

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 'Che Faro' by Gluck.

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. 575

Over my head, I hear music in the air,

PRAYER

Chosen Hymn: No.181

For the beauty of the earth,

Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader: Helen McSkeane

VOLUNTARY

How lovely is thy dwelling place

READING: Luke 24:44-53

Reader: Rita Barr

Hymn: No. 190

Art thou afraid his power shall fail?

SERMON

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hymn: 439

Look ye saints, the sight is glorious

THE BENEDICTION & DRESDEN AMEN

SERMON NOTES

Ascension Day

Certain devout, non-mainstream branches of the Church have allowed themselves to become over fixated on particular aspects of the Bible's teaching at the expense of others. The well-meaning early Plymouth Brethren were no exception with their obsession surrounding prophecy - in particular the Lord's Return. This irked the noted 19th century Baptist preacher C. H. Spurgeon so much that it inspired him to produce one of his great one-liners: "Ye men of Plymouth, why stand ye gazing up? Get on with the job!" He was of course paraphrasing a well-known text from Acts chapter 1's account of the Ascension of Jesus.



Today, we'll be considering "the job" which Jesus left his disciples to do, taking as our text from Luke 24 "You are witnesses of these things I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high".

While many struggle with the *physics* of the Ascension, today we'll simply stick with the *facts* which were researched and presented by Luke. In addition to "looking up", we'll be looking back, looking around and looking forward, as we explore the implications of the Ascension then and now.

PRAYER: *Lord, help us to see that the real footprints of your ascension are to be found not on a mountain-top near Jerusalem, but in the marks and tokens of the witness of your disciples here and now, living and serving in the presence of their ascended Saviour...*



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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. 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 181 was chosen by Joan Wilson. Joan finds the simple words of thankfulness reminds us to be grateful for the beauty of the earth, and the joy of human love so freely given.

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.



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 are now finishing for this session which has mainly been facilitated online. We do hope that when we resume, we can meet back in our halls.



MISSION FUND—Return of Boxes:

Boxes can be handed into the Church on Tuesdays between 11 and 3p.m. or any Sunday Service.



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.

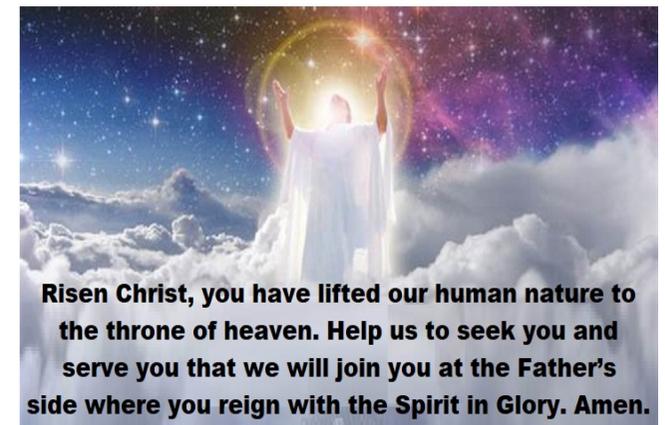


EIGHT O'CLOCK CLUB—Zoom 31st May

Members are invited to join the zoom meeting at 7.30 for a 'catch up' and to discuss the way forward. Please speak to any committee member for details or to oakshawchurch@gmail.com

STAMP APPEAL:

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



Risen Christ, you have lifted our human nature to the throne of heaven. Help us to seek you and serve you that we will join you at the Father's side where you reign with the Spirit in Glory. Amen.

Details and lots of extra information about Church events can be found on the web Oakshaw Trinity Church: www.oakshawtrinity.org
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I'm sure you've tried a maze before. You begin where it says, "start" and try to find an open path in the maze that will lead you all the way to the finish. There's no crossing through any lines; that would be too easy!

Mazes can be difficult if you come to a dead end, but you just need to go back up and start again.

Finding your way through life can sometimes be like finding your way through a maze. Each day we have to make choices and we don't always know which way to go. Sometimes we even choose the wrong path, and we have to back up and start over again.

Jesus knew that life in this world is difficult. That's why He prayed for His disciples when it was time for Him to leave this world. He prayed to God, "While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe. No one was lost, but now I am coming to You and I ask You to protect them and keep them safe."

We, too, have guides to help us make our way through the maze of life--the Bible and prayer. Life may not be easy, but with God leading the way, we know that we will never get lost.

God, as we search for the path that will lead us safely through this world, we place our trust in You and ask for Your guidance and protection. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.



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