


Eastertide 2016 Baptism and Confirmation: Jessica-May Coates and Mollie Coates Prictoe

The church at East Garston has welcomed the return of two sisters, who spent much of their time as young teenagers, playing a prominent part in church festivals, services and events. Many will recall the Victorian Christingle production celebrating 125 years of the formation of The Children's Society, the girls singing Silent Night on Radio Berkshire's broadcast of our Nativity and many other occasions.

Victorian Christingle December 2006



Why Christingles?

The Story of the Church of England
Children's Society

This year's Christingle Service

East Garston Church 6.00pm
Christmas Eve



From the play about the life of Edward Rudolf, performed in the small church in East Garston before Christmas, are Vig Syamasundar, left, and Henry Prictoe, and, below, young singer Mollie Prictoe

Pictures: Ken Tarbox

A 'magical' show from children

EAST Garston's Christingle service drew more than 145 people into the village's small church.

Almost the entire community gathered to see local children perform a play and to hear the service, conducted by the Rev Tony Cumberledge.

It is 125 years since Edward Rudolf set up the Church of England Children's Society, after he was horrified to learn of the number of destitute children begging on the streets of London. Through the charity, he provided small family homes where deprived children could be looked after.

Young people, aged between seven and 16, from East Garston re-enacted this now famous story in full Victorian costume.

Doreen Robinson, the grandmother of Victoria Kabitits, who played Edward Rudolf's friend and confidante in the production, was in the audience. She had trained as a nurse at one of the Children's Society homes in the 1950s.



She said: "I thought the enacting of the Edward Rudolf story was absolutely magical and all the children were fantastic."

The event raised nearly £650 for the Children's Society, which today provides vital help and understanding for children who face the greatest danger, discrimination or disadvantage in their daily lives and are unable to find the help and support they need anywhere else.

