Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community
***Scattered Church*: Worship at home on 22/11/26 Christ the King**

Hymn

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come, see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving. *Graham Kendrick b. 1950*

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.
Let us rejoice and shout for joy,
giving God the glory.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen. *cf Revelation 19.6,7*

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
'Who is the King of glory?'
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'
Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
'Who is this King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.*'* *cf Ps 24*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,

confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *cf Matthew 4.17*

The kingdom is yours, but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours, but we trust in our own power and strength:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours, but we fall short of the glory of God:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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.

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus 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 the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;

for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen.**

Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 1:15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 25:31-end

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me

clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

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Affirmation of faith

We say together in faith

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.
We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
for by his will they were created
and have their being.
We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
for with his blood, he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen. *cf Revelation 4.8,11; 5.9; 22.17, 20*

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence 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

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. *cf Colossians 3.14,15*

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

Notices

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

To him who is able to keep us from falling
and to present us without blemish
before the presence of his glory with rejoicing,
to the only God, our Saviour through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion and authority,
before all time and now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Hymn

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer and friend!

O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy ransomed creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise! *Robert Grant 1799-1838 based on Ps 104*

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

Church Services

Nov 22 Christ the King	**10.30am MC HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh**
	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 & Christingle St Thomas Becket Bridford**
	10.30am 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**
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
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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Jan 3 Epiphany	**10.30am HC Ashton Village Hall**
	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford

Jan 10 Baptism of Christ	**10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford**
	10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Jan 17 Epiphany 2	**10.30am HC St James Christow**
	10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
Jan 24 Christian Unity	**10.30am MC HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh**
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
	4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
Jan 31 Candlemas/ Presentation of Christ in the Temple	**10.30am MC HC St James Christow**
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford

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