



## Application for Baptism

We are delighted that you have enquired about baptism. For adults and children baptism is a celebration of knowing Jesus and joining God's people. The enclosed form helps you give us the information we need to take your request further. Please fill in the parts that are applicable for your circumstances and return it to Fr Tim once it is done.

Baptism is a great time for celebration as someone is welcomed into the church family. For children and adults it is an important public step and the usual time for baptism is during the 10am Parish Eucharist, but there may be exceptions, particularly if a large gathering is expected. Please note that it may not be possible to accommodate your preferred date, and as much notice as possible is requested. It is therefore important that you do not book a venue for a party until the date has been confirmed with Fr Tim.

Baptism is all about living the Christian life, of which the service is a small (but important) starting place. Baptism is more than just a naming ceremony: through baptism we are adopted into the family of God and to be brothers and sisters of Jesus. As such, we would hope that you may wish to join us for regular worship on a Sunday morning at the 10am Parish Eucharist, not only before the Baptism itself but afterwards, too.

If you decide that Baptism is not appropriate for you, there are other ways to think about and celebrate life and faith, for example, by a service of thanksgiving.

There is no charge for a Baptism, although you are always welcome to make a donation to the church's ministry, and this can be done through the collection taken at some point in the service.

### **Before completing the form, as a parent or Godparent you should ask yourself:**

- Are you prepared to the best of your ability to give the child a Christian upbringing within the family of Christ's Church?
- Will you help the child by being regular in public worship and private prayer, not only by your teaching but also in your example and your prayers?
- Will you encourage the child in due time to come to Confirmation and Communion?

### **Godparents**

- It is usual to have three Godparents, two of the same sex as the child and one of the opposite sex, but to have one Godfather and one Godmother is sufficient.
- Parents may be Godparents to their own children, provided that the child has at least one other Godparent.
- All Godparents **must** be baptised and preferably confirmed, but the requirement of confirmation may be relaxed in certain cases.

Church law requires that a child should be baptised at his or her parish church or the church his or her parents normally attend. This requirement may be relaxed in certain cases.

I look forward to hearing from you soon, and to receiving the completed Application Form.

With all good wishes,

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## 1. Details of the person to be baptised:

Christian name(s)	_____
Surname	_____
Date of birth	_____
What date and time would you like to suggest?	_____

## 2. Father's details:

Christian name(s)	_____
Surname	_____
Occupation	_____
Are you	Baptised <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/>
	Please mark the box if the answer is yes

## 3. Mother's details:

Christian name(s)	_____
Surname	_____
Occupation	_____
Are you	Baptised <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/>
	Please mark the box if the answer is yes

## 4. Contact details:

Address	_____
	_____ Postcode _____
Telephone	_____
Email	_____

## 5. Godparents

1	Full name	_____	Baptised <input type="checkbox"/>	Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/>
2	Full name	_____	Baptised <input type="checkbox"/>	Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Full name	_____	Baptised <input type="checkbox"/>	Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Full name	_____	Baptised <input type="checkbox"/>	Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/>