

Well, this has been a weekend for celebrating and remembering. The 75th Anniversary of VE day is a very, very special occasion and although the celebrations have been very different from what was planned, I trust that you have enjoyed yourselves.

However, as we were all invited to have a special tea in our own front gardens in view of the lockdown situation, I have a suspicion that far more of us have taken part than might have done if it was an organised street party instead. And with such wonderful weather it was a real treat. Did any of you see the Red Arrows fly past on Friday?

Well, speaking of special occasions, I'd just like to mention that Derek and Phyllis are celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary today (Sunday) and Phyllis is 94 on May 20th. Congratulations to the pair of you!

This Sunday's service comes to you (on YouTube) from the Johnson family and Frank Payne is bringing us the word from Luke 5:17-Luke 6:11.

YouTube link <https://youtu.be/WjRhbtIwb28> Just click on PLAY ALL (If you try viewing this Saturday night it might not have completed uploading).

As usual, Rhoda has prepared three services for our children and young people which can also be found on the church YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuxgARly413TNTpGOPPzYyA>

Here are the worksheets for each of the children's groups:

Childrens Service - 10 May - Adventure.pdf

Childrens Service - 10 May - Discover and Explore.pdf

Youth Service - 10 May - Connect and Encounter.pdf

Just a small request for those of you who use Facebook. Please share any links on the Oakham Baptist Church Facebook page that you feel able to on your own timeline. (You won't be able to share links from the OBC family group because it is restricted to members of the group).

We have been hearing that many churches who have now become the Online Church are finding their online audience is much greater than the number that used to attend on Sundays. It goes without saying that we also need to tailor our Sunday online presence to a wider audience, and we are working on that at the moment.

Remember that we are still called to be witnesses on our frontlines, even if those frontlines have now become ONLINE. Facebook friends can become "faith" friends.

Thank you to all of you who have emailed your pictures to Ebe on admin@oakhambaptist.org.uk. He is going to have lots of fun next week making them part of our next Sunday's service.

Take care and stay safe

Every blessing

Julie