



JOIN US FOR
CHRISTINGLE
FOR CANDLEMAS

Sunday 29th Jan, 3pm



ST. MICHAEL AT THE NORTH GATE

Opening Prayer

**Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us, and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen**

In our service we remember the time when Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the Temple. Simeon and Anna had been waiting a long time, and they rejoiced that they were seeing the arrival of the Saviour.

We sing a version of the song that Mary sang, when she heard that she was going to be the mother of Jesus

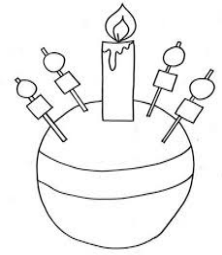
**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His Word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name, the Lord, the mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forevermore!**

As we make our Christingles
we remember God's love for the world



**The Christingle begins with an orange,
like the world which the Lord God made.
For creation is full of his glory;
all around we see his 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 in the darkest night.**

We say together the words Simeon used when he thanked God for baby Jesus

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people
Israel.**

Prayers, concluding with

**Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy
only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

And then a prayer of blessing for us all

