

OAKSHAW ORACLE

A warm welcome to all visitors who are reading this online version of our worship. The video for today's service 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 'At The Castle Gate' by Sibelius.

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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OAKSHAW ORACLE
WELCOME
CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn: No. 157

Sing of the Lord's goodness,

PRAYER

Chosen Hymn: No. 167

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

READING: Psalm 85

Reader: Bob Copleton

ANTHEM

Heilig, Heilig, Heilig

(Holy, Holy, Holy)

by Schubert

READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

Reader: Ian Waddell

Hymn: No. 536

May the mind of Christ (*St Leonard's*)

SERMON

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hymn: 511

Your hand, oh God, has guided

THE BENEDICTION & DRESDEN AMEN

SERMON NOTES

Powerful Religion

Jesus often spoke of religion as power. The kingdom would come with power, not because of legions of angels, but because it came from God and possessed a life-changing energy that worked in the moral and spiritual nature of humankind.

Paul was deeply concerned about saving his soul. Life for Paul became a life of power – not his own, but as we heard in Psalm 85 it was the “righteousness” that “looks down from heaven.”

God can provide the power which makes the Church” more than conquerors.” God is never defeated because someone or some group turns against him. Our religion is rich in things to give ourselves to.

To give up faith in times of misfortune or when things don't happen as we would want them to is a sign of immaturity. We need to step back and allow the power of God and create good where evil had previously existed.

Power is the vital component of our faith. Its force is greater than the tidal forces of nature and our faith gives us access to a power that is always there...

PRAYER: *We thank you Lord that yours is the Kingdom, yours is the power and the kingly rule of grace and truth which changes life and makes all things new.*



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TODAY:

11a.m. Morning Worship conducted by Rev. Gordon Armstrong .



NEXT SUNDAY:

11a.m. Morning Worship conducted by Rev. Gordon Armstrong. Booking in advance is not required, although we are still required to complete the Track & Trace Cards where you sit. As always, **every** seat in the Church is **yours**, especially as we still have to keep 2 metres distancing.



Hymn 167 was chosen by Douglas Gray. The hymn takes Douglas back to his childhood days when he attended Neilston Parish Church.

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.



MISSION FUND—Return of Boxes:



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

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.



The Wynd can benefit from the charity awards from Amazon Go. To participate at no cost, go to smile.amazon.co.uk select your purchase and choose the Wynd Centre as your chosen charity.



FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES:

If you have any freewill offering envelopes and you wish these to be collected please contact John McKenzie to arrange collection.



visit our website!



Creator God, we thank you for the resources of the world. Grant us wisdom and thoughtfulness in our use of them and help us in our responsibility to pass them on to future generations in a safe and sustainable way. *Amen.*

Details and lots of extra information about Church events can be found on the web
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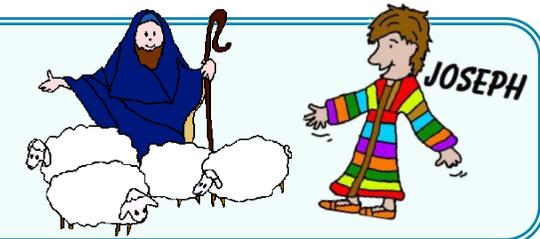
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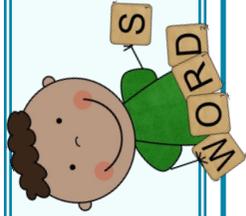
THE STORY OF JOSEPH (Puzzle on next page)



- Jacob had Twelve sons, Rachel was Joseph's second wife and they had 2 sons together Joseph and Benjamin .
- Joseph is the one we will learn about today ,
- As time went by, all the boys grew up. They lived in the land of Canaan. One of their jobs was taking care of all the flocks of sheep Jacob owned.
- Joseph was his father's favourite child because Joseph was a child in Jacob's old age. Should Jacob have had a favourite child? NO! He should have loved all of his children the same, but because Jacob did not do that, there were lots of problems in his family. When Joseph was 17 years old, his father, Jacob, made him a coat of many colours to show that he loved Joseph.
- A beautiful coat must have made Joseph happy, but what trouble it caused! Because of the favouritism of only giving Joseph a special coat, the other brothers--all except baby Benjamin--hated him and could not speak a kind word to him!
- To make things worse, Joseph had two dreams and, when he told them to his brothers, they hated him even more!
- Here were the dreams: In the first dream, they were binding sheaves in the field, and all of the sheaves 'bowed down' to Joseph's sheave. In the second dream, the sun and moon and eleven stars 'bowed down' to him. When he told his father the dreams, Jacob scolded him and said, "Do you think your father and mother and brothers will bow to you??" While his brothers envied him, his father thought about the dreams.
- One day Joseph's brothers went to another town to feed the flocks of sheep. After a while, Jacob told Joseph to go there to check on his brothers to see if everything was OK. Joseph went and, after finally finding them, the brothers saw Joseph coming. They began to make fun of Joseph and said, "Look, here comes the dreamer! Let's kill him and throw him into a pit and see what becomes of his dreams!" The oldest brother's was called Reuben. Reuben heard his brothers talking about killing Joseph and thought that was a bad idea, so he told them, "Let's not kill him. Let's just throw him into this pit out here in the wilderness."
- Reuben planned to come back and rescue him and take him back to his father. But something happened instead.
- The brothers took Joseph's beautiful coat of many colours off of him , and put him in a pit where there was no water. His brothers sat down and ate their lunch while poor Joseph was in the pit. After a bit, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming towards them. There was a whole bunch of camels coming from Gilead they were bearing spices and balm , and they were coming towards them on the way down to Egypt. Judah suggested, "You know, what good is it , if we kill Joseph and hide his blood? Let's not hurt him; he is our brother. Let's sell him to the Ishmaelites!" And that's just what they did.
- The Ishmaelites lifted Joseph out from the pit, and the brothers sold Joseph for 20 pieces of silver, and the Ishmaelites took Joseph to Egypt. (Evidently, Reuben had left for a little while and when he came back, he saw that Joseph was gone). When people back in the Old Testament were sad or grieved, they sometimes tore their clothes. That is what Reuben did. He was very grieved and tore his clothes and said, "The boy is gone; now what shall I do?"
- Do you know what they did? They lied. Is it ever good to lie? Never, ever, But they lied. They killed a baby goat, dipped Joseph's coat of many colours in the blood, and gave it to their father. They asked him, "We found this. Do you know if it is your son's coat?" Did they know who's coat it was? YES! But they told a lie to their father and said they did not know. Jacob said "Yes, it is Joseph's coat. A wild animal must have eaten him up!" Jacob was grieved and tore his clothes and was very, very sad about Joseph for many days. All of his family tried to comfort him, but no one could .
- Where was Joseph? He was sold in Egypt to a man named Potiphar, an officer in Pharaoh's court. It says that Potiphar was a captain in the king's guard, a very important person. So we will leave Joseph this week in Egypt.

Come back next week to see what happens!!





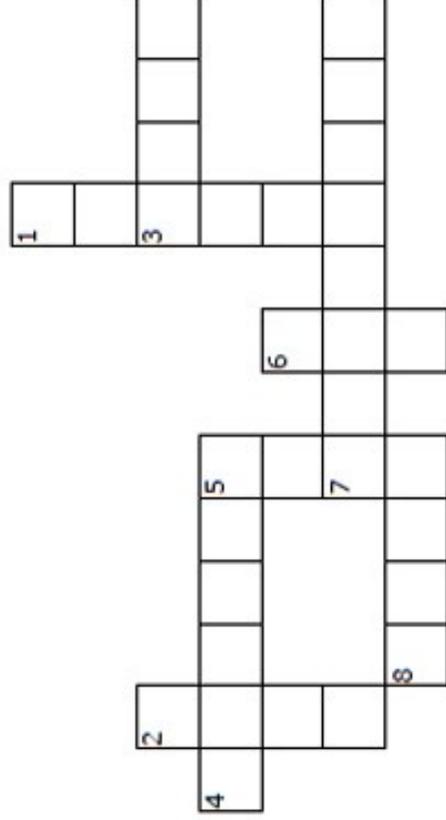
Joseph and His Brothers

Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph — a beautiful robe. Genesis 37:3 (NLT)

Based on Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (NIV)



Genesis 37



ACROSS

- 3. Gave something to someone else in return for money
- 4. A male parent
- 7. Men or boys with the same parents as another person
- 8. To have strong feelings of affection for another person

DOWN

- 1. Son of Jacob who had a coat of many colors
- 2. To dislike someone or something very much
- 5. A long, loose-fitting piece of clothing
- 6. A male offspring

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| LOVE | FATHER | JOSEPH | SOLD |
| BROTHERS | SON | HATE | ROBE |