Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community
Scattered Church Service of Remembrance 08/11/26



Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
will bear us all away;
we fade and vanish, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

God is our refuge and strength;
a very present help in trouble

Psalm 46:1

We are here to worship Almighty God,
whose purposes are good;
whose power sustains the world he has made;
who loves us, though we fail him in every way;
who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world;
who by his Holy Spirit leads us in his way.

And so we remember before him, and commend to his safe keeping,
those who have died for their country in war;
and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.
We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may together live in freedom, justice and peace.
We ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will,
and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself and cleanse us from our sins,
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

We will remember them.

Two minutes silence and the Last Post

When you go home, tell them of us and say,
'For your tomorrow, we gave our today.' *(Kohima Epitaph)*

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ
we cannot be parted, either by death or life:
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 25:1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
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 Holy 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers

Let us pray with hope for the future of the world and for the needs of all people.
For peace and justice in our world, for an end to war and conflict,
for the leaders of all nations and peoples, and for those who make peace and foster reconciliation.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

For the unity of all Christian people, for the church of God in every land,
for all who seek God and the truth, and for all who follow the way of conscience with integrity.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

For the healing of memories, for those who suffer as a result of war,
for communities where past wrongs and violence persist,
for all in pain or distress and those who care for them.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

For friendship and trust amongst all,
for an appreciation of our interdependence,
for new partnerships between the nations,
and for a world that is in harmony with itself.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Most merciful Father, accept our prayers
that we may know your peace in our hearts,
and your love in our lives,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves today to live as good neighbours,
to honour the past, to care for all who are in need,
and to live at peace among ourselves and with all people.

Lord God, Father of all, we pledge ourselves
to serve you and this neighbourhood,
to bring relief to all who are in need,
and comfort to the sad, lonely, and distressed.
Keep us ever mindful of the struggles
and achievements of former generations,
and of this place where we make our home,
now, and in the days to come. Amen.

Strengthen our hearts, and hands, and minds, O Lord,
to work together for peace; to see you in one another;
and to seek your kingdom above all things;
that your will may be seen to be done
and your kingdom come, through Jesus Christ,
the Lord of lords and King of kings. **Amen.**

As we ask that God's will may be done in this and every place,
so we pray together as Jesus Christ has 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 National Anthem

God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us,
God save the King!

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

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like you his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to blame and swift to bless;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
All our hopes and fears he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
praise him all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)
(adapted) Based on Psalm 103

In **Flanders fields** by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow / Between the crosses, row on row, / That mark our place; and in the sky / The larks, still bravely singing, fly / Scarce heard amid the guns below. / We are the Dead. ... / If ye break faith with us who die / We shall not sleep, though poppies grow / In Flanders Fields.



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

Church Services

Nov 8 Remembrance Sunday	**10.50 St John the Baptist Ashton**
	10.50 St Thomas Becket Bridford
	10.50 with HC St James Christow
	10.45 St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.45 St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.50 St Mary Dunsford
Nov 15 2 before Advent	**10.30am HC St James Christow**
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Nov 22 Christ the King	**10.30am MC HC St Thomas Becket Bridford**
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
	4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
Nov 29 Advent Sunday	**10.30am MC HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock**
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
	6.00pm Advent Carol Service St James Christow
Dec 6 Advent 2	**10.30am MC HC St John the Baptist Ashton**
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Dec 13 Advent 3	**10.30am MC HC St Thomas Becket Bridford**
	10.30am Family Christingle St Mary Dunsford
Tues 15 Dec	**6.00pm Carol Service St James Christow**
Wed 16 Dec	**4.00pm Doddiscombsleigh Community Christmas**
Dec 20 Advent 4	**10.30am MC HC St James Christow**
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
	6.00pm Carol Service St Mary Dunsford
Mon 21 Dec	**5.00pm Carol Service St Michael Doddiscombsleigh**
24 Dec Christmas Eve	**4.00pm Crib Service St Mary Dunsford**
	6.00pm Carol Service St John the Baptist Ashton
	6.00pm Carol Service St Thomas Becket Bridford
	9.00pm Christmas HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	9.00pm Christmas HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.00pm Christmas HC St Mary Dunsford
25 Dec Christmas Day	**10.30am Christmas HC St James Christow**
	10.30am Christmas Family Service St Mary Dunsford
Dec 27 John, Apostle & Evangelist	**10.30am MC HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh**

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