

CHRISTINGLE

This year's St John's Pensilva Christingle will take place in Sterts Theatre on Sunday 13th December at 6pm (nobody will be allowed in until 5.30 pm). Like everything this year it will be very different from the usual Christingle held in the church.

Everyone will have to book beforehand. This can be done by emailing gefferys1963@gmail.com or phoning 01579 362698 between 4 and 6pm. When booking you would need two points of contact, e.g. phone number and email address. We will need a contact name and how many people will be in the party. Your booking will be checked on entry.

For those who haven't been to Sterts recently, safe distancing rules are in place and everybody will be required to wear masks, including children over the age of 11.

Christingles We are asking everybody to produce their own Christingle this year. No real candles will be allowed so we will have to use battery operated candles. Instructions for making Christingles are below.



A Christingle

The Story of the Christingle

A Christingle meaning 'Christ Light' is a symbol of the Christian Faith. The name may not be familiar but you'll certainly recognise the familiar looking fruit and foil decoration. They're great fun to make during the festive period.

A growing number of churches hold Christingle services at or around Christmas. The services derive from a Moravian custom of distributing lighted candles to children on Christmas Eve in order to celebrate Christ, the Light of the world.

So what is a Christingle? Even if you haven't heard of the word you'll certainly recognise one. A Christingle is made up of an orange representing the world with a red ribbon around it representing the blood of Jesus. Fruits and sweets (usually dolly mixtures) are skewered on 4 cocktail sticks which are pushed into the orange representing the fruits of the earth and the four seasons. And finally a lighted candle is pushed into the centre of the orange representing Christ, the light of the world

Meaning

The Christingle symbolises the birth of Jesus, Light of the world. But you don't need to attend a service to enjoy a Christingle. Make your own. They're great for getting the children involved in preparing for Christmas. Here's our step by step guide to making your own.

Making a Christingle

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

Cut a small cross in the top of each orange (place it on a tray to catch the juice) and lay a square of silver foil (75mm/3in square) over the cross.

Place a candle on top and wedge it firmly into the orange. When using a real candle the foil will help prevent hot wax running onto a child's hand.

Load four cocktail sticks with raisins, sultanas, cherries or soft sweets and insert them into the orange around the base of the candle.

Store the Christingles upright in trays in a cool place. It may be necessary to take off a thin slice to form a flat base.