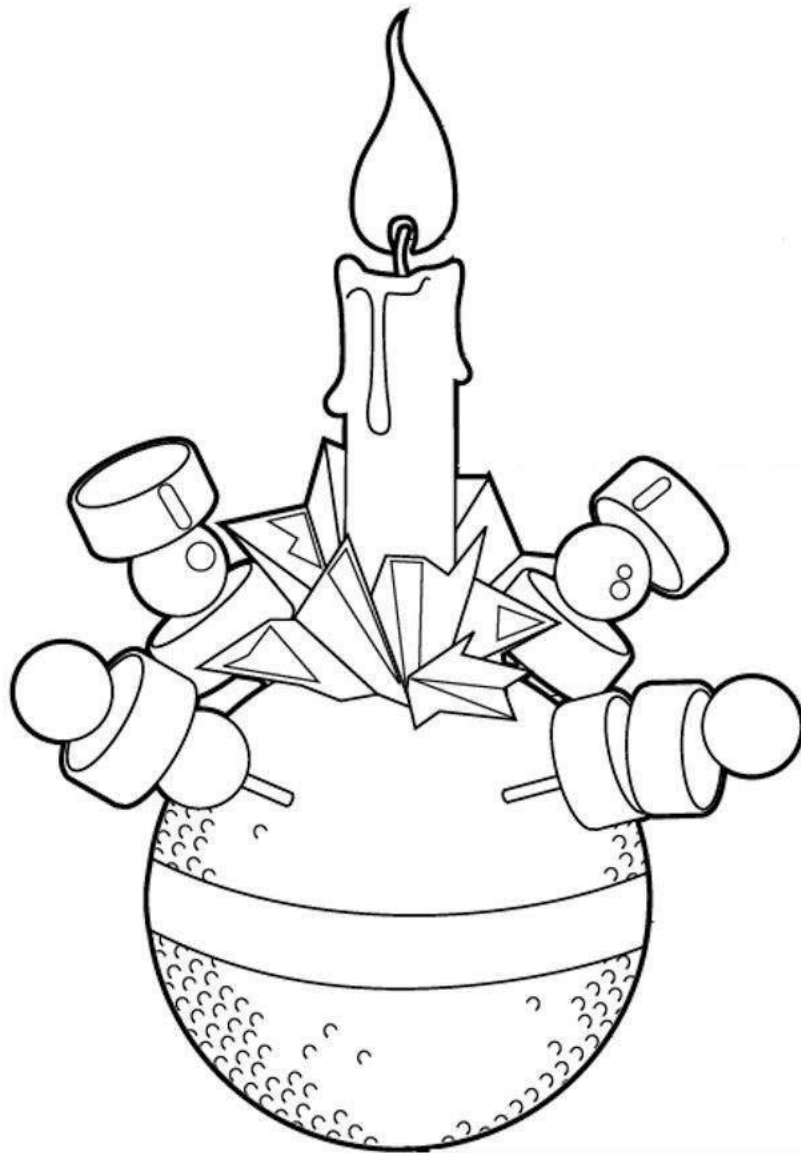


Christingle Service

Good Shepherd, Lee



Sunday 14th December 2025

The Grumpy Owl and the Joy
of Christmas

Welcome! All the words you need to take part in this service are included on this sheet. Please stand for the carols.

Opening Prayer

Jesus, Light of the World,
Shine in this place.

Jesus, Light of the World,
Shine in our hearts.

Jesus, Light of the World,
Shine in our lives.

Jesus, Light of the World,
Shine in all the earth.

Amen.

CAROL - 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!*

God of God,
Light of light,
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten not created.

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 candles on the Advent Wreath are lit

The Grumpy Owl

*Can you spot any of the characters from the story
hidden around the church?*

CAROL – Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Activity – Christingle making!

Sing Christingle

During this song the Christingles are lit

The Christingle begins with an orange,
Like the world which the Lord God made,
For creation is full of God's glory:
All around we see God's love displayed.

*Sing Christingle, Sing Christingle,
Sing Christingle, it's the light of Christ.
Sing Christingle, Sing Christingle,
Sing Christingle, light of Christ.*

Every year we give thanks for the seasons
And the fruits of the earth to share.
The Christingle is here to remind us

That the love of God is everywhere.

Sing Christingle, Sing Christingle, ...

God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus;
we remember his birth again.

But the red ribbon round the Christingle
tells the story of his cross and pain.

Sing Christingle, Sing Christingle, ...

To complete the Christingle; a candle,
Telling us of the world's true light,
For the darkness shall not overcome it;
Jesus shines on through the darkest night.

Sing Christingle, Sing Christingle, ...

At the end of the song we blow our Christingles out

Star Prayers

*Who are the people you'd like to pray for this
Christmas? Write the names, places and situations
onto your star. When you've done that, pass your
star to the end of the row so they can be hung on
our prayer tree.*

CAROL - 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.

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

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.

Notices

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<https://goodpeter.org.uk/whats-on/>

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CAROL Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

*Hark, the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a Virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see:
Hail, the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Hark, the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King.*

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.

*Hark, the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King.*

The Blessing

We go in peace

To share the peace of God with all we meet.

We go in love

To share God's gift of love with the world.

We go in the light of Christ

To shine as lights in the world.

To the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

*Please join us for refreshments after the service.
There will be a retiring collection for the work of
The Children's Society at the back.
www.childrenssociety.org.uk*

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Join us again at the Good Shepherd Handen Rd SE12 8NR
10.30 am on Sundays*

Community Carols

*Sunday 21st December 6 – 7 pm in the Church Hall
Join us for a festive singalong of all your favourite carols
– with free mulled wine, hot chocolate & mince pies!*

LIGHTING THE LAMPS

*Christmas Eve 4.30 pm & 5.45 pm
A magical service of music and readings during which
the church is taken from darkness to light*

Midnight Communion

Christmas Eve, 11.30 pm

Christmas Day Celebration

*Christmas Day, 10.30 – 11.30 am
A celebration service for all the family
including Holy Communion*

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