

## Christingle Service - 2013 February

Sunday 02 December  
2012

The Christingle service was extremely well attended raising money for The Children's Society while reminding us all of the Christmas message.



It signalled the beginning a year of celebrations for the 150th Anniversary of St James's Church, with the Revd Peter Vannozzi's 'Welcome' stating: *"Advent is about waiting for Jesus to arrive – as if for the first time. It is the season of waiting for the light to come in the darkness. This is fitting because we are still waiting for the end to all hatred and darkness in our world. Like Mary, we are called to rejoice that the Saviour is coming, but also to take action to prepare his kingdom of light and love. Today is extra-special, because it is the beginning of a year of celebration. On December 11th, 2013 this church will be 150 years old - 150 years since a group of people decided to found a church here where we are today. The light of Jesus has shone out from this church ever since. So let us do what they did so many years ago—worship, pray, listen and celebrate."*

The first candle on the  
Advent Stand was lit



The uniformed groups  
presented their flags



The music was provided by  
St James's Players



As we move towards Christmas,  
we light first one, then two, then three, then  
four candles;  
and at Christmas, the white candle in the  
middle