

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community
Scattered Church: Worship at home on 25/01/26 Conversion of St Paul

Hymn

*Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords
that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together,
bind us together with love.*

There is only one God,
there is only one King.
There is only one Body,
that is why we sing:

Fit for the glory of God,
purchased by his precious blood;
born with the right to be free,
Jesus the vict'ry has won.

We are the family of God,
we are his promise divine;
we are his chosen desire,
we are the glorious new wine.

Bob Gillman © 1989 Kingsway's Thankyou Music

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. **Amen.**

Lord, you are the vinedresser who cares for us with love.
You call on us to see the beauty of each branch united to the vine,
the beauty of each person.
And yet, too often the differences in others make us afraid.
We withdraw into ourselves.
Our trust in you is forsaken.
Enmity develops between us.
Come and direct our hearts toward you once again.
Grant us to live from your forgiveness
so that we may be together and praise your name. **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

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 reconciliation.

You made us to be one family,
Yet we have divided humanity
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.

You were born a Jew to reconcile all people.
Yet we have brought disharmony amongst races, creeds and faiths
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

You rejoice in our differences,
Yet we make them a cause of enmity
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through 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.**

Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acts 9:1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptised, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 19:27-end

Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

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 who is Father, Son and Spirit.

We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God among us, 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

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

cf Colossians 3.14,15

Notices

Let us say together:
**Draw your Church together, O God,
into one great company of disciples,
together following our Lord Jesus Christ
into every walk of life,
together serving him in his mission to the world,
and together witnessing to his love
on every continent and island.**

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

Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one faith, one Lord

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Edward Hayes Plumptre 1821-1891

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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

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| 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 |
| 31 Jan | 3.00pm Messy Church TVCH |
| 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 |

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| | 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 |
| Apr 5 Easter Sunday | 10.30 HC Ashton with Bridford, Christow, Doddiscombsleigh, Dunchideock & Dunsford |
| Apr 12 Easter 2 | 10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton |
| | 10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock |
| | 10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford |
| Apr 19 Easter 3 | 10.30am HC St James Christow |
| | 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh |
| | 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford |
| Apr 26 Easter 4 | 10.30am MC HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock |
| | 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford |
| | 4.00pm Forest Church Ashton |

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