

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR



**The
Children's
Society**

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 14th December 2025
at 4pm

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Order of service

Please join in with the words in bold type

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 raise money and awareness to support of the work of The Children's Society, who help children and young people across this country hold onto light and hope themselves. Today we have an opportunity during our Christingle service to celebrate Jesus, the Light, coming into a world of darkness, and share that light and hope with others.

Christ has brought us out of darkness

To live in his wonderful light.

Christ has brought us from death to life

To live in his glorious hope.

Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is
troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many go hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering
others,
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants one to another,
Making your kingdom come.

Lighting of the Advent wreath

Responses

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.

Saying sorry

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Talk and making of the Christingles

Anthem by the Choir as we offer our gifts for the work of The Children's Society.

God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer,
and grant that our whole life
may give you glory and praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Responding in prayer

Child: Jesus said, 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light'.

Adult: Jesus, you came as the light of the world, we pray for the places where there is darkness and danger, and for the work of The Children's Society in sharing your light.

Child: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Child: Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me, and do not stop them'.

Adult: Jesus, you gave children a special place in your kingdom. We pray for children in trouble and in need, and for the work of The Children's Society in sharing your promise of hope.

Child: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Child: Jesus said, 'Love one another, as I have loved you.'

Adult: Jesus, you cared for those who were poor and those who were sick, and you made friends with the people that nobody else would love. We pray for those in need in our community, our nation and in the world, and for the work of The Children's Society in sharing your love.

Child: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Child: Jesus said, 'Shine as lights in the world.'

Adult: Jesus, you call us to act justly and with kindness. We pray for wisdom as we work to make the world a better place and for the work of The Children's Society in sharing your transforming work in the world.

Child: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives always. **Amen.**

The 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 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.**

Lighting of the Christingles

The lights are turned off and we sing

Away in a manger
no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus
laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay
the little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay

Lord Jesus,
Hope for the world,
We hold our Christingles as signs of hope.
May we share your light in the darkness.

The candle, planted deep within the world,
as a sign that you made your home among us,
and lived with the poor and neglected.

May we share your light in the darkness.

The ribbon, wrapped around the earth,
a sign of your love shown on the cross,
enfolding the whole world with your saving love.

May we share your light in the darkness.

The fruits and sweets, signs of all the good things you have made,
given to us that we might share them fairly
so everyone can have enough.

May we share your light in the darkness.

Lord Jesus,
Light and hope of the World,
as we hold our Christingles
and think about your great love for us,
help us to take this light out into the world
and to share your love and hope with others,
especially those who need it most. **Amen.**

Final hymn

Like a candle flame,
flick'ring small in our darkness,
uncreated light
shines in infant eyes

God is with, us alleluia
God is with, us alleluia
Come to save us, alleluia
Come to save us, alleluia
Alleluia!

Stars and angels sing,
yet the earth
sleeps in shadows.
Can this tiny spark
set the world on fire?

Yet his light shall shine
from our lives,
spirit blazing,
as we touch the flame
of his holy fire.

The sending out

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.

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Sun 21st December
6.30pm

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