



The  
United  
Reformed  
Church

**of Eastcote & Northwood Hills  
Morning Worship & Holy Communion**



**A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION TO WELCOME**

**SWETA, BENNY & JANE  
INTO MEMBERSHIP**

**Sunday 2nd June 2013**

**Eastcote Site**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Welcome from the Duty Elder Janet Clark**

**Opening Words**

In the middle of the busyness of life,  
**you call us.**

When work and leisure, joy and sorrow  
make us close our eyes to you,  
**you call us.**

Through all the living world, through  
seasons' change, through sun and rain,  
**you call us.**

Through human creativity, through all our skills as  
makers and shapers, through everything we build we  
echo your creative power. Through all of this,  
**you call us.**

**Hymn:** (Common Ground No. 66)

- 1 Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as through word and song and prayer  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;

praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.

- 2 Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of Life and Lord of All,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.
  
- 3 Jesus calls us to each other:  
vastly different though we are;  
creed and colour, class and gender  
neither limit nor debar.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.
  
- 4 Jesus calls us to his table  
rooted firm in time and space,  
where the church in earth and heaven  
finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, his body;  
share the love of which we sing;  
share the feast for saints and sinners  
hosted by our Lord and King.

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## Prayer & Lord's Prayer

## Sharing News

## Offertory & Prayer

## Membership Service

### Promise made by the church congregation:

**(Response: We do, and with God's help, we will).**

In welcoming **Sweta, Jane and Benny** as fellow-members in the life of this church, do you promise your friendship in the Lord, and will you give them your support in prayer and service, so that they, **with us**, may continue to grow in their knowledge and love of God and witness to Jesus Christ our risen Lord?

**We do, and with God's help, we will.**

**Hymn: The Lord's my Shepherd**

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**Bible Readings: Genesis 18. 1-8 (Page 13)  
Luke 14.12-24 (Page72)**

**Reflection: Hospitality & Welcome**

## Hymn: Tune Epiphany Hymn 183

Warm is the word we shall speak to our neighbour, offering  
the love that has come from the heart.  
Bridges we're building to span gulfs of hatred; now is the  
time we must make a new start.

Follies have threatened our task from the outset, words  
have been shallow and actions misplaced.  
Help us to listen with care to our neighbour, then may our  
answers disarm by their grace.

Let us avow by our words and intentions never to stultify  
love at its source,  
but by our dialogue, here and hereafter, always to value  
and never to force.

Then as we utter each fond acclamation, joined as if sisters  
and brothers from birth,  
let us continue to break down dissension, working for peace  
and renewal on earth. Words A E Pratt Stainer and Bell

## Prayers of Intercession

### Hymn: Be still

- 1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is  
here;  
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is  
here.

- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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## Celebration of Holy Communion

### Hymn: (Tune Ode to joy)

- 1 Jesus, we have heard your Spirit  
saying we belong to you,  
showing us our need for mercy,  
focusing our hopes anew;  
you have won our hearts' devotion,  
now we feel your guiding hand:  
where you lead us, we will follow  
on the paths your love has planned.

- 2 As a chosen, pilgrim people  
we are learning day by day  
what it means to be disciples,  
to believe and to obey.  
Word and table show your purpose;  
hearts and lives we gladly bring-  
where you lead us, we will follow,  
suffering Saviour, risen King.
- 3 How we yearn that every people  
should exalt your matchless name,  
yet so often this world's systems  
countermand your regal claim.  
If we stand for truth and justice  
we, like you, may suffer loss;  
where you lead us, we will follow-  
give us grace to bear our cross.
- 4 So we journey on together,  
keen to make our calling sure:  
through our joys, our fears, our crises,  
may our faith be made mature.  
Jesus, hope of hearts and nations,  
sovereign Lord of time and space,  
where you lead us, we will follow  
till we see you face to face.

### **Blessing followed by singing to each other:**

God to enfold you,  
Christ to uphold you,  
Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight;  
so may God grace you,  
heal and embrace you,  
lead you through darkness  
into the light.

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***You are warmly invited to stay behind for a coffee  
and a chat after the service.***

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