

# **Baptism of Children**



**in the Parish of  
St. Andrew Corbridge with Halton and  
Newton Hall.**

Thank you very much for enquiring about Baptism. We are delighted that you are interested having your child baptised in this parish.

The first step is to contact the Vicar: Canon David Kennedy who will have a conversation with you about the next steps and send you a form to complete.

A member of the Ministry Team who will be involved in the Baptism of your child will arrange to come and visit you. This is an informal visit for you to get to know us and for us to get to know you! They will leave a leaflet for you to read and their contact details so that you can ring them if there is anything you are unsure about.

Nearer to the Baptism you will be invited to come to church to 'walk through' the service so that you feel comfortable and relaxed on the day.

We usually have Baptisms on a Sunday morning at 11.45am but other days and times are possible too, please ask.

## What does Baptism involve?

For you as parents, it is deciding to start your child on the journey of faith in Jesus Christ that you are on, or beginning to go on yourselves.

Your child becomes a member of the local and worldwide Christian family.

The church community here in Corbridge will welcome, support and pray for you, your child and your family.

In Baptism, God, through his Holy Spirit, comes to live in your child in a special way. Christians describe Baptism as a 'sacrament' – a visible sign of God's love for us. We are acknowledging that we are turning away from evil and sin, and turning towards Jesus Christ.



Baptism takes place at the Font.

At St. Andrew's the Font is near the main door of the Church to remind us that baptism is our entry into God's family.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the difference between Baptism and Christening?**

There is no difference. Both refer to the same service. The word Christen is an old English word for Baptism. Baptism and Christening mean the same thing.

### **Can I have my child baptised?**

Yes. God welcomes every child and every person who comes to him.

### **What does it cost?**

Nothing. The Baptism service is free. We do have a collection plate and card reader available at the service so donations can be made towards the work of the church.

### **What next after Baptism?**

You may like to come to Messy Church which meets in St. Andrew's on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 3.00pm or RIVER a more informal service which is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 4.00pm. Both Messy Church and RIVER are advertised on a banner outside church.

You may like a visit from the Ministry team member who has baptised your child, please do ask we would love to get to know you better.

### **Contact Details**

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