



Order of Service



Welcome!

You are very welcome to this special Christingle service.
Everything you need is in this service booklet.
Please join in with the words in **bold type**.

We want everyone to be safe in church so please make sure that **everyone stays in their places** during the service. The service will last between 30-40 minutes.

The offering at this service is for the Children's Society – please give as generously as you can. You will be asked to leave your offering as you leave the service. The contactless payment machine will be available to tap your card as you pass.

Please remember to keep up to date with all of our services events by looking at our Facebook pages and websites:

www.facebook.com/StThomasMusbury

www.facebook.com/StJamesHaslingden

www.stthomasmusbury.co.uk

www.stjameshaslingden.com

All of our services over Christmas are live on Facebook as well as live in church!

Words of welcome and introduction may be used.

GATHERING TOGETHER

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

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 of the work of *The Children's Society*, who bring light to the lives of young people who are suffering 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 with others.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Christ has brought us out of darkness.

All **To live in his wonderful light.**

Jesus, Light of the World,

All **Shine in this place.**

Jesus, Light of the World,

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Jesus, Light of the World,

All **Shine in our lives.**

Jesus, Light of the World,

All **Shine in all the earth. Amen.**

SAYING SORRY

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.**

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

SIGNING SONG

Walk in the light of the Lord

BIBLE READING

Matthew 5.14-16

At the end the reader says

Christ is our light. The light shines in the darkness

All **And the darkness has never put it out.**

SHORT TALK & DIY CHRISTINGLING

When all the Christingles are built this prayer is said as we hold them up

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

As we join in with prayers, we sit with Christingles held carefully.

PRAYERS

This response is used

Jesus, light of the world

All **Hear our prayer.**

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Together we blow out the candles of our Christingles.

SIGNING SONG

Sing Christingle!

BLESSING

We go in peace

All **To share the peace of God with all we meet.**

We go in love

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

We go in the light of Christ

All **To shine as lights in the world.**

To the glory of God the Father.

All **Amen.**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be upon you, and remain with you, now and always.

All **Amen.**

Please make sure that you have placed everything in your Christingle bag to take away with you. Please take this service sheet too.

OFFERING

As we leave church, please leave your offering for the work of The Children's Society on your way out.

