



Sunday 15th December 2024
Christingle Service 10.30 am

Welcome

Today we remember Jesus and his love for us
and all our world;
Jesus is our King.

As Advent candles are lit

Jesus Christ is the light of the world;

Jesus is our Way.

With Jesus even dark places are light;

Jesus is the Truth.

In Jesus we shall live for ever:

Jesus is our Life.

Song

See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore
the prince of glory is his name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord appear to men:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the prince of glory when he came.*

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the saviour of the world!

O now carry me...

Angels, sing the song that you began,
bring God's glory to the heart of man;
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
be salvation to the soul.

O now carry me...

Mine are riches, from your poverty,
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.

O now carry me...

Today we remember Jesus and the world he has given us to live in;
Jesus is our King.

Bible Reading

Psalm 65:8-11

Isaiah 9:2 and 6-7

Making the Christingle stage 1

We thank God for the world he has made, and for all his love and
care. For the warmth of the sun,

Father in heaven

we give you thanks and praise.

For the rain which makes things grow,

Father in heaven

we give you thanks and praise.

For the woods and the fields,

Father in heaven

we give you thanks and praise.

For the sea and the sky,

Father in heaven

we give you thanks and praise.

For the flowers and the animals,

Father in heaven

we give you thanks and praise.

For families and holidays,

Father in heaven

we give you thanks and praise.

For all your gifts,

Father in heaven

we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

Song

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
And they said that his name was Jesus
He came from the glory
He came from the glorious kingdom
He came from the glory
He came from the glorious kingdom
Oh yes, believer!
Oh yes, believer!
He came from the glory
He came from the glorious kingdom

The angels sang when the baby was born
The angels sang when the baby was born
The angels sang when the baby was born
And proclaimed him the Saviour Jesus.
He came from....

The wise men saw where the baby born
The wise men saw where the baby born
The wise men saw where the baby born
And they said that his name was Jesus.
He came from....

Bible Reading

Hebrews 10:19-22

Matthew 5:13-16

Making the Christingle stage 2

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

**Father God,
we are sorry
for the things we do and say and think
which make you sad,
and for not thinking of others
before ourselves.
Please forgive us,
and help us to love you and other people
more and more.Amen.**

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

Jesus Christ is the light of the world;
Jesus is our Way.
With Jesus even dark places are light;
Jesus is the Truth.
In Jesus we shall live for ever:
Jesus is our Life.

Song (sung by our musicians);
Show me the way to shine for Jesus.
Join in the chorus.
Show me the way to shine for Jesus!
Let my love light up this Christmas.
Changing dark to light around us.
Oh sweet Jesus, shine in me(X 2).
Sha la la la la la la la (X 3)
Oh sweet Jesus shine in me.

We light our Christingles – *please take care while they are alight*

Song

This little light of mine

I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine

I'm gonna to let it shine

This little light of mine

I'm gonna to let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The light that shines is the light of love,

Lights the darkness from above.

It shines on me and it shines on you,

And shows what the power of love can do.

I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,

I'm gonna shine my light both bright and clear.

Where there's a dark corner in this land

I'm gonna let my little light shine.

This little light....

On Monday He gave me the gift of love,

Tuesday, came peace from above.

On Wednesday He told me to have more faith,

On Thursday He gave me a little more grace.

Friday, He told me just to watch and pray,

Saturday, He told me just what to say.

On Sunday He gave me the power divine

To let my little light shine.

This little light....

Prayers and 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.

Thank you, Jesus, for leaving heaven's beauty and splendour to come to find us.

We praise you, Lord Jesus! You came to find us.

Thank you, Jesus, for coming alongside us and drawing us back into the fullness of God's love.

We thank you, Lord Jesus! You come alongside us.

Thank you, Jesus, for showing us how to seek out and help all who are on the edge.

We trust you, Lord Jesus! Yours is the perfect way to follow.

Thank you, Jesus, for the work of The Children's Society and for every child they help, especially those living in families struggling to make ends meet.

We glorify you, Lord Jesus! You lead us to love like you do.

Thank you, Jesus, that you give us all the chance to join you in reaching out to these children.

We worship you, Lord Jesus! We want to give like you do.

Song

Sing this carol as Christmas approaches, sing it now together.

Sing with vigour and sing it with joy, and sing it to one another.

Chorus (sing twice)

Waiting for Christmas Eve, longing for Christmas morning;

Let it bring love from heaven above, and may there be peace unceasing.

Smile today and forgive one another, sorrow's gone forever;

Join your hands and raise your hopes, and now sing we all together.

Waiting for Christmas....

Listen, listen, the angels are praising God in heav'n abiding;

Christmas tidings for Jesus has come, so join us again in our singing.

Waiting for Christmas....

May the light that is Jesus lead you always. May your heart be more for the people around you than yourself. May your resolve be to reach out in love and come alongside those in need with God's generous compassion. And may your life be a witness of the blessing that comes with giving, for the sake of all God's children, and for the glory of God's name. **Amen.**

Notice to take home

15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Holy Communion Zephaniah 3:14-end and Luke 3:7-18

10.30 am Christingle

Wednesday 18th December Holy Communion at St Peter's

22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Holy Communion Micah 5:2-5 and Luke 1:39-45

10.30 am Informal Carol Service

6.00 pm Candlelight Carols

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

4.30 pm All age Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10.00 am All age Christmas Celebration with Communion

Carol singing at the Foley Arms

Monday 16th December at 7.00 pm – if you have instrument that you can play please do bring it along.

Churches Together in Stourbridge

Are Carol singing on Saturday 21st December. They will be outside Tesco at 10.00 am and then move to the Ryemarket, by the empty shop next to ECO Maniax. For 11.00 am

Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tree Festival

Thank you for your support at both events

An eco tip

Celebrate a Greener Christmas. Find ways to make your Christmas festivities both a joyous celebration of Christ's coming and environmentally conscious.

Explore A Rocha UK's twelve tips for a greener Christmas at arocha.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for-a-greener-christmas

Black Country Food Bank

The on-going needs and these are: Tinned Veg, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit in Juice, Breakfast Cereal, Long Life Milk, Tea Bags 40's, Small Jar Coffee, 1LT Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice, Toilet Rolls, Bars of Soap, Shower Gel and Roll on Deodorant.