



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 make sure you have read the accompanying Baptism information leaflet,
“Marked as Christ’s Own Forever”**

General Information about Baptism

- 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 **2nd and 4th Sundays** of the month at 3pm.
- Godparents** Parents are the chief Godparents. It is usual to have **three** godparent to help fulfil the spiritual commitments made at Baptism. All Godparents are expected to be baptised Christians. Parents (if they are baptised) may also act as Godparents if required.

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?

Your Connection with St Nicholas' Parish Church, Chislehurst

If you live **outside the parish of St Nicholas', Chislehurst**, we need to ascertain your connection with us. Please tick however many apply to you (*ONLY if you live OUTSIDE the parish*)

- You (the parents of the child to be baptized) were married at St Nicholas
- Other children you have were baptised at St Nicholas
- Either of YOU were baptised at St Nicholas
- Either of YOU are regular worshippers at St Nicholas
- Either of YOU is on the CHURCH Electoral Roll at St Nicholas

We understand all of 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

Requested month of Baptism	Which month? (Please circle first choice) J F M A M J J A S O N D		
Child's full name		DOB	Sex
Address	Postcode:		
	Telephone		
	e-mail:		
Father's full name		Baptised? YES / NO Confirmed? YES / NO	
Occupation			
Mother's full name		Baptised? YES / NO Confirmed? YES / NO	
Occupation			
Godparents - It is usual to have up to 3 godparents; 2 must be the same sex as the child. Godparents must already be baptised. Baptised parents of the child may also act as Godparents.			
Name	Address	Baptised Must be	Confirmed: Yes/No
The Service...			
No. expected at the Service			
Parents' signatures	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 _____		
OFFICE USE ONLY			
Anticipated date of Presentation	3 rd Sunday of the month prior to baptism		
Date for rehearsal	NB Parents AND child / children must attend the rehearsal		

Please return this completed form to stnicholaschislehurst@outlook.com

St Nicholas Church PCC would like to assure you that the data we keep is treated with the utmost care. You may read our privacy notice on our website at www.stnicholas-chislehurst.org.uk. The information you provide in order for us to baptise your child/ren will be retained to enable us to remain in pastoral contact with you.

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.