

# St PAULINUS CHURCH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



6th December 2020  
10.00 am in church  
3.00 pm online on Zoom



*Welcome and lighting of the Advent candles*

**Song: Everyone needs compassion**

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

**Saviour, He can move the mountains**

**My God is Mighty to save, he is Mighty to save**  
**Forever, Author of salvation**  
**He rose and conquered the grave**  
**Jesus conquered the grave**

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures  
Fill my life again I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in, now I surrender  
**Saviour.....**

Shine your light and let the whole world see,  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King  
(REPEAT)

**Saviour.....**

**My Saviour, You can move the mountains,  
You are mighty to save, You are mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of Salvation,  
You rose and conquered the grave,  
Yes you conquered the grave.**

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***Opening Prayer and confession***

Leader: Loving God, for your light that enriches, entrails and inspires, we praise you.

For the radiance of Christ,  
bringing joy and hope into the darkness of our world,  
we thank you.

Open our hearts and minds to your presence here,  
so that we may know you better and rejoice each day  
in the sunshine of your love.

**Amen**

Leader: 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.

**All: Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who were once dead but now have life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **Absolution:**

***Reading: Mark 1: 1-18***

***Welcome to those recently Baptised in our church***

There is one family, one faith, one baptism. By one spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
We are children of the same heavenly Father;  
We welcome you.**

***Song: My lighthouse***

In my wrestling and in my doubts,  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea x2

In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea x2

**My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise.  
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) safe to shore**

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea x2

### **My lighthouse.....**

Fire before us. You're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms  
(REPEAT)

### **My lighthouse.....**

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### ***Prayers***

1. Let us pray: The response to: Come among us in Christ, is: **And bring light to all.**

Lord Jesus Christ, come as light into our world, bringing food where there is hunger, peace where there is war, healing where there is suffering, calm where there is anxiety, and justice where there is exploitation.  
Come among us in Christ,  
**And bring light to all.**

2. Come as light into our lives, bringing love and compassion into our churches, happiness into our homes, joy in our relationships, harmony in our communities, and contentment in our work and leisure.

Come among us in Christ,  
**And bring light to all.**

3. Come as light into our minds, giving wisdom to our Queen, the leaders of nations, church leaders and all those in power. Help them to make wise decisions and to strive for peace, equality and an end to poverty. Help us all to think before we act, to follow the right path, and to spread your love, forgiveness and kindness to all that we meet. Come among us in Christ,  
**And bring light to all.**

4. Come as light into our darkness, bringing love instead of hatred, good instead of evil and hope instead of despair. Comfort those who mourn, and put your loving arms around those who are suffering from injury or illness, loneliness or depression.  
Come among us in Christ,  
**And bring light to all.**

5. Come as light into our souls, bringing faith instead of doubt, fulfilment instead of emptiness and life instead of death. Come among us in Christ,  
**And bring light to all.**

6. Thank you Lord Jesus, light of the world, for loving us so much that you gave your life for us, so that we can have a place in heaven with you. Thank you for guiding us with your shining light. Fill our hearts with love, Lord, so that we can all try to shine like lights in the world for

you, by helping others and sharing your love with all those around us. **Amen.**

*Father Paul says prayers on behalf of the parish.*

Merciful Father:

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We close our time of prayer by saying together the prayer that Jesus himself taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven....**

***Song: Like a candle flame***

Like a candle flame, flickering small in our darkness  
Uncreated light shines through infant eyes

***God is with us, alleluia (Men)***

***God is with us, alleluia (Women)***

***Come to save us, alleluia (Men)***

***Come to save us (Women)***

***Alleluia! (All)***

Stars and angels sing yet the earth sleeps in shadows  
Can this tiny spark set a world on fire?

***God is with us...***

Yet his light shall shine, from our lives, Spirit blazing  
As we touch the flame of his holy fire

***God is with us...***

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***Offertory prayer***

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God of all, on this family occasion  
and at this family season  
we thank you for the work of the Children's Society  
and ask your blessing on its continued ministry.  
Work through it to protect, nurture and help young  
people today, equipping them for life  
and enabling them to find joy, peace, freedom and  
fulfilment- gifts you desire for all your children.  
In Christ's name we pray. **Amen**

***The story of the shepherds and the angels***

*Children dressed up as **shepherds** should stand up when  
**shepherds** are mentioned. Those dressed up as **angels**  
should stand up when they hear the **angels** mentioned.*

***Song: See him lying***

See him lying on a bed of straw:  
a draughty stable with an open door;  
Mary cradling the babe she bore  
the prince of glory is his name.

**O now carry me to Bethlehem  
to see the Lord of love again:**

**just as poor as was the stable then,  
the prince of glory when he came.**

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,  
show where Jesus in the manger lies;  
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise  
to see the saviour of the world!

**O now carry me...**

Angels, sing again the song you sang,  
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;  
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can  
be the saviour of us all.

**O now carry me...**

4 Mine are riches, from your poverty,  
from your innocence, eternity;  
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,  
child of sorrow for my joy.

**O now carry me...**

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### ***Explanation of the Christingle and light candles***

#### ***Sing Christingle***

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...**

God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus,  
We remember his birth again,  
But the red ribbon around the Christingle,  
Tells the story of his cross and pain.

**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!

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***Christingle prayer***

Light of Christ, fill our hearts.  
Light of Christ, direct our path.  
Light of Christ, brighten our days.  
Light of Christ, shine in our darkness.  
Light of Christ, transform our lives. **Amen.**

***Notices and December birthdays***

Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you!  
God loves everyone, Will you love him too?

***Songs: This little light of mine***

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)**  
**Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.**

The Light that shines is the light of love,  
Lights the darkness from above,  
It shines on me and it shines on you,  
It shows you what the power of love can do.  
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,  
I'm gonna shine my light both bright and clear, where  
there's a dark corner in this land,  
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

**This little light of mine...**

On Monday He gave me the gift of love,  
Tuesday peace came from above,  
On Wednesday He told me to have more faith, on  
Thursday He gave me a little more grace, Friday He told  
me just to watch and pray, Saturday He told me just  
what to say, on Sunday He gave me the power divine, to  
let my little light shine.

**This little light of mine...**

Traditional

**Show me the way to shine for Jesus**

Though the shadows gather,  
There's a light that shines forever.  
From the bright beginning,  
Till the day the earth stops its spinning.  
And I feel that brightness, rising up in me.  
Making me the person that I am meant to be.

**Show me the way to shine for Jesus!**

**Let my love light up this Christmas.**

**Changing dark to light around us.**

**Oh sweet Jesus, shine in me!**

**(x2)**

**Sha lai lai etc**

All the light and glory

Turned into the Christmas story.

See the darkened stable, lit up with a newly born baby.

And the Son still shines now, turning night to day.

Loving, healing, saving - He makes me want to say:

**Show me the way .....(x2)**

**Shai lai lai etc**

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**Blessing**

Lord Jesus Christ, whatever the future may hold  
wherever life may lead, may your light illumine our path,  
warm our hearts and shine in our lives.

And the blessing of God almighty  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you,  
and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**



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