

1 DECEMBER — STRENGTHEN

READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:7

THEREFORE, YOU DON'T LACK ANY SPIRITUAL GIFT AS YOU EAGERLY WAIT FOR OUR LORD JESUS THE MESSIAH TO BE REVEALED.

Lead Story Headline

Christingles are festive celebrations which take place in our churches every year. They bring families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread the message of hope.

Christingles are made from oranges wrapped in red ribbon or tape, decorated with sweets and topped with a candle. They are symbolic of the world, God's love and goodness and the light of Christ in the world.

We may not be able to celebrate our normal Christingle services this year, but you can collect a "make at home" pack from a number of locations around the benefice. Packs are available from The Smithy Arms in Swinton, Meadowfields Nursery School in Amotherby and Hovingham Stores in Hovingham.



PRAYER:

**HOLY JESUS, BY BEING BORN ONE OF US, AND LYING HUMBLY IN A MANGER,
YOU SHOW US HOW MUCH GOD LOVES THE WORLD.
LET THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE ALWAYS SHINE IN OUR HEARTS, UNTIL WE REACH OUR HOME IN HEAVEN,
AND SEE YOU ON YOUR THRONE OF GLORY.
AMEN.**

Enrichment

Christingle services are used to support and promote the work of [The Children's Society](#). Take some time to find out about the work that they do and why supporting them this year is more important than ever.

Pick up one of our "make from home" packs and make your own. Taking care of the lit candle, place your Christingle or the Christingle picture in your pack in your window for others to see the light of Christ. Or pick up a pack for a neighbour, friend or family member nearby and make them together.

Things to do

- Watch [this video](#) about the meaning of the Christingle.
- For a brief explanation of the work of the Children's Society watch [this video](#).
- Don't forget to [donate direct](#) to the Children's Society this year.