

## 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 Sarabande from English Suite No.2 by JS Bach.

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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## OAKSHAW TRINITY CHURCH

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Hymn:** No. 35

O send thy light forth and thy truth

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

**Chosen Hymn Ch 3 :** No. 488

Jesus bids us shine

**READING: 1 John 3: 1-6**

*Reader: Rita Barr*

ANTHEM

The Lord's my Shepherd

**READING: Matthew 5: 1-16**

*Reader: Joan Wilson*

**Hymn:** No. 341

Blest are they, the poor in spirit

SERMON

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Hymn:** 112

God whose almighty Word

THE BENEDICTION & DRESDEN AMEN

**SERMON NOTES**

***Today's Text is:** "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5: 14-16)*

The American writer Anne Lamott produced this one-liner: "Lighthouses don't go running all over an island looking for boats to save; they just stand there shining".

I think it's a terrific observation. However, when it comes to applying it to Jesus' words in our text today I see a "chink" in her argument. It might tempt us to settle simply for passivity. Maybe Jesus saw that coming, hence his comment which comes earlier in our reading "You are the salt of the earth". That earlier comment of his reminds us that he requires action as well as passivity. We'll explore that today.

We'll look at our text from the standpoint that Jesus makes a *statement*, follows it up by giving a *command* and then he explains the *purpose* of his command.

In case we feel too overwhelmed by what we are called to be and to do, this further comment by Anne Lamott helps reassure us that God's grace will enable us to do his Will: "*I do not at all understand the mystery of grace—only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.*"

***PRAYER:** "Kindle in our hearts, O God, the flame of love that never ceases. That it may burn in us, giving light to others. May we shine for ever in your temple. Set on fire with your eternal light" (St. Columba)*



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### TODAY:

11a.m. Morning Worship  
conducted by Rev. George Lind .



### NEXT SUNDAY:

11a.m. Morning Worship conducted by Rev. Lilly Easton. Booking in advance is not required, although we are still required to complete the Track & Trace Cards where you sit. The church is set out at 2 metres distancing and will change when distancing is removed.

### 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.



### KIRK SESSION.

Elders are reminded of the Kirk Session meeting on Tuesday 17th August, 2021 at 7.30. The meeting will be held in the Church.



Hymn 488 was chosen by Esther Maclure. During the war Esther's father was away for 5 years, she and her brother attended Coatbridge Congregational Church and when they sang this hymn it made them feel safe in their little corner.

### ARTICLES FOR TRINITY MAGAZINE:

All items for inclusion in the Autumn Edition of Trinity should be sent to the Church email address [oakshawchurch@gmail.com](mailto:oakshawchurch@gmail.com) no later than **next Sunday 8th August.**



### 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.

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**Be still and know.  
Be still and look.  
Let the eyes of the mind be closed  
that you may hear  
what otherwise you would not hear,  
that you may know  
what otherwise you would not know.  
And if in the silence God does not  
answer, God is still there. Amen.**



Details and lots of extra information about Church events can be found on the web  
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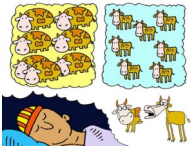


## Children's Page Oracle - 1st August 2021

### THE STORY OF JOSEPH Part 4 (Picture to colour on next page)



- Last week, we left Joseph in prison, just after Joseph interpreted the butler and the bakers' dreams and it all coming true just like Joseph had said.
- Joseph was in prison for a further two years, when the Pharaoh dreamed two dreams. He first dreamed that there were seven fat, healthy cows coming out of the river and they went to eat in the meadow. Then seven thin, skinny cows came up out of the river and ate up the seven fat, healthy cows. Pharaoh woke up out of his sleep and then, when he fell asleep again, he dreamed a second



dream. In his second dream, Pharaoh dreamed that seven good, plump ears of corn grew on a cornstalk. Then seven thin, withered ears of corn that had been blasted with the east wind grew after the good ears.



The thin ears of corn ate up the seven good, plump ears of corn. When Pharaoh woke up out of his dream, he had no idea what the dreams meant. He called for all his magicians and wise men in all of Egypt, but they, too, had no idea what his dreams meant.

- Then the chief butler (remember him?) spoke up and said to Pharaoh, "I am so sorry I didn't think of this sooner, but when I was in prison, there was a young Hebrew who had been the servant of the captain of the guard (who was that? Potiphar!) who was in prison with me and the chief baker. The baker and I each had a dream and this young Hebrew told us the meaning of our dreams...and the what he said came true!"
- Pharaoh hurriedly calls for Joseph in the prison. Joseph shaves and puts on some clean clothes and goes to see what Pharaoh wants. Pharaoh tells Joseph all about the seven fat, healthy cows and the skinny cows and the seven plump ears of corn and the thin ears of corn. Joseph tells Pharaoh that God will tell Pharaoh what his dreams mean. Joseph says that God will show Pharaoh what is going to happen in the future. There will be seven years with lots

and lots of food throughout all the land of Egypt, but after those seven good years, there will be seven years of famine! What does famine mean? That's right! No food! There was going to be seven years when there would be no food at all! Joseph said that, because Pharaoh dreamed two dreams with the same meaning, it meant that the dream was from God and that all of these things would happen very soon.

- When Joseph suggests that Pharaoh choose a man who was honest and wise and to set him over the land to prepare for the famine, guess who Pharaoh chooses? That's right! Joseph! Pharaoh said that because God had showed Joseph what his dreams meant, then Pharaoh would choose Joseph also, and Joseph would be responsible for all that was in Pharaoh's house and only he would be greater than Joseph. Pharaoh took off his ring and put it on Joseph's hand, he gave him new, clean, fancy clothes, and a chain to go around his neck. He made Joseph ride in the second chariot behind Pharaoh and people bowed before him. Joseph was now a very important person in Egypt.



- How old was Joseph when he stood before Pharaoh the king of Egypt? 30 years old! That's not really very old and, yet, God trusted Joseph to be mature enough and smart enough to obey God and do all the things God told him to do. The Bible says all these things happened just like the dreams said they would. There were seven years that Joseph prepared and gathered a great amount of food, getting ready for the famine. And the famine came and it came hard! The famine hit everywhere, so that it came to be that the ONLY place to buy food was in Egypt, People from many different countries were coming to Egypt to buy their food from Joseph.

**There was a special reason why God chose Joseph and not anyone else to take care of Egypt's food and we will find out next time!**

