

HOLY BAPTISM

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Baptism is a Sacrament of the Church, given to us by Christ; it is firstly, the declaration of God's love and forgiveness, offered to all in Christ.

The second element of the service reminds us that those who are baptised are received into the family of God, the Church. It is therefore customary for the rite of Baptism to take place within the church where the family normally worships, so that all may receive the support and encouragement needed to grow in faith and understanding of God and his will for us.

If you are not a regular worshipper, this may be the occasion for you to find a congregation which will offer you such support. Within this school we offer the Sacrament to members of the School community so that students may acknowledge God's love for them, and their membership within the family of God.

In considering this step you wish to take for your child, you need to consider the following:

Sponsors - These are the parents and the godparents.

During the service sponsors are asked to make the following promise on behalf of the child: that they will help and encourage the child to grow in the Christian life so he/she may come to express his/her own commitment to Christ when of an age to do so.

The Sponsors themselves are asked to declare their own faith in God and their intention to strive to live as Disciples of Christ, loving God with all their heart and their neighbours as themselves as long as they live. To this end the Church requires that Godparents themselves have been baptised and preferably confirmed as well.

If you are seeking Baptism for your child and would like to discuss the matter further, please contact the school so a meeting can be arranged with the School Chaplain or her associate. If you decide to continue then we will be able to discuss dates for the Service.

Baptism is a free gift of God. No fee is charged but if you wish you may make a thank offering towards the upkeep of the Chapel and the ministry of the Church. Please place your offering in an envelope and give to the Chaplain or Priest taking the service on the day of the Baptism.

Please fill out the Baptismal request form on the following page.

BAPTISM REQUEST FORM



Child's name _____

Child's date of birth _____

Father's name _____

Father's occupation _____

Mother's name _____

Mother's occupation _____

Address _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____ (M) _____

Email _____

Is Father baptised and confirmed Anglican/other? (please specify)

Is Mother baptised and confirmed Anglican/other? (please specify)

Godparent one _____

Baptised and confirmed Anglican/other? (please specify)

Godparent two _____

Baptised and confirmed Anglican/other? (please specify)

Godparent three _____

Baptised and confirmed Anglican/other? (please specify)

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