

Fiona Bottcher's story



Lighting a candle for worship, 16th August 2020

We light this candle as a sign of our faith in Christ, the one who illuminates the darkness

The candle Jack and I lit during the service on the 16th of August wasn't particularly special, although I like to try to use beeswax candles that I often find in little gift shops during our travels. I believe this particular one was from a pair I bought from Maldon, a town that's very close to my family's hearts.

The candleholder, however, is very special and a treasured gift that means so much to us. It's the candleholder that held Jack's baptism candle, made by David Cameron. Not only is it a beautiful object, carved from a mid to dark brown wood with symmetrical grooves giving subtle detail and shape to it's form, but, most importantly, it was made by David using his grandfather's lathe and tools.

Jack and David first met at a BUC Camp back in 2014. David and his dad Ray were running an archery activity and Jack was particularly relaxed around David. I was especially struck by a brief moment when, after gently touching Jack's head, David looked at Jack with such warmth and tenderness. I sensed a genuine bond between these two souls who both knew what it was like to experience the world a bit differently. It is a moment that has stayed with me as both these young men have grown and faced their own unique challenges and adventures.

Receiving this beautiful candleholder from David at Jack's baptism was just so incredibly special, and I was delighted that it could be featured in the service and that Jack could light the Christ candle on this day.