PLANT DEWI

Lle Mae Teuluoedd yn Bwysig
Where Families Matter

CHRISTINGLE PACK 2026

Lighting hope for families across the Diocese of St Davids



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Welcome from Plant Dewi

Dear Friends,

Thank you for choosing to hold a Christingle service in support of Plant Dewi.

Every year, churches across the Diocese of St Davids use their Christingle service as an opportunity to bring light and hope to local families.

The money raised through your Christingle service helps Plant Dewi support families with babies and young children across the Diocese of St Davids through projects such as:

- Baby Bundle Bank
- Families Together Groups
- Family Centres
- Young Parents Project
- Dads Project

Your support helps ensure that families facing challenges do not have to face them alone.

The Christingle reminds us that small acts can make a big difference. Just as a single candle can light up a dark room, every donation, large or small, can bring hope and practical support to a family.

Your Christingle service is more than a tradition. It is a powerful act of love that brings light, hope, and practical support to local families.

This pack is designed to make your service simple to organise, meaningful to lead, and impactful for those you support.

With thanks and blessings,

Plant Dewi

A note from Our Bishop

Dear Friends,

I'm delighted with this excellent Christingle pack from Plant Dewi. I urge you to share the good news of Jesus Christ, the light of the world with people and hold a Christingle service or event in your LMA.

The Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons provide plenty of opportunity to hold a service in one of the many churches, schools or community centres in your area. During these services, I hope you will share stories of the amazing work Plant Dewi does, all year round, to support and nurture children, adults and families of all kinds in our diocese. These projects are a visible expression of the light of Christ at work in the world.

Christingle services are a time to not only pray for these projects but also to raise money in support of their vital work. Holding a Christingle service shares the gospel with our communities and supports Plant Dewi centres and projects – living examples of Christ's love for the world. With appropriate permissions please send me photos from your event so I can share in the joy.

Every blessing,

+Bishop Dorrien

Making a Difference

Last year, churches across the Diocese of St Davids raised £1,488 through Christingle services in support of Plant Dewi.
Whilst that figure may seem modest, the impact of your support reaches far beyond the amount raised.

During the same year:
👨‍👩‍👧 3,197 families attended Plant Dewi groups and centres across the Diocese

🧸 241 families were referred to the Baby Bundle Bank for support

📦 298 Baby Bundles were provided to families facing financial hardship

Every Christingle service helps local families access practical support, friendship, community connections and hope when they need it most.

The Meaning of Christingle in Action

The Orange: Community

Plant Dewi helps families find a place where they belong.

“This group has been a lifeline. Before joining, I didn't have any friends.”

“A safe place to visit and meet others. It's like the village that helps your children grow up.”

The Red Ribbon: Love and Care

Families are supported by dedicated staff, volunteers and other parents.

“Staff are supportive, dedicated and compassionate. My daughter's confidence, curiosity and love for learning has flourished.”

“It's so nice here, I always feel looked after when I come and I don't need to worry about anything.”

The Sweets: Gifts and Opportunities

Through practical support and positive experiences, families are given opportunities to thrive.

“The group has made a big difference to our routine and given us something positive to attend.”

“Sessions at the plot have been great for me. They give me a reason to get out and forget my problems for a while.”

The Candle: Hope

Plant Dewi helps families feel more able to face life's challenges.

“Attending groups is great for my mood which makes you feel more able to cope with day-to-day challenges.”

“The centre has been a massive support to my mental health. Staff are engaging and friendly. I'm glad I started coming.”

Every Christingle service is an opportunity to shine Christ's light into the lives of local families.

Through your generosity, more parents find friendship, more children get the best possible start in life, and more families know they are not alone.

Thank you for helping Plant Dewi support children and families across the diocese of St Davids.

Planning and Promotion Resources

Christingle Checklist for Churches
Use this simple checklist to help plan a successful Christingle service and fundraising appeal.

Before Your Service

Planning
☐ Set the date, time and venue
☐ Order or prepare Christingles
☐ Get free candles from Plant Dewi
☐ Get Gift Aid envelopes from Plant Dewi
☐ Include Plant Dewi in notices and newsletters
☐ Display Plant Dewi posters and information
☐ Download or print the Christingle resources

Promote the Event
☐ Advertise in church notices
☐ Share on social media
☐ Invite local families and community groups
☐ Encourage children to bring friends
☐ Promote any accompanying activity or craft session

Prepare to Receive Donations
☐ Arrange collection baskets
☐ Display QR code donation posters
☐ Prepare Gift Aid envelopes

During Your Service

Sharing the Story

☐ Explain the meaning of Christingle

☐ Share a Plant Dewi family story

☐ Highlight how donations support local families

Encouraging Participation

☐ Invite children to take part

☐ Include prayers for families and young children

☐ Give out family activity sheets

☐ Encourage congregation members to support Plant Dewi

☐ Thank everyone for attending and giving

After Your Service

☐ Count and record donations

☐ Send donations to Plant Dewi

☐ Share photos with Plant Dewi (where permission has been given)

☐ Post a thank-you message on social media

☐ Celebrate the amount raised

Possible social media posts
(remember to tag @PlantDewi):

Event Announcement

🌟 Join Us for Our Christingle Service 🌟

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Christingle Service on [DATE] at [TIME].
Come and celebrate the light of Christ with a family-friendly service filled with hope, joy and community.
This year we will be supporting Plant Dewi, helping local families with babies and young children across the diocese of St Davids.
🍊 Christingles for children
🕯️ A service for all ages
💛 Supporting local families
We would love to see you there!

One Week Before

🕯️ Only One Week to Go! 🕯️

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone to our Christingle Service on [DATE].
Christingle is a wonderful opportunity to gather together, celebrate hope and support local families through the work of Plant Dewi.
Every Christingle tells a story: 🍊 The world ❤️ God's love 🍬 God's gifts 🕯️ The light of Christ
We hope you'll join us.

Family-Focused Invitation

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Looking for a family-friendly Christmas event?
Join us for our Christingle Service on [DATE] at [TIME].
Children will have the opportunity to learn about the meaning of Christingle, take part in activities and celebrate the light and hope of Christmas.
This year we're also raising funds for Plant Dewi, supporting local families and young children across West Wales.
Everyone is welcome.

Explain the Fundraising

💛 This Christingle, we're supporting Plant Dewi 💛
Plant Dewi works alongside families with babies and young children, providing practical support, friendship and hope when it is needed most.
During our Christingle Service on [DATE], donations will help support families across our communities.
Every donation, no matter how small, helps make a difference.
Thank you for helping us light hope for local families.

Day of the Service

🌟 Today's the Day! 🌟

Join us today at [TIME] for our Christingle Service. Everyone is welcome as we come together to celebrate Christmas, share the light of Christ and support the work of Plant Dewi.

📍 [CHURCH NAME] 🕑 [TIME]

We look forward to welcoming you.

During the Service (Photo Post)

🕯️✨ Our church is shining brightly today! ✨🕯️

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for our Christingle Service and helped support Plant Dewi. Together we are helping bring hope, practical support and friendship to families with babies and young children across West Wales.

Thank You Post

💛 Thank You! 💛

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Christingle Service and supported Plant Dewi. Together we raised £[AMOUNT] to help families with babies and young children across our communities. Thank you for helping us share the light of Christ and bring hope to local families.

You can also use the following poster for you service – just fill in the details.

GWAHODDIAD INVITATION

Gwahoddir chi i wasanaeth Cristingl
You are invited to a Christingle service

Yn / At

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Ar / On

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Amser / Time

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Croeso cynnes i bawb
A warm welcome to all

Elw tuag at:
All proceeds to:

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Ways to Raise Money

Instead of a ticket or fee, ask the congregation to give what they can to support families with babies and young children across our communities.

Candle Collection
Invite children and families to place donations into a collection basket as they receive or light their Christingle.

Special Offering
Take a dedicated collection during the service and explain how funds will be used.

Gift Aid
Encourage congregation members to Gift Aid eligible donations where possible – Gift Aid envelopes are available at Plant Dewi.

Ways to give:

- QR code

- Online giving page – www.localgiving.org/fundraising/PlantDewiChristingle

- Cash collection during service

Sharing Your Christingle

We would love to celebrate your Christingle service with the wider Diocese.

Please send to catrin@plantdewi.co.uk:

- Photos of your Christingles (with permission)
- Children's artwork
- Fundraising successes
- Stories from your church community

By sharing these moments, you help inspire other churches to take part and support families across the diocese.

Thank you for helping us light hope for families. Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference to children and parents across our communities. Together, we are showing that every family matters and that no one should have to face life's challenges alone