



## The Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools

**Our Federation's mission is to work together to create successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year, for the first time, each of our schools will be holding a small Christingle service with the children. These services will take place during the week of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.

Christingle is a celebration named after the Christingles that the children will be making as part of their R.E lessons. Christingles are made using oranges decorated with red tape, sweets or dried fruits on cocktail sticks, tin foil and a candle. The children will learn what each of these different parts represent in the Christian story. Christingle is an opportunity for the children to come together, light a candle and enjoy the warmth and joy of this special festive occasion.

The Christingle tradition was brought to England by The Children's Society 50 years ago and in that time the collections at these events have helped the charity to work with more than a million children and young people who are dealing with a range of complex issues including violence, abuse and hardship.

Each child has been supplied with a candle collection box and we would be extremely grateful if you could help them raise a few coins for the Children's Society. Collection boxes will need to be returned to school by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**.

We are really looking forward to our Christingle services and appreciate all the support that you continually give to our federation and the charities that we support.

If you would like to find out more about The Children's Society please go to:  
<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/>

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