

**Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community**  
**Scattered Church: Worship at home on 14/09/25 Holy Cross Day**  
**(Call 0333 0110 616; code 334 7721)**

**Hymn**

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
O'er death victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in joyful praise combine:

Saved by the cross whereon their Lord was slain,  
now Adam's children their lost home regain.

From north and south, from east and west they raise  
in growing harmony their song of praise:

So let the world proclaim with one accord  
the praises of the everliving Lord.

*George William Kitchin (1827-1912)*

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.**

We meet in the presence of God  
**who knows our needs,**  
**hears our cries,**  
**feels our pain,**  
**and heals our wounds.**

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,  
so that, free from sins,  
we might live for righteousness;  
by his wounds we have been healed.  
Let us confess our sins.

*cf 1 Peter 2.24*

Lord Jesus,  
you came to reconcile us to one another and the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,  
you heal the wounds of sin and division:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,  
you intercede for us with your Father:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness

draw us to himself and cleanse us from all our sins,  
that we may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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***

Almighty God,  
who in the passion of your blessed Son  
made an instrument of painful death  
to be for us the means of life and peace:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ  
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### ***Readings***

##### ***Numbers 21:4-9***

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

##### ***Philippians 2:6-11***

Though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be

exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***John 3:13-17***

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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***

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Spirit.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### *Intercessions*

#### *The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence 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*

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God

in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**and also with you.**

#### *Notices*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

We preach Christ crucified,

the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God forbid that I should glory,

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;**

**by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

**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**

Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesu, true and living bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving rev'rence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.

Alleluia! Alleluia!.

Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine off'ring, finished  
once for all when thou was slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken Rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Risen, ascended, glorified!

Risen, ascended, glorified!

*George Hugh Bourne 1840-1925*

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### **Telephone Services**

**(Call 0333 0110 616; code 334 7721)**

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

### **Church Services**

**Sept 14 Holy Cross Day** 11.30am Harvest Thanksgiving St John the Baptist Ashton  
10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford

<b>Sept 21 St Matthew</b>	10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford 10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
<b>Sept 28 Trinity 15</b>	10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford 10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>Oct 5 Trinity 16</b>	10.30am HC St James Christow 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
<b>Oct 12 Trinity 17</b>	10.30am Harvest Family Service St Mary Dunsford 11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving w/HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
<b>Oct 19 Trinity 18</b>	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
<b>Oct 26 Bible Sunday</b>	10.30am MC HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford 4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
<b>Nov 2 All Saints/ All Souls</b>	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am HC St James Christow 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford 6.00pm All Souls Service of Remembering St Thomas Becket Bridford
<b>Nov 9 Remembrance Sunday</b>	10.50 St John the Baptist Ashton 10.50 St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.50 with HC St James Christow 10.45 St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.45 St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock 10.50 St Mary Dunsford

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