

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community

Scattered Church: Worship at Home on Mothering Sunday 15/03/26

(Have with you a posy of flowers or a single bloom from the garden)

Hymn:

Father, I place into your hands
the things I cannot do.

Father, I place into your hands
the things that I've been through.

Father, I place into your hands
the way that I should go,
for I know I always can trust you.

Father, I place into your hands
my friends and family.

Father, I place into your hands
the things that trouble me.

Father, I place into your hands
the person I would be,
for I know I always can trust you.

Father, I want to be with you
and do the things you do.

Father, I want to speak the words
that you are speaking too.

Father, I want to love the ones
that you will draw to you,
for I know that I am one with you.

Jenny Hewer b 1945

We come as a Scattered Church to meet with God in our own homes.

Let us recognise God's presence with us now.

As a mother is tender towards her children
so is the Lord tender to those who fear him.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son

**so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but have eternal life.**

God our Father,

your Son, Jesus Christ, lived in a family at Nazareth.

**As we meet together now, help us to learn more about
what it is to love our families and friends as you love us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let us call to mind our sin,
our failure to value the love of others,
and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

Heavenly Father, parent of us all,
we know we don't always treat each other as you want us to.

Lord God, forgive us;

and help us to be more loving.

There are times when we insist on getting our own way despite what others feel.

Lord God, forgive us;

and help us to be more loving.

Sometimes we increase the tension when we ought to seek peace, or say things which hurt one another.

Lord God, forgive us;

and help us to be more loving.

God has loved us,

sending his Son Jesus to show us the true meaning of forgiveness

Lord God, forgive us;

and help us to be more loving. Amen.

God says, 'As a mother comforts her child, so will I myself comfort you.'

Your sins are forgiven; rest on God as in your mother's arms.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Collect

God of love,

passionate and strong,

tender and careful:

watch over us and hold us

all the days of our life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

Exodus 2:1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another,

forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 2:33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Reflection

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

Let us affirm our faith in God who is Father, Son and Holy 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.

Intercessions

As children of a loving God who always listens to our cries,
let us pray to our Father in heaven.

Loving God,

you have given us the right to be called children of God. Help us to show your love in our homes that they may be places of love, security and truth.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God,

Jesus, your Son, was born into the family of Mary and Joseph; bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those families living under stress and may your love be known where no human love is found.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God,

we thank you for the family of the Church.

We pray that all may find in her their true home; that the lonely, the marginalised, the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God,
as we see the brokenness of our world
we pray for healing among the nations;
for food where there is hunger;
for freedom where there is oppression;
for joy where there is pain;
that your love may bring peace to all your children.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God,
we ask you to bless all who live alone,
those who have lost their partner in marriage,
those who have never married,
those whose families are grown up and away from home,
and those who have outlived other members of their families
and many of their friends.

Be with them to assure them of your love
and of their value to you every moment of their lives,
and enable them to rejoice
in the fellowship of your Church
on earth and in heaven.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God,
**Accept the cries of our heart
as we offer you prayers
through them transform us and all creation
until you are in all and through all.
We ask these and all our prayers
in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

The Peace

Jesus said: 'Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

As God's children and heirs with Christ
we cry in the Spirit 'Abba', Father:

**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.

Blessing of the flowers



O God, bless these flowers,
bless all mothers and those who mother and nurture us.

For their care and concern
Thanks be to God

For their patience when tested
Thanks be to God

For their love when tired
Thanks be to God

For their hope when despairing
Thanks be to God

For their sharing our joys and carrying our pain
Thanks be to God

For their service without limit
Thanks be to God

May the flowers remind us how much our mothers have done for us;
and how much we love them.
May they also remind us of God's love. **Amen.**

May God who gave birth to all creation, bless us;
may God who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us;
May God who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.
May Almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn:

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

(Timothy Dudley-Smith b1926
based on Luke 1:46-55)

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

Church Services

- Mar 15 Mothering Sunday** 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
10.30am Family Communion 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** 10.30am HC St James Christow
10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh

Apr 25 Messy Church
Apr 26 Easter 4

10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
3.00pm Dunsford Village Hall
10.30am MC HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
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4.00pm Forest Church Ashton

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