

Christmas Eve Lanterns

This year for our Christmas Eve celebrations we are hoping to gather for worship, bringing our lanterns of light and hope shining in the darkness.

We invite each person, children and adults, to create a lantern ahead of time as we anticipate celebrating the birth of Christ together!



Here are instructions for making a lantern.
If you have a pattern for a different kind of lantern that you want to make, feel free to do so!

Supplies Needed:

- Small canning jar (or empty food jar with labels completely removed)
- Coloured tissue paper (Blue and white are the colours for Advent & Christmas but other colours are also welcome.)
- Washable, non-toxic school glue (or Mod Podge or other decoupage glue)
- Small paint brush
- Tea light candle (or LED candle for younger kids)

Kids of all ages will be able to do this lantern craft, though the littlest ones might need some help.

Prep:

- Select a jar that is the right size to easily put a lit candle in. Ones that have a wide opening and aren't too tall will be perfect for kids.
- Tear different coloured tissue paper into small pieces, 1 – 2 inches in diameter.
- If using decoupage glue then you don't need to dilute it. Otherwise, if using regular craft glue, fill a small container with half glue and half water. Mix it to an even consistency.

Making your lanterns:

- Apply a little bit of the glue mixture to the jar with the paint brush, then apply a single piece of tissue paper over the glue.
- Repeat until the whole jar is covered with overlapping tissue paper.
- Once it is dry, you can place and light the tea candle inside and the colours will come to life.

