

St Elizabeth's, Ashley

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A ROVING REPORT ON THE CRISTINGLE SERVICE

A very restricted Christingle service took place on Sunday 19th December at 4pm. As well as Covid safety precautions, there were further challenges because of the fog, but there was a valiant turn out and it was good to see familiar faces; from small children to burly farmers and their wives, as well as many people from the village turning up to take part in this service of light and hope.

Catherine Jones and her team had worked hard to put together some wonderful christingles. The service started with Eve Jones singing a solo "In the Midwinter", which really set the tone. Ten children sang in the Ashley Children's choir providing a number of solos. As well as the Christingle service itself, we were able to bless the crib figures and belatedly crown one of the two May Queens. Florence who had Covid in September, had not been present for the crowning. She made a wonderful speech and Rev'd Giselle was able to finally place the crown on her head. The service concluded with Freddie Jones AKA Mr Christingle, who bravely came forward dressed as an orange. Rev'd Giselle decorated the orange and talked through the different symbols of the Christingle. There was a very amusing moment when the battery-powered candle resting on Mr Christingle's head jettisoned off onto the floor, causing much giggling in the pews.

It was a wonderful service to mark the count down to Christmas and the gift of hope that we are given in Christ Jesus, through the images and metaphors of the Christingle. Fifty percent of the money raised went to the Children's Society, and the other fifty percent went to church funds.



The lighting of the Christingle



Nativity figures

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SERVICES

Saturday 25th December

11am **Holy Communion**
Minister Giselle Rusted
Reader Alice, Richard Batty
Readings: *Isaiah 62.6-end;*
Luke 2.(1-7)1-20
Intercessions Tim Bedell
Sermon Giselle Rusted
Music Keith Munday

No services on Sunday 26th December

Sunday 2nd January 2022

11am **Minister** Giselle Rusted
Reader Tim Bedell
Readings: *Isaiah 60.1-6;*
Matthew 2.1-12
Intercessions Mike Rusted
Sermon Giselle Rusted
Music TBA

Sunday 9th January 2022

11am **Minister** Giselle Rusted/
John Moss
Reader Ronnie Ballantyne
Readings: *Luke 3.15-17, 21-22*
Intercessions Peter Hardern
Sermon John Moss
Music TBA

Sunday 16th January 2022

11am **Holy Communion**
Minister Keith Hine
Reader Richard Batty,
Alice
Readings: *1 Corinthians 12.1-11;*
John 2.1-11
Intercessions Alessandra
Sermon Keith Hine
Music TBA

Sunday 23rd January 2022

11am **Holy Communion**
Minister Kaz Stanton,
Giselle Rusted
Reader Tim Bedell
Readings: *1 Corinthians 12.12-31;*
Luke 4.14-21
Intercessions Giselle Rusted
Sermon Kaz Stanton
Music TBA

OFFICE AT ST PETER'S HOUSE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

The office will be closed from Friday 24th December and will reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022. Please note that following government guidelines, Alex (parish administrator) will be doing a mix of working remotely from home, and two days in person, in the office. The set days in the office will be Mondays and Thursdays. For all office enquiries please email Alex at office@stpetershale.org.uk

MORE PHOTOS FROM OUR CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Solo at the beginning



St Elizabeth's beautiful tree

PRAYERS

If you would like to make a prayer request for yourself or on behalf of someone else (with their permission), then please contact Alex Potts at St Peter's House, Mike Whiting, Giselle Rusted, or Kaz Stanton.

Unwell:
Kevin Gregory

We wish you and your families a blessed and merry Christmas and a happy New Year.