Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community
***Scattered Church*: Worship at home on 29/11/26 Advent Sunday**

Hymn

Awake, my soul, and with the sun
thy daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice.

Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past
and live this day as if thy last;
improve thy talent with due care,
for the great day thyself prepare.

Let all thy converse be sincere,
thy conscience as the noonday clear;
think how all-seeing God thy ways
and all thy secret thoughts surveys.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, angelic host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! *Thomas Ken 1637-1711*

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.
And also with you.

God in Christ has revealed his glory.
Come let us worship.
From the rising of the sun to its setting
the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.
Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.
O praise the name of the Lord!

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins. *cf 1 Corinthians 4.5*

Turn to us again, O God our saviour,
and let your anger cease from us:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Show us your compassion, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Mark 13:24-end

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

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.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *cf Luke 1.78,79*

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

Notices

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people, who trust in your love.
By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

May God himself, the God of peace,
make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be among you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
declare his love in sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the humble poor are blessed.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again
and earth repeat the loud 'Amen!'

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community Services

Telephone Services

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

Church Services

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 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 Family 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 St John the Baptist Ashton**
	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 Conversion of St Paul	**10.30am MC HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock**
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
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
	4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
Feb 7 Sunday before Lent	**10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton**
	10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Feb 10 Ash Wednesday	**6.00pm HC with Imposition of Ashes St Thomas Becket Bridford**
Feb 14 Lent 1	**10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford**
	10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
Feb 21 Lent 2	**10.30am HC St James Christow**
	10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford
Feb 28 Lent 3	**10.30am MC HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh**
	10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford|
	4.00pm Forest Church Ashton
March 7 Mothering Sunday	**10.30am MC HC St James Christow**
	10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford

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