

BAPTISMS

Baptism of Children

You are a child of God, you are wonderfully made, dearly loved and precious in his sight. Psalm 139.

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. And, naturally, you want the best for your baby or child. We hope to help you plan and prepare for baptism in the best possible way. We usually conduct Baptisms at 4pm on Sunday afternoon once a month (in exceptional circumstances we may be able to change the time for family reasons). At the baptism service there will often be two families at that service.

If you do not live in the parish of Pelsall you will need to get a letter of agreement or permission from your own local clergy. If you are not a regular worshipper with us we will encourage you and ask you to come to worship for several weeks to get to know us, and then we will be happy to provide a baptism pack and to arrange a baptism.

We have a baptism preparation evening and rehearsal about a month before the baptism. You and the Godparents will be invited to attend one of these sessions and the baptism team will be pleased to help you to prepare for the day.

In choosing Godparents we suggest that three will be sufficient, with a maximum of four Godparents for each child. To be a Godparent you must be baptised yourself, but we do invite people who have not been baptised, or who are of another Faith to stand as a Witness or a Sponsor.

Baptism is only the start of what it is to be a Christian. There are many opportunities for children and young people, and we would like to support you in helping them to grow in faith.

If you wish to enquire about a baptism please contact Jill our Parish Administrator who will note your details. Following this **Sue** our baptism facilitator will contact you to talk through all the options available.

Dedication of Children

Occasionally we are asked for a service of dedication and naming instead of Baptism. We are very happy to help in this way if that seems appropriate to you. Just ask about the service for more information.

Adult Baptisms

Today we also have many people asking to be baptised as Adults, and we would be pleased to discuss the options with you for how this might take place. For some people it is enough to take this first step, for others they will be Baptism in preparation for Confirmation by the Bishop. We offer a number of ways to explore the Christian faith and to prepare yourself to make this act of adult commitment.

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