

Godparents

For infant baptism it is usual to have three godparents, two of the same gender as the child and one of the opposite, but one of each is sufficient. Parents may be godparents of their own children provided that the child has at least one other godparent.

All godparents **must** be baptised and preferably confirmed.

Baptism Co-ordinators

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Timing of Services

Baptism can take place at the usual Sunday morning service in any of the team churches. It is also possible to arrange for the service to take place after the morning service. There are different arrangements for each of the team churches. You will need to discuss your needs with the Baptism Co-ordinator in the parish where the baptism is to take place.

Baptisms, when not held in the main service, are conducted as follows:-

St. Maxentius - 2nd Sunday at 12:30

St. Peter's - 3rd Sunday at 12:30

St. Anne's - 4th Sunday at 12:30

St. James - 3rd Sunday at 11:00

Christ Church - 3rd Sunday at 12:30

St. Andrew's - 3rd Sunday at 11:00 usually in the main service

Holy Baptism Turton Moorland Ministry Team



St. Maxentius Bradshaw

St. Peter's Belmont

St. Anne's Turton with
St. James Edgworth

Christ Church Walmsley with
St. Andrew's Bromley Cross

What is Baptism?

In coming for baptism, for yourself or for your child, you are doing three things:

- 1) Thanking God for the gift of life.
- 2) Deciding to start yourself or your child on the journey of faith.
- 3) Gaining the support and guidance of the church.

Baptism marks the start of a journey of faith, which involves turning away from darkness and self-centredness towards a new life in Christ. Through baptism you or your child becomes a member of the Church, the local and worldwide Christian family.

What happens at Baptism?

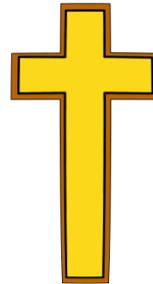
When you or your child comes for baptism you will be asked to declare publically that you believe in God and will follow Jesus.

Baptism is a 'sacrament', a visible sign of God's love. In baptism God draws people into a relationship with him and into the family of the Church where we encounter and share God's love.

This is shown through three symbols:

The sign of the cross.

This is made on the forehead of the person being baptised as a reminder that we are united with Christ and redeemed by his death on the cross.



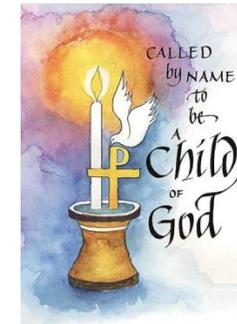
The sign of water.

In baptism water is used as a sign of washing away the effects of a sinful world and bringing the baptised person to new life in Christ.



The sign of light.

At the baptism service you will be given a lighted candle as a sign to remind you that Jesus is the light of the world and he has come into your life or the life of your child.



The practicalities...

Policy of admission

Baptism is offered to **anyone** who lives within the parish boundaries. You do not have to attend church regularly but because baptism is a significant step on life's journey we would encourage you to come to church to get to know the family into which you or your child will be baptised.

