

**Speaker:** I light this candle for the disciple James, son of Alphaeus, who represents Order.

“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and time to harvest.” (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2)

**Response:** “I trust in the process of divine order: its manifestation in me, my life and the world.”

**Speaker:** I light this candle for the disciple Simon, who represents Enthusiasm.

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

**Response:** “I enthusiastically move forward, connecting with the Christ light within, one with my good.”

**Speaker:** I light this candle for the disciple Thaddeus, who represents Elimination.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not rely on your own insight. In all ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your path.” (Proverbs 3: 5-6)

**Response:** “I surrender into the Divine Presence, to know every need is met.”

**Speaker:** I light this candle for the disciple Judas, who represents Life.

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.” (Psalm 23:6)

**Response:** “I am alive with God-life: recharged and made new.”

# Unity

At Taplow, Unity UK headquarters

## The Candle-lighting Ceremony



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**Speaker:** I light this candle for the disciple Peter, who represents Faith.

“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.” (1 Corinthians 16:13)

**Response:** “I am faith-filled, for God within, lights my way.”

**Speaker:** I light this candle for the disciple Andrew, who represents Strength.

“Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually. (1 Chronicles 16:11)

**Response:** “I am strong, capable and confident for I am one within the presence of God.”

**Speaker:** I light this candle for the disciple James, son of Zebedee, who represents Wisdom.

“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits.” (James 3:17)

**Response:** “I am clearly and purposefully guided to that which is mine to be and do.”

**Speaker:** I light this candle for the disciple John, who represents Love.

“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in harmony.” (Colossians 3:14)

**Response:** “I yield into the presence of love, for love is who I am.”

**Speaker:** I light this candle for the disciple Philip, who represents Power.

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.” (1 Corinthians 4:20)

**Response:** “The activity of God within me and as me, is my power and strength.”

**Speaker:** I light this candle for the disciple Bartholomew who represents Imagination.

“If there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” (Philippians 4:8)

**Response:** “I use my imagination to help beautiful blessings unfold in my life and in the world.”

**Speaker:** I light this candle for the disciple Thomas, who represents Understanding.

“I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding. (1 Corinthians 14:15)

**Response:** “With spiritual understanding, I see myself and others with compassion.”

**Speaker:** I light this candle for the disciple Matthew, who represents Will.

“I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.” (John 6:38)

**Response:** “I am ready and willing to let God’s perfect expression of good be done in and through me now.”