

**Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community**  
**Scattered Church: Worship at home on 17/05/26 Sunday after Ascension**

**Hymn**

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew,  
me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' almighty Giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

*Based on Joachim Neander 1650-1680*

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

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Christ has ascended on high.

**He reigns for ever. Alleluia.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord. Alleluia.**

Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us new hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Jesus is our high priest, tempted like us, yet without sin.  
He lives for ever in heaven to intercede for us.  
Through him we approach the throne of grace with confidence,  
and confess our sins.

*cf Hebrews 4.15,16*

**O King enthroned on high,**

**filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name,  
Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you  
to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*cf Isaiah 6*

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days. **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***

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ***Readings***

#### ***Acts 1:6-14***

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards

heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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**Thanks be to God.**

### **John 17:1-11**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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.

**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*

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.**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***The Peace***

The risen Lord now reigns at God's right hand.

He is the Prince of Peace.

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

### ***Notices***

**God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### ***Blessing***

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Hymn**

God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of thy face.  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;  
fill thy Church with light divine,  
and thy saving health extend  
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their Saviour King;  
at thy feet their tribute pay,  
and thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
earth shall then her fruits afford.  
God to us his blessing give;  
we to God devoted live,  
all below and all above,  
one in joy and light and love.

*Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847 (Ps 67)*

## **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**

**Special Service: World Day of Prayer Friday 3 March at 2.30pm**

### **Services in church**

<b>May 17 Sunday after Ascension</b>	<b>10.30am MC HC St Mary Dunsford with +Moira</b>
<b>May 24 Pentecost</b>	<b>10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am HC St James Christow 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 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford</b>
<b>June 7 Trinity 1</b>	<b>10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford</b>
<b>June 14 Trinity 2</b>	<b>10.30am HC St James Christow 10.30am HC St Michael &amp; All Angels Dunchideock 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 10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford</b>
<b>June 28 Trinity 4</b>	<b>10.30am MC HC St James Christow 4.00pm Forest Church Ashton</b>
<b>July 5 Trinity 5</b>	<b>10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am HC St Michael &amp; All Angels Dunchideock 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 10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford</b>
<b>July 19 Trinity 7</b>	<b>10.30am MC HC St Michael &amp; All Angels Dunchideock 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 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford 4.00pm Forest Church Ashton</b>
<b>Aug 2 Trinity 9</b>	<b>10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford</b>
<b>Aug 9 Trinity 10</b>	<b>10.30am HC St James Christow 10.30am HC St Michael &amp; All Angels Dunchideock 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford</b>
<b>Aug 16 Trinity 11</b>	<b>10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford</b>

**Aug 23 Trinity 12**

**10.30am MC HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh**

**10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford**

**Aug 30 Trinity 13**

**10.30am MC HC St Mary Dunsford**

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