

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Jesus came to show us the way to God, the way to know God's love for us, and he wanted to be like a light shining on the path in front of us, showing us the way! Imagine being out at night, and everything is dark, you don't know where the path is or where you are going. Then you find a torch and turn it on, and suddenly you can see the path and the right way to go! Jesus is like that, lighting up the way to know God.

So, we hope you enjoy your chocolate orange and sweets – and maybe you could share them with someone else? And tell **them** what the orange, the candle, the red ribbon and the sweets mean!

Have a lovely Christmas and we hope to see you as soon as our groups can meet again!

With love from everyone in the Muswell Hill Methodist Church.



christingle goody bag



In this bag you will find the makings of a Christingle – with a difference! We can't meet together this year for a traditional Christingle service, so here is a bag of goodies to help you to remember what a Christingle is and what it helps us to remember about God.

ORANGE: The Orange stands for the world, with all its trouble and problems, pain and suffering. We see a lot of that on television, don't we? – whether it's people fighting and people having to run away from their homes to try and keep their families safe, or whether it's people going hungry because there isn't enough food for them and their families, or people being ill with things like the coronavirus and many other things that make us poorly. But we have to remember that the world is a really beautiful place too! All of God's creation is amazing and beautiful, and people can be kind and loving and care for each other. Oranges are amazing, of course, healthy and juicy and sweet. Nothing wrong with an orange... but we thought we'd have a Christmas treat and give you a chocolate orange!



SWEETS: What else is in the bag? Well, you'll find a bag of sweets – when we make a Christingle we put sweet things on a cocktail stick and stick them into our orange, this helps us to remember all the good things that God provides for us, good food to eat, water to drink, and when we put those sticks all around our orange it could help us to remember that God provides food for EVERYONE in the world, but it isn't always



shared out well, some countries don't have enough and others have too much. We need to remember to share what we have so that everyone has enough.

RED RIBBON: The red ribbon reminds us that God's love wraps round the whole world, wraps round every single person. God loves every one of us, so much! He loves us whether we know him or not, and he just wants us to get to know him too, and to learn to love everyone around us as much as God does. Why not tie your red ribbon round something you see or use every day, to help you to remember God's love?



CANDLE: If we were making a Christingle with a real orange, you would have a small candle to push in the top and light. You can't really do that with a chocolate orange! And candles can be pretty dangerous things if we're not careful, so you have a battery-operated tea light in your bag. It helps us to remember the same thing though. When you turn your tea light on and look at the flickering light, it can help you to remember something that Jesus said. He said that he came to be the light to the world.

