

Baptism at St David's

also called Christening

What is Baptism?

It is **the** way in which a person - child or adult - is made a Christian and **joins the Church**.

When a child is born, he or she is welcomed into your family with great joy.

In your family you show loving care and concern for your child in many ways (for example: food and clothing; hugs and kisses....) and that child grows up returning your love.

In Baptism, God welcomes your child into his great love, which your child can learn to return only in God's family, the Church.

So, the Church is where God will care for us and guide us all our life long - if we will only give him the chance....



For adults

When an adult is Baptised, he or she promises:

- * to give up what is wrong and to try to live a good life following Jesus.
- * to trust in God
- * to obey God's will (to do what God wants)

Parents and Godparents

For an infant or child, these promises are made on his or her behalf by **Parents and Godparents**. The Godparents represent not only the family, but also the Church, **so they must belong to it.**

Keeping the Promises

Nobody would pretend that such promises are easy to keep, but,

Infant child or adult will have the help of God's power, which is called Grace, and the support of the Church as they try to keep them.

That is why Baptism should normally take place where the parents live and come to Church.

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If you want your child to grow up knowing and loving God, you will have to do something about it.

When you bring your child to BAPTISM, you'll promise that you'll be faithful in bringing your child to Church.

So, if you are already part of the Church family - keep coming - share in worship and fellowship.

If you haven't been coming for some time, make a start now, for your child's sake as well as your own.

A Beginning

Your child's Baptism will be a day to remember - a new beginning for the whole family.

Remember, **Baptism is a beginning and not an end**. Keep your promises, so that your child can make his or her own promise at **Confirmation**.

So, if you decide you would like your child to be Baptized, please come along to Church next Sunday at 10.00am.

Fill in the tear off box, and hand it in when you arrive, then we will pray for your child during the service, and everyone will join in giving thanks for your child's birth.

Then collect the Baptism form after the service.

Arrangements are only confirmed on the return of that form

Baptisms have to be with the consent of both parents, unless only one is on the child's birth certificate, so please make an appointment to return the form when it is checked against that certificate.

Child's Name