

**Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community**  
**Scattered Church: Worship at home on 10/05/26 Easter 6 (Rogation Sunday)**

**Hymn**

Angel voices, ever singing,  
round thy throne of light,  
angel harps, for ever ringing,  
rest not day or night;  
thousands only live to bless thee,  
and confess thee Lord of might.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure all combine.

Honour, glory, might and merit,  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessed Trinity!  
Of the best that thou hast given  
earth and heaven render thee.

*Edwin George Monk 1819-1900*

Grant favourable weather, temperate rains and fruitful seasons,  
that there may be food and drink for all creatures.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bestow your blessing upon the lands and waters,  
and all who work upon them,  
to bring forth food and all things needful for your people.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Prosper all who care for the earth, the water, and the air,  
that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,  
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.  
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency  
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we squander its rich resources.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.

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***

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***Readings***

***Acts 17:22-31***

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your

own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**John 14:15-21**

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Reflection**

**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.**

*cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7*

### ***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.**

#### ***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.**

**God be gracious to us and bless us:  
and make his face to shine upon us.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God:

**God be gracious to us and bless us.**

Judge the peoples righteously and  
govern the nations upon earth.

**God be gracious to us and bless us.**

Let the earth bring forth her increase:

**God be gracious to us and bless us:  
and make his face to shine upon us.**

*cf Psalm 67*

**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**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

*Great is thy faithfulness!*

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*William Marion Runyan 1870-1957*

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### **Telephone Services**

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

### **Church Services**

<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>	10.30am MC HC St Mary Dunsford with +Moira
<b>May 24 Pentecost</b>	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am HC St James Christow 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>May 31 Trinity</b>	10.30am MC HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>June 7 Trinity 1</b>	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh

<b>June 14 Trinity 2</b>	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford 10.30am HC St James Christow
	10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
<b>June 21 Trinity 3</b>	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford 10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton
	10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
<b>June 28 Trinity 4</b>	10.30am MC HC St James Christow 4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
<b>July 5 Trinity 5</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>July 12 Trinity 6</b>	10.30am MC HC St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
<b>July 19 Trinity 7</b>	10.30am MC HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>July 26 St James the Apostle</b>	10.30am MC HC St James Christow 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford 4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
<b>Aug 2 Trinity 9</b>	10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>Aug 9 Trinity 10</b>	10.30am HC St James Christow 10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>Aug 16 Trinity 11</b>	10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton 10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
<b>Aug 23 Trinity 12</b>	10.30am MC HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh 10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
<b>Aug 30 Trinity 13</b>	10.30am MC HC St Mary Dunsford

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