

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT THORNBURY – SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER.**

Magical. This service, one of the monthly services the Family and Children's Management Group have been holding through the year, was something special. The attendance exceeded our expectations (but never our hopes!) A great deal of preparation had gone into the formatting of the service, and I'm sure everyone felt it was worth it. The children played a major part in the service – readings and powerpoint presentation all performed with great aplomb – congratulations girls and boys. But the high spot was the lighting of the Christingle candles and the formation of a circle by both children and adults in front of the altar. I guess there were a few moist eyes then.

The belief that we are starting to reach out to the children of the Benefice was bolstered that day. Please join with us in our prayers for continued outreach and guidance. These children are the future of the Church.