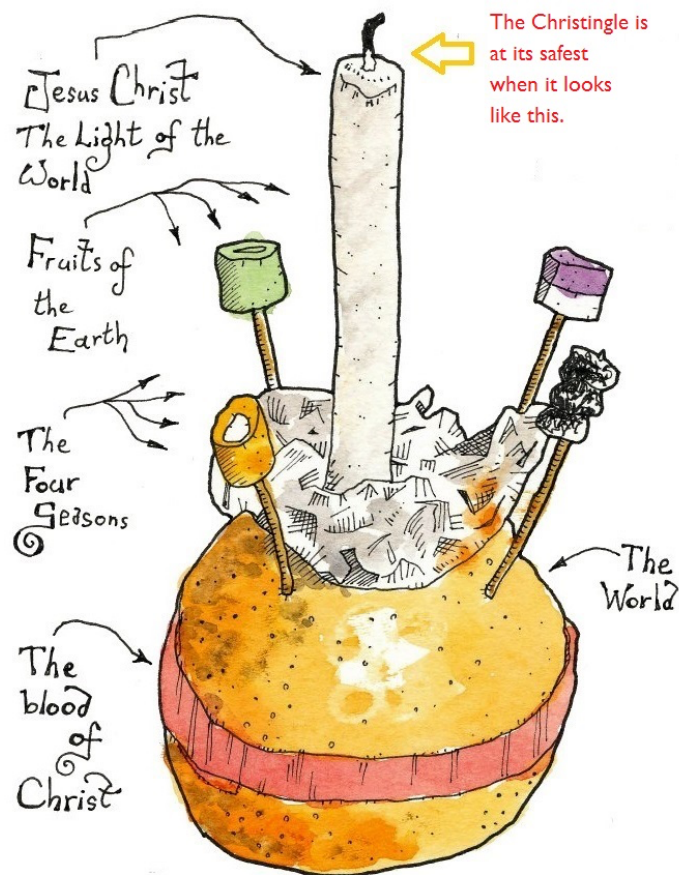


CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Christingle Service 2022



Please **TAKE CARE** with the Christingles

WELCOME

PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Lord Jesus, you came from heaven as a child because you loved us, your children.

Thank you for all those, especially The Children's Society, who work to follow your loving example.

Give them all they need to help all the children they serve: runaways, refugees, carers, those living with disabilities and families who struggle to make ends meet.

Give them the courage to keep championing every child's infinite worth. Give us the strength to support their work and to make your love known to all your children.

Amen

WHAT DO WE NEED FOR CHRISTMAS?

CAROL 70 It came upon a midnight clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,

from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:

"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."

The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,

and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;

above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,

and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

THE TROUBLE WITH ANGELS

CAROL 79 O little town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King
and peace to all the earth.

GRUMPY DADS

CAROL 79 O little town of Bethlehem

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;

but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in:
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

SHEEP

CAROL 89 While shepherds watched their flocks by night

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
'glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

'The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.'

WISDOM

CAROL 105 We three Kings

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star:

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
king for ever, ceasing never
over us all to reign:
O star of wonder...

Glorious now behold him arise,
king and God and sacrifice.
Heaven sings: 'Alleluia';
'Alleluia,' the earth replies:
O star of wonder...

ORANGES

Please open your make-your-own-Christingle bag.

*Stick the cocktail sticks in the orange: **do not stick them ANYWHERE else.***

*When you're done, please hold your Christingle up and light will be distributed.
Do not set fire to anything other than the wick of the candle!*

LIGHTING OF CHRISTINGLES

(Please remain in your seats for the lighting of the Christingles)

PRAYER

Christ has brought us out of darkness
to live in his marvellous light

**Christ our morning star, come, dawn in our hearts.
Come, let your light scatter the darkness in our lives
that we may shine as lights in the world to your glory. Amen**

CAROL LOVE SHONE DOWN

I had a dream that I was standing on a hillside
And all the lights of town
were shining far below
When up in the air beautiful voices
Sing a new song, let everyone know,

*Oh and love shone down
over the hills and over the valleys,
Oh and love shone down over the world*

Somebody spoke to me
I knew it was an angel
He said there's something
that I think you ought to know.
Then he just smiled, said don't be afraid now.
Sing a new song, let everyone know
Oh and love shone down...

And then he told me all about the baby Jesus,
How to find him where exactly I should go.
Then he was joined by millions of others
Sing a new song, let everyone know
Oh and love shone down...

BLESSING

The Lord be with you
And also with you

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us evermore. **Amen**

CAROL 78 O Come all ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him
born the King of Angels:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps:
O come, let us adore him...

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God
in the highest:
O come, let us adore him...

The church is a charity and is reliant on the generosity of the parish and community to keep going. Which is why we would love your support.

If you are able to and would like to support us by giving, you can donate **online** by visiting our website at www.holyspirit-clapham.org.uk/donate.

This years' Christmas collections taken at services will be given to support the work of the charities listed below as well as the church.



You can make a donation by scanning this QR code or by **card and contactless** at the station at the back of the church.

Ace of Clubs

A family-like community providing transformative support for homeless, vulnerable and otherwise marginalised people in our area.

www.aceofclubs.org.uk

The Children's Society

A national charity that fights child poverty and neglect, helping all children have a better chance in life.

www.childrensociety.org.uk

Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

An international charity directly supporting displaced people centres, hospitals and water supplies for those affected by the conflict.

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

Please give generously. Thank you.

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

ALL WELCOME!

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve 11pm
Midnight Mass

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day 10.30am
Christmas Festival Eucharist

All services in church will be broadcast online except for Christingle.
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