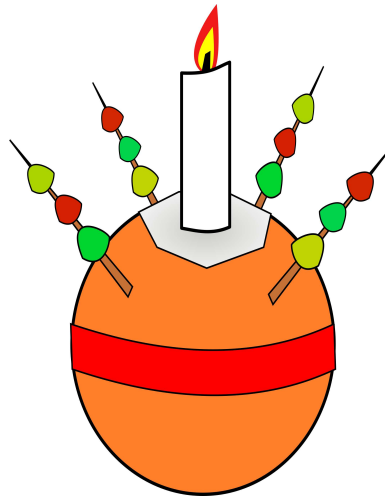


St Edburgha's Church

Christingle Service

8th December 2024



Second Sunday of Advent

The prophets

We sing:

Advent candles tell their story
As we watch and pray,
Longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,
Changed for gladness that Day.

Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message, challenged, shaken
hearts awaken: God is near!



Hymn

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.

Refrain:

*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*

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.

Refrain:

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.

Refrain:

Confession

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world

we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our
Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Glory to Christ, Son of Mary;
born a child, you are one with us:

Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to Christ, Son of David;
born to rule, you reign in our hearts:

Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to Christ, Son of Man;
born to save, you are the light of the world:

Glory to God in the highest.

Reading: Matthew 25: 34-40

“Then the Lord will say, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The Lord will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light of the world to see.
Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled,
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ be our light! ...

Longing for food, many are hungry,
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.
Christ be our light!...

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building sheltering others,
Walls made of living stones.
Christ be our light!...

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.
Christ be our light!...

Talk

Prayers of Intercession

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope to the world,
we pray that your hope would live in us and
that as a community we may find hope and light.
Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope to the vulnerable,
we pray for those in need of your care and compassion.
Bring hope to those who feel they are living in darkness.
May we bring strength to the weary, joy to the downhearted
and peace to those who are restless.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus,
bringer of hope to children and young people,
we pray for young people who are in dark situations.
Shine your light on those who feel afraid
and without hope, that they may have a brighter future.
May we look to your example, not excluding anyone
because of age, but accepting all those we meet.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope to the helpers,
we pray that you would be with those who support young people.
Strengthen and enlighten teachers and carers in our community:
may they know your blessing upon them.
We pray for the work of The Children's Society,
and all those who support their work with young people.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives always

Amen

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

Songs during presentation of gifts.

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.*

Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk-in the light...

He died in pain on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light.
To save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk-in the light...

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.
Walk-in the light...

**When everyone has received a Christingle,
remain seated to sing:**

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
sleep in heavenly peace! Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quail at the sight
glories stream from heaven afar
heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Act of Commitment

Lord Jesus, Light and hope of the World, as we hold these Christingles and think about your great love for us, help us to take this light out into the world and to share your love and hope with others, especially those who need it most.

Amen

Blessing

We go into the world to walk in God's Light,
to live in God's hope to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory.
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be among us and remain with us always.

Amen

Hymn

Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take.
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour Lord and King,
That all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell!
God's love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call.
How shall they call if they have never heard
The gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell
Where still the darkness lies,
In wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:
Give us, O Lord, concern for heart and mind,
A love like yours which cares for humankind.

Go forth and tell!
The doors are open wide
Share God's good gifts -- let no one be denied.
Live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose;
Your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell!
O Church of God arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies.
Go till all the nations his great name adore
And serve him, Lord and King, for ever more.

Sending out

We go in the light of Christ:

**To shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the
Father.**

Amen



Weekly Notices 8th December 2024

Today we welcome Rev'd John Tsipouras

**Service next Sunday 15th December
10.30am Holy Communion**

Advent and Christmas services

22nd December 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

24th December 4pm Crib Service

24th December 11pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

25th December 10am Holy Communion

29th December 10.30am Holy Communion. Joint Service
at All Saints Stechford

We remember those in need of our prayers:

Jackie, Christine, Liz, Andrew, Glenys.

We commemorate the departed: Ann Havard

The In Crowd Singers present "The Promise" the Christmas story in song. Digbeth-in-the-Fields church. 3pm Sunday 8th December. In aid of the Lily Mae Foundation. Tickets and further information from Audrey Williams 784 5340.



Carol Singing at Heartlands Hospital

Wednesday 11th December at 11.00 am. Meet at the bottom of the escalator in the main entrance. Contact Sylvia for further details.
Tel: 07771 655789

XPM for December: Crohns Disease – children

Congregational Christmas Card



Cut your carbon footprint - sign the Congregational Christmas Card! A large card has appeared on the notice-board at the back of church. You are invited to use this to write your greetings to church friends and drop a donation into the sock below. All donations this year will go to Shelter, the housing and homelessness charity. Sylvia Roberts 07771 655789



Foodbank needs: Tins of tomatoes, fruit, rich puddings, fish and meat. Jars of jam. Cartons of long-life milk. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Safeguarding. If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child, young person or an adult, please contact Julie Bridges (children) 07814 023913 Sylvia Roberts (adults) 07771 655 789

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The Parish Office is normally open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 – 12



Electronic Order of Service

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