

END THE YEAR ON A HIGH BY CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS **WITH US AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CANFORD HEATH**



Christingle Service 4pm to 4:45pm Christmas Eve

A free & joy filled online only event for the whole community. To watch search www.youtube.com for 'St Paul's Church Canford Heath'. It will be very child friendly & positive, with carol singing and festive cheer to put a smile on your face and joy in your heart! Some DVDs will be available for those without internet (order very early!).

We plan to give everyone who wants one a FREE Christingle making kit full of goodies! (subject to availability). Each kit will contain the orange, candle, sweets and dried fruit you need to make a beautiful Christingle (one per person), along with instructions and a colouring sheet. The deadline for ordering your free Christingle kit is midday on Monday 14th December. You will be able to collect your kit from St Paul's Church (BH17 9DW), on Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 December from 2pm to 4pm.

If the Government's guidelines change preventing us from giving out Christingle kits then the service will still go ahead and you can either get what you need to make a Christingle yourself, or you can download a Christingle colouring sheet from the church website instead!

Visit www.stpaulscanfordheath.org.uk/christingle or call 01202 605311 for more information and to order.

**The
Children's
Society**

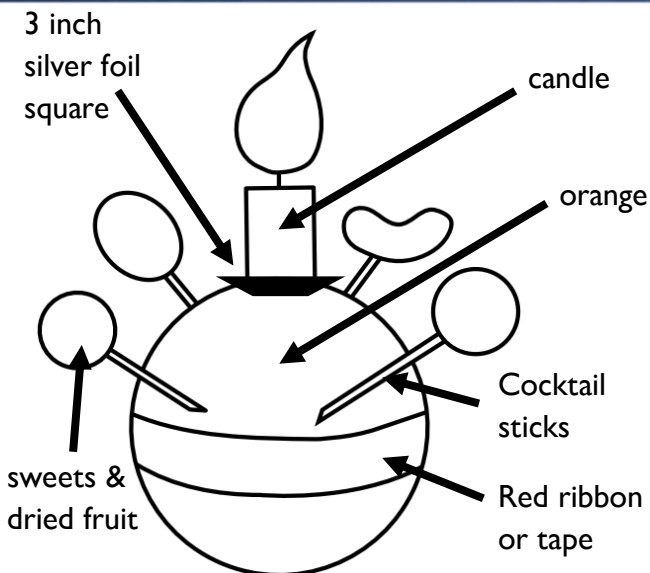
The Christingle service is 100% free, but you may like to make a voluntary donation to help The Children's Society run vital support services all across the country for children facing poverty, abuse and neglect. You can make a donation online here: <https://thyg.uk/CUS031604>



HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTINGLE

Please make your Christingle(s) before the service begins but please don't light them yet - we will do that during the service! We hope to be able to give you a bag of goodies containing everything you need, but if necessary you can make your own.

TIP: YOU CAN USE A BIRTHDAY CAKE TYPE CANDLE INSTEAD IF THAT'S EASIER!



Keeping safe: Golden Rules for lighting and enjoying Christingles

1. Knives should only be used by an adult.
2. Christingles should only be lit by an adult.
3. Make sure long hair is tied back (and keep hand sanitiser away from lit candles as it is flammable!).
4. Supervise children near cocktail sticks (sharp ends!) and lit candles.
5. Keep any loose fabrics and flammable objects away from your lit flame.
6. Don't move around with a lit Christingle.
7. Always place your Christingle where you can see it and make sure it can't fall over.
8. Never leave a lit Christingle unattended.
9. When extinguishing the candle be careful not to blow hot wax into someone's face.

How to make a Christingle

Make sure adults supervise young children throughout the making and lighting of the Christingles.

Wash your hands before handling the fruit and sweets, and keep to all Government guidelines.

You may need to cut off a thin slice from the bottom of the orange to form a flat base.

Fasten a piece of red sticky tape or ribbon around the middle of the orange.

Ask an adult to cut a small cross in the top of each orange. Lay a 3-inch square of silver foil over the cross.

Place a candle on top and push it firmly into the orange. The foil is to catch the hot wax that runs.

Load a mixture of dried fruit or soft sweets onto four cocktail sticks to that the points are covered and insert them into the orange around the base of the candle.

Store the Christingles upright in a cool place but don't make them too far in advance, as they don't keep for very long!

This colouring page is for you to use during the service. It will enable you to participate in the service even if you cannot make a Christingle.

Christingle

