

# LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

## Six-piece Victorian sterling silver christening set

Goldsmiths & Silversmiths Co

£2,500



REF: 9126

Height: 105 mm (4.13")

Width: 115 mm (4.53")

Depth: 80 mm (3.15")

Weight: 588 g

## Description

This superb antique child's set is made in hallmarked sterling silver and comprises a mug, feeding bowl, knife, fork and spoon and a napkin ring. It is a lovely example and the exuberant decoration on each piece is beautifully hand-chased with bell flowers, scrolls and lattice designs. The interiors of the mug and bowl are gilded and blank cartouches on each piece could be engraved with names or initials.

Complete child's sets of this quality are difficult to find and this is a particularly good example, plus it comes in its original fitted leather case

The custom of a christening gift may have begun in the Tudor period (1485-1603). Silver spoons were a popular present, hence the saying 'born with a silver spoon in the mouth'. Cups and porringers could also be given as christening presents and by the 19th century the standard gift for a christening was a set of cutlery, a cup, mug or egg cup.