



At this Christingle service we welcome everyone of faith and no faith to join us.

The Christingle name can be traced back to Bishop Johannes de Watteville, who in 1747 re started the tradition in Germany.

Based on a much earlier pagan belief of wrapping green cloths around candles and oiled lights to usher in the upcoming YuleTide and bring light to darkness. It is thought this was a spread of a similar hindu festival which was carried along the trade routes to Western Asia, long before the advent of Christianity.

At the time of Bishop De Wattville a Christingle was just a red cloth, a symbol of Christ, wrapped around a candle.

It was popularised here in the United Kingdom by John Pensom in 1968. He was raising funds for the charity The Children's Society. The Children's society have promoted the event in the U.K. as a fundraising tool ever since and in 2004 started working with Mosques to also bring the Islamic faith into their fundraising at this special time of year.

In scouting we have always operated as an inclusive and forward looking community, building bridges across faith and no faith, race, age and gender. Notably being the world's largest Islamic youth movement.

Our U.K. organisation from its very beginning has promoted the idea of Scouts and their families fundraising and supporting good causes to create a more equal society.

38th & 40th Strood Sea Scouts

Christingle 2017



Programme

On behalf of the Leaders and the Executive

Welcome to all and introduction to the event.

The Beavers:

Entertainment from the beaver section.

The following words are from the Islamic faith...

Prayer to Allah, Families in scouting

Another day passes and the whole universe belongs to Allah.

Allah I ask for you to keep my family and I safe.

To bless us. To bless our scouting family. To keep our love strong. Ameen

The Cubs:

A short film from the cubs.

The following words are from the Jewish faith...

A Prayer for Peace

When I walk through thy woods,
May my right foot and my left foot
Be harmless to the little creatures
That move in its grasses: as it is said
By the mouth of thy prophet,
They shall not hurt nor destroy
In all my holy mountain

The Scouts:

Festive fun from the Scouts.

The following words are from the Buddhist faith...

Thoughts of family

A family is a place where minds come in contact with one another.

A family is not just of blood and mothers or fathers but is of
friendship bound in shared lives.

The Group Scout Leader:

Some words from our group scout leader

The following words are from the Hindu faith...

A prayer for all family time

Om Bhur Bhua Svah

Tat Savitur Varenyam

Bhargo Devasya Dhimahi

Dhiyo Yo Naha Prachodayat

On the absolute reality and its planes,

On that finest spiritual light,

We meditate, as remover of obstacles

That it may inspire and enlighten us

The Explorers:

An energetic participation from the explorers.

(chairs will be moved at the start of this section)

The following words are from the Christian faith...

Christian Christmas Eve Benediction

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of
the three kings, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son
and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

The Christingle:

A passing around of the Christingle candles

A version of away in a manger will be played once all the candles are alight.

Please feel free to join in with the singing,

Thank you

A brief thank you to all for your work, support and friendship over the last year.

Minced Pies and Drinks

We welcome you to enjoy some Mince Pies and socialise.