

Baptism of Children at St. Edmund's Church Roundhay



Sharing God's Generous Love

If you are interested in having your child baptised this leaflet will help you find out more about what Baptism involves and the way we approach it at St Edmund's.

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We are interested in having our child baptised at St Edmund's. So what happens next?

- Speak to one of the clergy who will be happy to discuss the arrangements. (Baptism takes place at the ten o'clock service.) Contact us in church, or by e-mail: enquiries@stedmundsroundhay.org.uk or ring the vicar Rev. Nigel Wright tel. 07970 751670 email: revnigelwright@gmail.com
- You will be invited to meet with the vicar who will check all the details and if appropriate, invite you to a Baptism preparation session. This is a chance to run through the practicalities and the meaning of the service, to reflect on your faith and to ask any questions that you may have.
- Before the service, the vicar and usually one of the members of our Baptism team will come and visit you to finalise details.
- We hope that you will feel a part of St Edmund's Church and be able to share fully in our life and worship. There are all sorts of activities and groups for people of all ages.

What does Baptism Involve?

for us and the godparents?

- making a commitment to bring up your child as Christian within the family of Christ's church.

for our child?

- being welcomed into the family of the church;
- being named before God and proclaimed as a child of God;
- beginning a new spiritual journey in the footsteps of Jesus.

for the church?

- promising to welcome, support and pray for you and your child;
- providing a community where you and your family will feel welcome and are able to worship and grow in faith.

What will we be asked to do?

You and the godparents will be asked to promise that you will

- tell your child the stories of the Christian faith;
- pray for your child and ask God to bless them;
- help your child take their place within Christ's church by keeping in touch with our life and worship at St. Edmund's.

You and the godparents will be asked to declare that you

- turn away from the darkness of sin and evil;
- are committed to living your life in the light of Christ's love.

Some other questions people ask

• Is there a difference between Baptism and Christening?

Both names refer to the same service. "Baptism" means "washing". To be "Christened" means to be "made like Christ".

• What about godparents?

It is usual to have between two and four godparents who must have been baptised themselves. They should be able to understand their role of encouraging your child's spiritual life.

• How much does Baptism cost?

There is no set fee. However, we would ask you to make a donation on the collection plate during the service.

• Can we have our child baptised if we are not yet married; if I am a single parent; or if my partner does not share my faith?

Yes – to all of these.