

Welcome

Welcome to our Christingle Service, in which we celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World and the new life and hope he brings - and also raise money and awareness to support the work of the Children's Society, who bring light and hope to the lives of vulnerable children and young people across this country. Today we have an opportunity during our Christingle service to celebrate Jesus, the Light, coming into a world of darkness, and to share that light and hope with others.

Hymn-It's rounded like an orange

Lighting the Advent Ring

Jesus, Light of the World

Shine in this place

Jesus, Hope of the World.

Live in our hearts.

Jesus, Light of the World,

Shine in our lives.

Jesus, Hope of the World,

Bring hope to the ends of the earth

Amen.

Reading I John Chapter 3 verses 1 – 3 Youth Bible

The Father has loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children. The reason the people in the world do not know us is that they have not known him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and we have not yet been shown what we will be in the future. But we know that when Christ comes again, we will be like him,

because we will see him as he really is. Christ is pure and all who have this hope in Christ keep themselves pure like Christ.

About Christingle and the Children's Society

Prayers

The Christingle is round like the world we live in.

Today we pray for the people all around God's world so they would know how much God loves them. **Amen**

We pray that we will shine with the light of Christ in the world so that everyone can see. **Amen.**

We pray that through sharing the light with others, everyone will come to know the light of Christ in their lives. **Amen**

We pray that all those who lead us and look after us will be servants of the light of Christ in this world. **Amen**

We pray that all hungry or homeless children will find comfort in the light of Christ. **Amen**

We pray for all people who are sick or afraid, lonely or sad, that they may be cheered by the light of Christ. **Amen**

We pray for the work of the Children's Society, bringing light and hope to children in distress. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day 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 forever.
Amen.**

Collecting the Christingles.

The children can come forward row by row to collect their Christingle .
When the children have returned to their places the candles can be lit
and the grown-ups can help the children.

Christingle Prayer

**Lord Jesus,
Light of the World,
As I hold this Christingle and think about your great love for me,
Help me to take this light out into the world
and to share your love with others,
especially those who need it most.
Amen.**

Hymn Away in a manger.

Please extinguish the candles

Blessing

We go in peace

To share the peace of God with all we meet.

We go in love:

To share God's gift of love with the world.

We go in hope

To share hope for the world with everyone

We go in the light of Christ:

To shine as lights in the world.

To the glory of God the Father

Amen

Hymn – Shine Jesus shine.

Please feel free to join in with actions in the chorus.