart from you, we can do nothing. Amen.

The True Vine

"I am the vine: you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.." John 15:5 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8

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

WORDS	GARDENER	REMAIN	BEAR	GLORY
CLEAN	PRUNES	THROWN	VINE	TRUE
FRUIT	BRANCH	FIRE	WITHERS	BURNED