



Join us at our **Christingle** Family Service

10am on 12th December 2021
At St Mary-le-More Church

Christingle, meaning 'Christ Light', is a symbol of the Christian faith. The Christingle orange represents the world; the red ribbon around it is the love of God; the fruits/sweets symbolise God's creation and the candle represents Jesus, the Light of the World.

There will be a collection to support the work of the Children's Society, which works in creative ways in our country, to fight child poverty and neglect and help all children have a better chance in life.

To make your Christingle:

1. Take an orange and make a hole in the top slightly smaller than the candle in diameter.
2. Fasten a red ribbon or tape around the orange.
3. Place a 10cm square of thin cooking foil around the base of the candle and push the candle into the hole in the orange.
4. Load four cocktail sticks with dried fruit, soft sweets etc. and insert into the orange.



Instructions are also available in video form at: <https://youtu.be/VQF6e6i-qWk>.
Candles for the Christingles are available in school, in church or by emailing stmarychildren2@gmail.com.

Please do share a photograph of your Christingle on our Facebook Page by emailing it to pccsecwallingford@gmail.com.

A Hope Challenge

Hope can be a wonderful **gift** to give to someone and there are lots of different ways that you could give hope. You could:

- Do litter picking or gardening
- Bake a cake for someone who lives alone
- Put a card with kind words through a neighbour's door
- Put a donation in a Foodbank collection point
- Smile at everyone you walk past on your way to school
- Say thank you to the local shop workers
- Leave a gift for the person who delivers your post
- Make sure you use a bag for life when you go shopping
- Raise money for a charity that helps people, such as the Children's Society.

Please choose a challenge to do to bring someone hope. When you have done your chosen challenge, write it on the leaf. You can cut it out, tie some string through the hole and bring it to church to hang it on our Tree of Hope at the Christingle Service.

