
Christingle Service

This year, we are holding a special **online** Christingle Service with an optional outdoor challenge! The idea is that the Christingles will be made in advance of the service and then lit as part of the service. They will then be placed in windows (supervision of candles is required), ready for a family Christingle Count around town!

We hope the following information will explain both the meaning of the Christingle and encourage you and your children to make them and take part in the service. This information is also available in the form of a video, [by clicking here](#). Candles for the Christingles are available in school or by emailing stmarychildren2@gmail.com.

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.

Christingle originated from the Moravian church and was established here in 1967 by The Children's Society. This Society works in creative ways in our country, to fight child poverty and neglect and help all children have a better chance in life. If you wish to donate to a collection for the Children's Society to support this important work, you can do this by visiting the [Children's Society website](#).

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.

The picture shows what the finished Christingle might look like.



Please do share a photograph of your Christingle on our Facebook Page by emailing it to pccsecwallingford@gmail.com. The service, which is for all ages, takes place on **Sunday 6th December at 4pm**. Please book a place by [clicking here](#). If you wish to take part in the Christingle Count around town, please ensure all children are accompanied.

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