



# Application for Baptism

## Introduction

We are SO pleased you are thinking of having your child baptised.

Congratulations!

We want to celebrate and pray with you – so thank you for your enquiry.

**Baptism** requires a commitment from parents and godparents to bring the child up *within the fellowship of the Church*. This requires a *commitment* to be an active part of the local church. It is a requirement that families preparing for the baptism of their child attend church and be 'presented' to the church family, on the third Sunday of the month in the period before the date of the actual baptism.

Please do read the accompanying Baptism information leaflet, "Marked as Christ's Own Forever."

## General Information about Baptism

Baptism is a *commitment*.

**Where?** When children are made members of the Church, they should become attached to the church where their parents normally attend.

**When?** Baptisms usually take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 3pm.

**Godparents** Parents are the chief Godparents. They may have up to three others to help them fulfil the spiritual commitment made at Baptism. All Godparents are expected to be baptised Christians.

## Commitment from Parents/Godparents

*As a Parent/Godparent, please ask yourself:*

- As Christian people, will you do what is needed to ensure your child grows up knowing they are a child of God?
- Are you prepared, to the best of your ability, to give your child a Christian upbringing *within the fellowship of the Church*?
- Will you help your child to come to public worship and help them to pray and love God, not only by your teaching but also by your example and prayers?
- Will you encourage your child in due time to come to Communion and Confirmation so s/he can confirm these promises personally?

*We understand the above, and seek the Baptism of our child.*

Father \_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

*(It is acceptable for only one parent to sign if the other cannot in conscience also make this commitment)*

**Please complete and return both sides of this Application Form**

<b>Date of Presentation</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month prior to baptism		
<b>Planning for the date of Baptism</b>	Which month? (Please circle first choice)  J F M A M J J A S O N D		
<b>Child's full name</b>		<b>DOB</b>	<b>Sex</b>
<b>Address</b>			
	<b>Postcode:</b>		
	<b>Telephone</b>		
	<b>e-mail:</b>		
<b>Father's full name</b>			<b>Baptised?</b> YES / NO <b>Confirmed?</b> YES / NO
<b>Occupation</b>			
<b>Mother's full name</b>			<b>Baptised?</b> YES / NO <b>Confirmed?</b> YES / NO
<b>Occupation</b>			
<b>Godparents</b>			
<i>It is usual to have up to 3 godparents; 2 must be the same sex as the child.</i>			
<i>Godparents <b>must already be baptised</b>. Baptised parents of the child are the chief Godparents.</i>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Baptised</b> <i>Must be</i>	<b>Confirmed:</b> Yes/No
		YES	YES / NO
		YES	YES / NO
		YES	YES / NO
<b>The Service...</b>			
<b>No. expected at the Service</b>			
<b>Parents' signatures</b>	By signing you indicate you are happy for the church to keep a record of your contact details so that the church may keep you informed of events / news etc		
	X _____		
	X _____		

Please return this completed form to [parishchurch@btconnect.com](mailto:parishchurch@btconnect.com)

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Please tick the boxed to indicate how we can communicate with you:  Post  Email  Mobile/SMS  Landline

Please tick this box indicating your **CONSENT** for us to store your data

The Baptism Register (in the church safe until sent to the diocesan archives) will be a permanent record.