

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community
Scattered Church: Worship at home on 25/12/25 Christmas Morning

Hymn

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of Angels:

O come let us adore him, (Repeat x 3)

Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of light,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created,

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

Lo! Star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring,
offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
we to the Christ-child bring our hearts' oblations:

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God in the highest!'

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesu, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

I bring you good news of great joy:
a Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia.

**Unto us a child is born,
unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.**

Hear the words of St Luke:
When the angels had gone from them into heaven,
the shepherds said to one another,
'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened
which the Lord has made known to us.'
So they hastened, and found Mary and Joseph,
and the baby lying in a manger.

**He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.
We worship and adore him. Alleluia.**

As we kneel with the shepherds before the newborn Christ Child,
we open our hearts in penitence and faith.

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.
We have sinned:
forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger.

Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.

Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King.

Forgive our reluctance to seek you.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

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

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you
our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen.**

Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.
And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

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Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Intercessions

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, come to your people.

In your mercy set us free

Unlooked for, Christ comes.

To shepherds, watching their sheep through the long, dark night,
he comes with the glory of the angels' song
and in the humility of the manger.

Loving God, we pray for our community ...

In the midst of our everyday lives,
surprise us with glimpses of your glorious, humble love,
at the heart of existence.

Lord, come to your people.

In your mercy set us free.

Searched for, Christ comes.

To the wise and powerful,
star-led to Bethlehem, seeking a king,
he comes, child of Mary, crowned with meekness, worthy of every gift.

Loving God, we pray for the leaders of the world ...

Guide them with your light
to seek wisdom, justice and peace.

Lord, come to your people.

In your mercy set us free.

Longed for, Christ comes.

To Anna and Simeon, whose days are lived in faithful expectation,
he comes, a new life to the old, a living prophecy of hope.

Loving God, we pray for the Church in all the world ...

Unite us by your Spirit,
and make us faithful witnesses to the hope we have in you.

Lord, come to your people.

In your mercy set us free.

Prayed for, Christ comes.

To men and women, girls and boys,
crying out in darkness, pain and loneliness,
he comes, at one with us, our Saviour, healer and friend.

Loving God, we pray for those whose lives are hard and painful
or whose existence is sorrowful, bitter or empty ...

In their need, may they know your healing touch,
reaching out to comfort, strengthen and restore.

Lord, come to your people.

In your mercy set us free.

Unlooked for and not searched for,

longed for and prayed for,

loving God, you come to us now

as you have come to your people in every age.

We thank you for all who have reflected the light of Christ.

Help us to follow their example and bring us with them to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,

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

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,

and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

cf Isaiah 9.6

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Notices

God our Father,

you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns

and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.

To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-Child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be among you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn

Hark! the herald angels sing,
glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th' angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
glory to the new-born King!*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
hail, th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hail! the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Hail! the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings;
mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die:
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

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Wednesdays at 6pm: Evening Prayer

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

Church Services

Christmas Day	10.30am Christmas morning HC St James Christow
	10.30am Christmas Family Service St Mary Dunsford
Dec 28 Christmas 1	10.30am MC HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford

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Jan 4 Epiphany	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton
	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Jan 11 Baptism of Christ	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
	10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford
Jan 18 Epiphany 2	10.30am MC HC St James Christow
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Jan 25 Conversion of St Paul	10.30am MC HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
	4.00pm Forest Church
Feb 1 Candlemas	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton
	10.30am HC St James Christow
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Feb 8 2 before Lent	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
	10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford
Feb 15 Sunday before Lent	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
Feb 18 Ash Wednesday	6.00pm HC St James Christow
Feb 22 Lent 1	10.30am MC HC St Mary Dunsford
	4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
Mar 1 Lent 2	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton
	10.30am HC St James Christow
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Mar 8 Lent 3	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
	10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford
Mar 15 Mothering Sunday	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
Mar 22 Passion Sunday	10.30am MC HC St Thomas Becket Bridford

	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
	4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
Mar 29 Palm Sunday	10.30am MC HC St John the Baptist Ashton
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Mar 30 Holy Monday	6.00pm telephone Evening Prayer
Mar 31 Holy Tuesday	6.00pm telephone Evening Prayer
Apr 1 Holy Wednesday	6.00pm telephone Evening Prayer
Apr 2 Maundy Thursday	6.00pm HC & Washing of Feet St John the Baptist Ashton
Apr 3 Good Friday	10.30am Passion of St John HC St James Christow
	3.00pm Meditation & Prayers St Thomas Becket Bridford
	6.00pm Good Friday Music St Mary Dunsford

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