

**Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community**  
**Scattered Church: Worship at home on 08/02/26 Second Sunday before Lent**

**Hymn**

Immortal, invisible,  
God only wise,  
in light inaccessible  
hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious,  
thy great name we praise.

To all, life thou givest,  
to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest,  
the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish,  
but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory;  
pure Father of light;  
thine angels adore thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render:  
O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour  
of light hideth thee.

*Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

**Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

**O praise the name of the Lord!**

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*

**Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.**

**Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.**

**Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*cf Hosea 6*

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love  
in 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,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ***Readings***

### ***Genesis 1:1-2:3***

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky.

And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered

together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.'

And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,

in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Romans 8:18-25***

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first

fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Matthew 6:25-end***

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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***

Trusting in the promises of God, 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***

God calls us to peace:

**in God's justice is our peace.**

Christ calls us to be God's people:

**in Christ is our peace.**

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

*cf Ephesians 2.14,15*

#### **Notices**

Jesus, lord of time,

**hold us in your eternity.**

Jesus, image of God,

**travel with us the life of faith.**

Jesus, friend of sinners,

**heal the brokenness of our world.**

Jesus, lord of tomorrow,

**draw us into your future. Amen.**

**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***

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.

Truly, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

*Caroline Maria Noel 1817-1877*

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

### **Services by telephone**

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

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

### **Services in church**

<b>Feb 8 2 before Lent</b>	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>Feb 15 Sunday before Lent</b>	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
<b>Feb 18 Ash Wednesday</b>	6.00pm HC St James Christow
<b>Feb 22 Lent 1</b>	10.30am MC HC St Mary Dunsford 4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
<b>Mar 1 Lent 2</b>	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am HC St James Christow 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>Mar 8 Lent 3</b>	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock 10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford
<b>Mar 15 Mothering Sunday</b>	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
<b>Mar 22 Passion Sunday</b>	10.30am MC HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford 4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
<b>Mar 29 Palm Sunday</b>	10.30am MC HC St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford

<b>Mar 30 Holy Monday</b>	6.00pm telephone Evening Prayer
<b>Mar 31 Holy Tuesday</b>	6.00pm telephone Evening Prayer
<b>Apr 1 Holy Wednesday</b>	6.00pm telephone Evening Prayer
<b>Apr 2 Maundy Thursday</b>	6.00pm HC & Washing of Feet St John the Baptist Ashton
<b>Apr 3 Good Friday</b>	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
<b>Apr 5 Easter Sunday</b>	10.30 HC Ashton with Bridford, Christow, Doddiscombsleigh, Dunchideock & Dunsford
<b>Apr 12 Easter 2</b>	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock 10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford
<b>Apr 19 Easter 3</b>	10.30am HC St James Christow 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>Apr 26 Easter 4</b>	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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**Dunchideock**



**Dunsford**

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