

**Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community**  
**Scattered Church: Worship at home on 10/08/25 Trinity 8**  
**(Call 0333 0110 616; code 334 7721)**

**Hymn**

Put thou thy trust in God,  
in duty's path go on;  
walk in his strength with faith and hope,  
so shall thy work be done.

Give to the winds thy fears;  
hope, and be undismayed;  
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;  
God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms,  
his pow'r will clear thy way:  
wait thou his time; the darkest night  
shall end in brightest day.

Leave to his sov'reign sway  
to choose and to command;  
so shalt thou, wond'ring, own his way  
how wise, how strong his hand.

*Paul Gerhardt 1607-1676*  
*trans John Wesley 1703-1791*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you

**And also with you.**

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.  
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.  
Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins,  
seeking healing and salvation.

*cf Titus 2.11*

Christ came in humility to share our lives:  
forgive our pride.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people:  
forgive our silence.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:  
forgive our self-centredness.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

The Lord enrich us with his grace, and nourish us with his blessing;  
the Lord defend us in trouble and keep us from all evil;  
the Lord accept our prayers, and absolve us from our offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***The Collect***

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Readings***

***Genesis 15:1-6***

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16***

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an

inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Luke 12:32-40***

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### ***Reflection***

*(Dial 01647 407047 to hear it again during the week)*

### ***Affirmation of faith***

**We say together in faith**

**Holy, holy, holy**

**is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.**

**We believe in God the Father,  
who created all things:**

**for by his will they were created  
and have their being.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who was slain:**

**for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

*cf Revelation 4.8,11; 5.9; 22.17, 20*

### ***Intercessions***

#### ***The Lord's Prayer***

Let us pray as our Saviour taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### ***The Peace***

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

*cf Galatians 3.28*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

#### ***Notices***

**Keep us, Father, in this community of faith,  
the Church of your Son Jesus Christ,  
and help us to confess him as Messiah and Lord  
in all we say and do.  
We ask this in his name.**

**And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the  
Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.**

#### ***Hymn***

Guide me O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing streams do flow.  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar

lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;

*William Williams 1717-1791  
trans. Peter Williams*

### **Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community Services**

#### **Telephone Services**

(Call 0333 0110 616; code 334 7721)

**Wednesdays at 6pm: Evening Prayer**

**Sundays at 9am: Sunday Worship** – a half hour Service of the Word: hymns, readings and prayers

#### **Church Services**

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| <b>August 10 Trinity 8</b>          | 10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford<br>10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock<br>10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford        |
| <b>August 17 Trinity 9</b>          | 10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton<br>10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford  |
| <b>August 24<br/>St Bartholomew</b> | 10.30am MC HC St James Christow<br>10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford   |
| <b>August 31 Trinity 11</b>         | 10.30am MC HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock<br>10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford   |
| <b>Sept 7 Trinity 12</b>            | 11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving w/HC St James Christow<br>10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh<br>10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford |
| <b>Sept 14 Holy Cross Day</b>       | 11.30am Harvest Thanksgiving St John the Baptist Ashton<br>10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford<br>10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford    |
| <b>Sept 21 St Matthew</b>           | 10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock<br>10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford   |
| <b>Sept 28 Trinity 15</b>           | 10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford<br>10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh<br>10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford                |

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