

Resources

Christingle 2020

Christingle has always been about sharing the light of Christ, bringing people together, reaching out to children and embracing hope during the festive season.

After the year we have had, renewing and spreading hope has never felt more crucial for everyone, especially children and young people severely affected during the Covid pandemic.

The Children's Society is in greater demand during Covid-19, seeing a huge increase in online exploitation, those going missing from home and those suffering with low mental wellbeing. Staff and workers are responding to these needs and have developed new and innovative ways to reach out and support, so that their work with the most vulnerable young people has not stopped.

For over 50 years now, Christingle services have helped the Children's Society to fundraise so they can support more than a million children and young people. Parishes and schools across this Diocese have always shown keen support and this year, more than ever, support from the Children's Society is crucial.

Your 2020 Christingle may look different, but it remains a great opportunity for us to be inventive and share the light of Jesus in new ways to renew that hope for children and young people living in the darkest situations.

This December, the Children's Society were planning to invite 800 school children to a dedicated Christingle service at our Cathedral. As this cannot go ahead, Christingle can be an opportunity to work with your local schools to give children and families in your parishes the opportunity to share in and shine the light of Jesus.

The Children's Society has implemented new ways in which to support churches, schools and families to celebrate Christingle this year, with a wealth of new Covid-19-adapted resources to help you hold a safe, comfortable and memorable Christingle. There is a range of new child-friendly, school-focussed Christingle worship ideas to help with your planning.

Whether you set up a socially distanced event in your church, light up computer screens with an online service, hold a Christingle in school with children in worship bubbles, or a combination, there are free virtual products and resources available at [Christingle.org/resources](https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/Christingle.org/resources).

By working together in our churches, schools and homes across the Diocese of Salisbury, we can bring love to the hearts of children who feel ignored, sanctuary to the lives of those who feel unsafe, peace to the minds of children who feel like they simply don't matter and a Christmas of renewed hope.

If you would like more information or support, then please contact our Children's Society Diocesan Relationship Manager Gill Ford via 07539 445415 or gill.ford@childrenssociety.org.uk.