

Family Service



**The Churches of Orsett, Bulphan and
Horndon on the Hill**

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Welcome to the Churches of Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon on the Hill

Thank you for joining us!

If this is your first time at one of our churches, it's great to have you with us. Do make yourself known to the minister or to one of those greeting at the door.

Our Family Service is an informal act of worship. Please join in with the responses in bold, the prayers, hymns and songs as you feel comfortable.

The church is fitted with an induction loop system; those with hearing aids should use the 'T' setting.

We hope you enjoy the service.



If you would like to know more about the Christian faith or the life of our church community, please speak to Revd Sue or Revd Max. Or you can phone 01375 891254, visit us at www.hobnob.org.uk, or find us on Facebook or Twitter: @HOBNOBChurches

WELCOME

GREETING

We stand.

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.

**Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

HYMN/S or SONG/S

COLLECT

The prayer for the day is said.

CONFESSION

We sit or kneel and spend a few moments bringing to mind anything for which we need to ask God's forgiveness.

**God our Father, long suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.**

You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.

You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside.

We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour.

We have wounded your love and spoiled your image in us.

**Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

May the God of love bring *us* back to himself, forgive *us* our sins,
and assure *us* of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN/S or SONG/S

We stand.

BIBLE READING

We sit.

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TALK

We sit.

CREED

We stand to declare our belief in God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, using one of the following statements of faith.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God, the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We believe in God who created the world at the beginning of time.

We believe in God who came to this world to bring us new life.

We believe in God the Spirit who renews our life in God every day.

We believe in God who will come to make his home with us, forever.

Amen.

HYMN or SONG

PRAYERS

We may sit or kneel as we pray for others.

One of the following responses, or an alternative, may be used.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY LIFE

We share birthdays and other important achievements and we sing together,

**Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you!
God bless you and keep you and watch over you.**

THE PEACE

We stand and the Peace is introduced with a suitable sentence, followed by,

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We may exchange a sign of peace, by shaking hands with one another, or by using sign language, and saying 'Peace be with you.'

HYMN OR SONG

We stand and, during the hymn or song, a collection will be taken for the work of the Church.

PRAYER OF OFFERING

We remain standing and say together,

God our Father,

these offerings are tokens of the whole of our lives;

with them we bring to you our minds and bodies,

our talents and abilities,

our plans for the future,

our work and our leisure,

our money and our possessions,

our responsibilities and privileges,

our friendships and our family life,

our love for each other

and the joy and sadness that we share.

Give us grace to use all the gifts which you have so generously given to us,

that your glory may be proclaimed

and your loving will be done.

Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May the Father's hand keep you from stumbling,
the footprints of Jesus give you confidence to follow,
and the fire of the Spirit keep you warm and safe;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among *you*, and remain with *you* and those *you* love, now and always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

HYMN or SONG



*Please stay after the service
for fellowship and refreshments.*



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