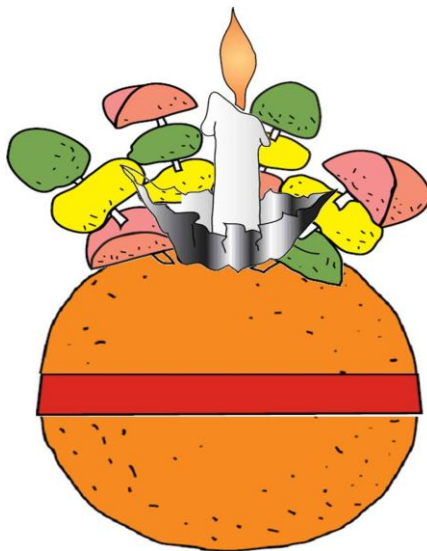


**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY,  
PULBOROUGH**



# **The Christingle Service with the Lighting of the Pulborough Star**

**4pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2025**

## **The First Sunday of Advent**

*We are very grateful that that the leaflets today  
have been generously sponsored.*

**We pray that the light of Christ will touch the  
lives of children across the world.**

***In the event of a fire or emergency in the Church, the exits  
available are: the West Door, the North Door, the South Door in the  
Chancel and the door through the Vestry. Please leave the building by  
an exit nearest to you.***

*Opening music*

**HYMN: 10,000 Reasons**

*Matt Redman*

***Chorus***

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul***

***Worship His holy name***

***Sing like never before, O my soul***

***I'll worship Your holy name***

- 1     The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes    *Chorus***
- 2     You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find    *Chorus***

Fr Paul:

✠ In the name of the Father, and  
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Fr. Paul introduces the service with words of welcome*

Welcome to our Christingle service, where we mark the start of Advent. In the darkness of winter, a light is coming that will shine in all of our lives, bringing hope, joy, peace and love.

Jesus is the light of the world.

**A light no darkness can ever put out.**

## Thanksgiving

Lord Jesus,  
Thank you for Mary,  
Who was visited by an angel and became your mother.  
Jesus, light of the world,  
**We worship and adore you.**

Thank you for being born as one of us,  
Not rich and in a palace,  
But poor and in a stable.  
Jesus, light of the world,  
**We worship and adore you.**



*Fr. Paul:*

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.' *John 8. v12*

### **SONG: He's got the whole world in his hands** *Edward Hammond Boatner*

- 1      **He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**
  
- 2      **He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,  
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,  
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

- 3      He's got the sun and the moon in His hands,  
He's got the sun and the moon in His hands,  
He's got the sun and the moon in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.
- 4      He's got the plants and the creatures in His hands  
He's got the plants and the creatures in His hands  
He's got the plants and the creatures in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands,
- 5      He's got everybody living in His hands,  
He's got everybody living in His hands,  
He's got everybody living in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.

***Please sit***

***The Light which shows us what is good***

**The First Reading: Genesis 1. 26-31**

*A reading from the Book of Genesis.*

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food."

And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to every-  
thing that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I  
have given every green plant for food.”  
God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

***Please stand***

Hymn: O&N 25  
***Mrs C. F Alexander 1818-1895***

***Refrain:***

***All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.***

**1 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colors,  
he made their tiny wings.      *Refrain***

**2 The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.      *Refrain***

**3 The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one.      *Refrain***

**4 He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. *Refrain***

***Please sit***

## ***The Light which shows up what is wrong***

## The Second Reading: 1 John 1. 5-7

*A reading from the first letter of John*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

***Please stand***

**HYMN: O&N 666**

- 1 The Spirit lives to set us free,  
walk, walk in the light.  
He binds us all in unity,  
walk, walk in the light.  
*Walk in the light, walk in the light,  
walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord*
- 2 Jesus promised life to all,  
walk, walk in the light.  
The dead were wakened by his call,  
walk, walk in the light. *Chorus*
- 3 He died in pain on Calvary,  
walk, walk in the light,  
to save the lost like you and me,  
walk, walk in the light. *Chorus*
- 4 We know his death was not the end,  
walk, walk in the light.  
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,  
walk, walk in the light. *Chorus*

***Please sit***

***The Light to guide us in the right way***

**The Gospel Reading: Matthew 28. 16 to end**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

**HYMN O&N 503 (Tune 3) vv 1,4 and 5**

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

- 1      O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
be thou ever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**
- 4      O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.**

5      O let me see thy footmarks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone.  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

## The Prayers

The Christingle reminds us of our world, and so we pray:  
For all people in their daily life and work:  
For our families, friends and neighbours, and for all those who are  
alone;

For all Christians, that we may shine in the dark places of the world;  
In faith we pray: **We pray to you, Lord God.**

For help to care for your world;  
For those who do not share the good things we take for granted;  
For those who do not know the light of Jesus in their lives;  
In faith we pray: **We pray to you, Lord God.**

For the peace of the world:  
For our own needs and for the needs of others;  
For those who lead us, teach us and help us to live together;  
In faith we pray: **We pray to you, Lord God.**

For everyone who is sad, in danger, or in trouble:  
For all children and young people  
Who have no food, home or clothes;  
For those who need God's help,  
Especially the sick and anxious, the lonely and afraid;  
And for those who look after them.  
In faith we pray: **We pray to you, Lord God.**



We bring all our prayers before God, saying together, as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Blessing and Presentation of Christingles.**

*Fr Paul blesses the Christingles, which are then distributed and then we sing:*

#### **THE CHRISTINGLE CAROL (Tune O&N 229)**

- 1. Now let us all praise God our King  
For all the world he made.  
The orange represents the earth,  
With all its fruits portrayed.  
For God created all of us  
We need not be afraid.**

***O Christingle of love for everyone, everyone,  
O Christingle of love for everyone.***

- 2. Now let us all praise God our King,  
For on that Christmas night  
He gave his Son to show the way  
And be for us the Light.  
And so within the fruit of earth,  
We set our candle bright.      *Refrain***

**3**      **Now let us all praise God our King  
For Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Who gave his life upon the cross,  
That we might be restored.  
And so to represent his blood  
The fruit is tied with cord.      *Refrain***

**4**      **Now let us all praise God our King,  
For showing us the way.  
That we might show our love for him,  
In this and every day.  
And tell the good news to the world  
In all we do and say.      *Refrain***

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***Like a candle flame, flick'ring small in our darkness  
Uncreated light shines through infant eyes***

***God is with us, alleluia  
Come to save us, alleluia  
Alleluia!***

***Stars and angels sing, yet the earth sleeps in shadows;  
Can this tiny spark set a world on fire?      *Refrain****

***Yet his light shall shine from our lives,  
Spirit blazing as we touch the flame of his holy fire.      *Refrain****

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***The lights in the church are turned off when the Christingles have  
been lit.***

***Fr. Paul:***

***Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never  
walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'*      *John 8. v12***

- 1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth You now bring us -  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth Your word,  
Lord, and let there be light!*

- 2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into Your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter Your brightness:  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness -  
shine on me, shine on me. *Chorus*

- 3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
so our faces display Your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story -  
shine on me, shine on me. *Chorus*

*The lights are switched on and the Christingle are extinguished.*

*The person who will be switching on the Pulborough star is revealed.*

## The Blessing

*Fr. Paul:*

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you  
And scatter the darkness from before you;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal.

Jesus is the Light of the world:  
**A light no darkness can put out.**

Go and share the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*As we process outside we sing:*  
**O Star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light. (Repeat).**



*There will be a **retiring collection** in aid of the **Children's Society.***

*We also encourage you to take a **candle collection box** and fill it with donations during Advent remembering those young people who are not as greatly blest as we are. Please return to school or church or bring to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, full to the brim!!*

*We all move outside the Church and form up in the Churchyard to see the Pulborough Star switched on*

*Please take this service leaflet home with you*