

**Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community**  
**Scattered Church: Worship at home on 12/04/26 Easter 2**

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
Good news for men in all the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name,  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of that glorious Easter moon,  
Empty the tomb, for He was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share His victory.

Now we rejoice to name Him King,  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
This gospel message we proclaim,  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

*Edward Joseph Burns b. 1938*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

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Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

Christ, have mercy

**Christ, have mercy**

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in 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***

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father,  
with whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
you reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Readings***

***Acts 2:14a, 22-32***

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.  
‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,  
“I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”  
‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was

buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***1 Peter 1:3-9***

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***John 20:19-31***

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

### *Intercessions*

The response to 'Jesus, Lord of life:' is '**in your mercy, hear us.**'

Jesus, bread from heaven,  
you satisfy the hungry with good things:  
teach us to share the world's resources fairly in this life,  
and grant us a share with all the faithful departed in the banquet of your kingdom.  
Jesus, Lord of life:  
**in your mercy hear us.**

Jesus, the light of the world,  
you gave the man born blind the gift of sight:  
strengthen the hearts and hands of all who bring the light of your healing love  
to those who suffer in body, mind and spirit.  
Open our eyes and enable us to see you at work in our brothers and sisters:  
Jesus, Lord of life:  
**in your mercy hear us.**

Jesus, crucified Saviour,  
in your dying you entrusted each to the other,  
Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple:  
sustain our families and relationships with your love;  
teach us to bear with each other patiently, and comfort all who mourn.  
Jesus, Lord of life:  
**in your mercy hear us.**

Jesus, Son of the living God,  
you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life:  
raise us at the last with all those we love, and who have gone before us,  
to full and eternal life with you.  
Jesus, Lord of life:  
**in your mercy hear us.**

Jesus, our way and truth and life,  
you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith:  
in the dark times, when we cannot see the light at the end of the tunnel,  
when we feel alone and deserted and faith is far away,  
reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.  
Jesus, Lord of life:  
**in your mercy hear us.**

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,  
for you come to us even in our doubting.  
Through the sovereign work of your Spirit,  
and the loving hands of your people,  
continue to reveal yourself where doubt is stronger than faith.  
To you, Lord Jesus, whose resurrection body bears the murderous marks of the cross,  
be honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

Rejoicing in the risen Christ, 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***

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

### ***Notices***

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**He has given us new life and hope.  
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**  
God has claimed us as his own.  
**He has brought us out of darkness.  
He has made us light to the world.**  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Hymn:**

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.

Triumphant in his glory now  
his sceptre ruleth all;  
earth, heaven and hell before him bow  
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
his mercy we implore,  
into his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost to thee,  
while endless ages run.

*St Fulbert of Chartres (d.1028)  
Trans. Robert Campbell (1814-1868)*

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

**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**

<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 25 Messy Church</b>	3.00pm Dunsford Village Hall
<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
<b>May 3 Easter 5</b>	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>May 10 Easter 6</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>May 14 Ascension</b>	6pm MC HC St John the Baptist Ashton

<b>May 17 Sunday after Ascension</b>	<b>10.30am MC HC St Mary Dunsford with +Moir</b>
<b>May 24 Pentecost</b>	<b>10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford</b>
	<b>10.30am HC St James Christow</b>
	<b>10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford</b>
<b>May 31 Trinity</b>	<b>10.30am MC HC St Michael &amp; All Angels Dunchideock</b>
	<b>10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford</b>
<b>June 7 Trinity 1</b>	<b>10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford</b>
	<b>10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh</b>
	<b>10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford</b>
<b>June 14 Trinity 2</b>	<b>10.30am HC St James Christow</b>
	<b>10.30am HC St Michael &amp; All Angels Dunchideock</b>
	<b>10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford</b>
<b>June 21 Trinity 3</b>	<b>10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton</b>
	<b>10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford</b>
<b>June 28 Trinity 4</b>	<b>10.30am MC HC St James Christow</b>
	<b>4.00pm Forest Church Ashton</b>
<b>July 5 Trinity 5</b>	<b>10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford</b>
	<b>10.30am HC St Michael &amp; All Angels Dunchideock</b>
	<b>10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford</b>
<b>July 12 Trinity 6</b>	<b>10.30am MC HC St John the Baptist Ashton</b>
	<b>10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford</b>
<b>July 19 Trinity 7</b>	<b>10.30am MC HC St Michael &amp; All Angels Dunchideock</b>
	<b>10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford</b>
<b>July 26 St James the Apostle</b>	<b>10.30am MC HC St James Christow</b>
	<b>10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford</b>
	<b>4.00pm Forest Church Ashton</b>

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