

## Baptism policy

We welcome baptism enquiries from anyone who lives within the parish boundary or has a strong connection with the church.

Baptisms are normally on a Sunday, at 13:00 or during one of the regular Sunday services.

Baptism is not just for babies and young children but for adults as well. If you have not yet been baptised, and feel this is the right time to become a member of the Christian faith, you can be baptised at any time of your life.

Baptism marks the beginning of a new life as a Christian, and our church community gives all the newly-baptised a special baptism candle, certificate and prayer blanket. We hope that the newly-baptised and their family will join us for our Sunday services, messy church or Sunday club.

To arrange a baptism, please contact one of the clergy. We will meet with you to talk about the service and the promises you will make.

We would like to keep you informed of events in the life of our churches which might interest you. If you don't wish to stay in touch, please let us know.

## Service of Thanksgiving

The Church of England offers an alternative 'Service of Thanksgiving' for parents who do not yet feel able to make the promises in the baptism service on behalf of their children. The service provides an opportunity to thank God for the birth of a child, give the child a name and pray for the family.

If you wish for more information, please speak to a member of our clergy team.