

Forest Church





Be welcome as we celebrate God's world.
Be comfortable and join as you wish.
Be mindful of creation and leave it like you found it.
Be delighted in those around you.

Opening song:

Getting ready to worship:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

**In my head,
in my heart,
and all around me,
Jesus is here.**

*Touch head.
Touch chest.
Touch shoulders one by one.
Open hands in front facing
upwards.*

Opening Prayer:

**Dear God, we have sinned against you
and against each other.
We are sorry and ask you to forgive us.
Wash away our sins and give us a new start,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

Our Forest Church story:

We may have a reading:

A reading from ...

and at the end

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Or a gospel reading:

We stand for the Gospel Reading:

Jesus, open up my eyes. Alleluia!

Trace a cross between your eyes.

Jesus, open up my lips. Alleluia!

Trace a cross on your lips.

Jesus, open up my heart. Alleluia!

Trace a cross on your heart.

Jesus, help me hear your voice. Alleluia!

Cup your hands behind your ears.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...
Glory to You, Lord Christ.

and at the end we say

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, Lord Christ

Talk and activities:

Our Forest Church squad should be wearing their vests, do chat to them if you need anything. Many of the activities we do can a bit grimy, enjoy. Look out for roots and other tripping tumbling things. You may be asked to chat with each other about the story whilst you're all doing things. Big and small, we each have wisdom to share.



Prayers for Other People:

Let us pray...

as call and response

For the world and all people:

Make a circle shape

For all Christians in all places:

Praying hands

For the place that we live in:

*Hands down moving out in
a semi-circle around us*

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Open hands upwards to God

For the sick and lonely:

*Fingers showing tears falling
down cheeks*

For our friends and family:

Arms around yourself

For ourselves:

Both hands on heart

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Open hands upwards to God.

Hear our prayer.

Open hands upwards

Lord, thank you that you know all that we need
and hear all our prayers:

we ask them through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song:

The Blessing:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

