



Christ Church C of E Primary School
Welcome to our Christingle service

Welcome (Rev Carol):

At this time of year, the days get shorter and the nights get longer. Different religions and cultures all over the world use lights as part of their winter-time celebrations to bring hope and happiness into these dark times.

Hearing God's Word (Year 3):

Christians believe God is love. They believe he was born into the world as Jesus to bring hope, comfort and joy to those who feel sad, lost or lonely.



A Reading from Matthew 5.14-5.16 (Year 6):

Jesus said: 'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'

Talk (Rev Carol):

Christians believe that when Jesus was born, a light came into the world that offered hope to the hopeless and reminded us all that as a family of human beings we all have one thing in common: the power to transform lives through kindness and love. Jesus asks his followers to pass on the light of God's love, not keep it to themselves. The light from a candle is one of the few things that can be shared as many times as you like without running out.

Reading (Year 5):

'Jesus said "I'm the light of the world." And he also said, "You're the light of the world". But how does that light get from Jesus to us, and into the world? Christingles are best lit from one another: when our own flame has been lit with the light of God's love, our next job is to pass it on – that's how the light and love of God will spread through the world.'

Who are the Children's Society? (Worship Team)

Some children do not feel bright and joyful. They feel more like Christmas lights that haven't been plugged in. They feel like they are sitting in the dark. When someone who is filled with the light of God's great love comes near them, He wants them to see and feel it.

The Children's Society is a charity that supports vulnerable children by helping to bring light and hope into their lives. Every year, The Children's Society encourages people around the country to celebrate Christingle to remind them to carry God's love and light into the world, and to raise money to help them continue their work.



When the winter day is dying (Light a candle in the window)

During the hymn, the Children's Society candles will be brought to the front of church for blessing



The Christingle (Worship Team):

The orange represents the whole world: Christians believe God made the world and looks after it; they believe he wants human beings to look after it as well.

The red ribbon represents God's love for everyone: Christians believe God treats everyone like family; they believe he wants us to treat each other like family and offer support and love to everyone.

The sweets represent the good things God has made: Christians believe God provides us with good things; they believe he wants everyone to be thankful for the good things they have and to share them with others.

The lit candle represents Jesus, who brought light into a dark world: Christians believe God sent Jesus to bring hope to those who feel sad or lost; they believe he wants all people to live the way Jesus lived and care for each other – especially when times are hard.

Lighting of the Christingles (Miss Simpson):

The funny thing about candles is that they can give light without losing light, and in the same way, we can bring hope and love to those around us.



Hope of Heaven



Reflection (Rev Carol):

Let's take a moment to be quiet and reflect. Visualise a dark room. Imagine how you might feel. Lonely, confused, perhaps hopeless? Imagine a candle being lit somewhere ahead of you. You look up and begin to walk towards it. When you reach the candle, you find that there is a smaller candle in your hand. You reach out and light it. Your feelings change. You feel comforted, warmed and hopeful. Feel grateful for the light, grateful for the hope, grateful that you can have hope and pass it on.



Prayer (Year 4):

Father of Lights, we thank you for the warmth and hope brought by the light of your love. We thank you for The Children's Society as it brings loving kindness to children and young people in difficult situations. Help us to carry your light, and pass it on to everyone we meet. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

Amen.



This Little Light of Mine

