



# **Christingle**

## **Order of Service**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**The  
Children's  
Society**

**St Mary's, Alderley**



## **What's on at St Mary's this Christmas:**

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.45am:** Holy Communion

**6.30pm:** Nine Lessons & Carols

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**3.00pm:** Family Service with the Blessing of  
the Nativity Scene

### **Christmas Day**

**9.45am:** Holy Communion (Common  
Worship)

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December (St.Stephen)**

**9.45am:** Family Service with Christmas  
Carols (Common Worship)

**Do come and join us in the celebration!**

## **Welcome and opening prayer**

**Introduction:** Traditions old and new

**Opening Hymn:** Sing Christingle (to the tune of Give me Oil)

The Christingle begins with an orange,  
like the world which the Lord God made.  
For creation is full of his glory;  
all around we see his love displayed.

*Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!*  
*Sing Christingle, it's the light of Christ.*  
*Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!*  
*Sing Christingle, light of Christ.*

Every year we give thanks for the seasons,  
and the fruits of the earth to share.

The Christingle is here to remind us  
that the love of God is everywhere.

*Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!*

God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus;  
we remember his birth again.  
But the red ribbon round the Christingle  
tells the story of his cross and pain

*Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!*

To complete the Christingle: a candle  
telling us of the world's true light.  
For the darkness shall not overcome it,  
Jesus shines on in the darkest night.

*Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!*

**Opening prayer:**

Light of the world

**Shine in this place**

Light of the world

**Shine in our hearts**

Light of the world

**Shine in our lives**

Light of the world

**Shine in all the earth**

Jesus Christ is hope for all the world

**Jesus is the way**

With Jesus even dark places are light

**Jesus is the truth**

In Jesus we have hope for ever

**Jesus is our life**

**Part one: Our world**

**Talk:** The orange is our world

**Hymn:** He's got the whole in this world in his  
hands HON 206

## **Lighting of the three advent candles**

### **Collect for the third Sunday in Advent**

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist  
to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Part two: God's love and forgiveness**

**Reading:** The story of John the Baptist

**Talk:** The red ribbon is God's love and forgiveness

### **Sorry prayer:**

Heavenly Father  
You have created a universe of light  
Forgive us when we return to darkness  
Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**

Lord Jesus  
You are the light of the world  
Cleanse and heal our blinded sight  
Christ have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**

Holy Spirit  
You give us light in our hearts  
Renew us in faith and love  
Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**

### **Absolution**

### **Part two: God has given us so much**

**Talk:** The sweets are God's goodness to us

**Hymn:** All things bring and beautiful HON21

### **Thank you prayers**

**Organ music** as we collect gift tags for the  
Christmas Tree

### **Part four: The light of Christ**

**Reading:** Philippians 4: 4-7

**Talk:** The candle is the light of Christ

**Hymn:** Colours of Day HON 87 (the collection is taken)

### **Prayers of intercession**

After each petition the response is:

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

### **Merciful Father**

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your son,  
Our saviour, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. 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.**

### **Final notices**

**Final hymn:** Away in a manger HON51

### **Closing prayer and blessing**

May the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ  
shine in your hearts, and transform your lives,  
to bring his light to others.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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