

# How to make your Christingle



1. Cut a small cross into the top of the orange.
2. Place a square of tin foil over it (to catch the candle wax as it drops).
3. Place the candle on top of the foil and push it firmly into the orange.
4. Load a mixture of dried fruit and sweets on to the cocktail sticks, ensuring the points are covered.
5. Insert the sticks around the base of the candle.
6. Store upright in a cool place.

*Don't make them too far in advance, as they don't keep for very long.*

Once you've made your Christingle, join us for our **online Christingle service**. It's at **3.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve**; find us by scanning the QR code:



or by visiting [www.thetfordteamministry.org.uk/christingle](http://www.thetfordteamministry.org.uk/christingle)  
or by searching on YouTube for 'Thetford Team Ministry'.

*The service will remain available to watch online at a later time or date if you'd prefer.*

**Wishing you a very Happy Christmas from everyone  
at St Cuthbert's Church!**

## What does the Christingle Mean?

Christingle means 'Christ - light':

- The orange represents the world;
- The four cocktail sticks represent the seasons;
- The dried fruit and sweets show God's love in providing food;
- The red ribbon reminds us that Jesus came to rescue us by dying for us;
- And the lighted candle reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World.

*Once you've made your Christingle, you might like to say the following prayer:*

Father God,  
Thank you that you have given us the beautiful world around us.  
Thank you for the way you love us and care for us.  
Thank you that Jesus was born on that first Christmas to rescue us.  
Please help us to welcome in the light of Jesus this Christmas.  
Amen.



### Donate to the Children's Society

Each year at our Christingle Service we invite donations in aid of the Children's Society. The Children's Society is a national charity that works to transform the hopes and happiness of young people, building a society where hope is alive in every child.

To make a donation online, visit:

**[www.childrenssociety.org.uk/#make-a-donation](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/#make-a-donation)**