



at
Christ The King



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a place to become.

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Our church family are so pleased that you are thinking of baptism for your child. Your child is precious to you and to God.

Promises which you and your child's Godparents make at baptism are given on behalf of your child - to raise your child to know God's love and to follow Christ.

Baptism is a visible sign of God's love for us.

“Jesus answered, I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the spirit”

John 3:5

Is baptism right for my child?

Anyone can be baptised. It is a sign of a new beginning. You do not need to be a regular church attender – you are expressing your wish, by considering baptism, that you want your child to be a part of the Christian family, the church.

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. “

Galatians 3:26-27



What happens?

The first step is to contact us.

If this has not already happened, we would love to meet you and get to know you and your child a little better and to confirm the details for your child's baptism. It is a lovely idea to attend a Church service so that you can feel that the surroundings are more familiar before your child's special day and also so that the Church family can get to meet you.

We do need you to fill out a simple form so that we can enter the details of your child's baptism in our baptism register and provide you with a baptismal certificate. There is a fee for the certificate (see fee schedule).

Godparents - In the Church of England, you are asked to choose at least three Godparents – two should be of the same sex as the child. Godparents should be family or friends whom you trust to take an interest in your child's spiritual welfare and development. They should have been baptised themselves.



On the day

Our baptisms usually take place on a Sunday after our Sunday Mass.

You, your child, your family and friends come to publicly make the baptismal promises. The Priest will guide you through the baptismal service and we encourage participation by members of the baptismal party - especially by the children! This can be by doing a reading, helping with pouring water or holding a candle.

The important components of the baptism are:

- ❖ **Anointing with oil** - the child is anointed with the sign of the cross as an “invisible badge” and represents the outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit
- ❖ **Promises** – made on behalf of your child
- ❖ **Water** – this is poured onto your child’s head and represents the washing free from sin.



**“You are sealed by the holy spirit in baptism
and marked as Christ's own forever.”**

**Thank you for enquiring about having your child's
baptism here at Christ the King.**

We look forward to welcoming you.

