

possible to arrange that with the agreement of your own minister.

What if we, as parents, are not Christened?

Quite often the birth of a child makes us think about faith for the first time. The Rector will be happy to discuss your own faith journey too.

What does it cost?

Baptism is a symbol of God's love for us which is freely given: there is no charge, but a donation towards the ministry of the church would be appreciated.

Safeguarding

We strive for the highest standards in providing a safe environment for all at Holy Trinity. Those who volunteer to work with children and young people are appropriately trained and DBS checked. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Mrs Pauline Lindsey, 01442 269507.

Facilities

Holy Trinity has step-free access, toilets and baby change facilities, and a hearing loop. If you have other needs, please speak to us about how we can help. There is a car park off the Bedmond Road.

Do let us know if you would like to receive regular updates on our children's and young people's activities, or any of our events at Holy Trinity.

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Christenings at Holy Trinity



"People were bringing little children to Jesus ... and he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them." *Mark 10: 13-16*



Christening/Baptism

Some people talk about Christening, some about Baptism. They are both the same thing! Anyone is welcome to be christened whether they already belong to this church or not. It is our joy to conduct the service and embrace them in the love of God.

Whenever it happens, whether as a baby, child or adult, baptism is at the heart of an amazing journey of faith as a follower of Jesus.

An older child or adult can speak for themselves, but for a baby the parents and Godparents make this commitment on their behalf. As the child grows it's a journey you'll share with them by:

- **Being there for your child** to talk about the bigger questions of life - questions about hope, faith and love.
- **Praying for your child** through the ups and downs of their faith journey.
- **Showing them practically** how to make good choices in life.
- **Helping them to learn** more about their Christian faith, through their church and in other ways.

So baptism is a commitment to start as you mean to go on.

Your child's Christening

We are delighted that you are considering having your child Christened. It will be a wonderful and important occasion both for the church and for your family, and any children present will be included and made most welcome.

We hope that it will be a happy and memorable time for all concerned and, like every other important occasion, it will require planning and preparation.

The simple journey begins by contacting the Rector who will invite you to an informal meeting with a group of other parents. We will discuss not just the practicalities of the service but also how together we can support you and your child on their journey of faith. We will also talk about the role of Godparents.

Christenings at Holy Trinity take place on Sundays at 11.45am (or during the 10am service) and last about 45 minutes.

Questions that are often asked: Who can be a Godparent?

Traditionally there are 3 Godparents, who can be family members or friends. However, it is important that you choose people who will take an interest in your

child's spiritual welfare and who will pray for you and your child. They should be Christened themselves and mature enough to act as a Godparent.

What happens if one of the Godparents can't come to the service?

Of course, it's lovely to have everybody gathered for this special occasion, but we appreciate this is sometimes impossible. That doesn't prevent them from being a Godparent.

We're not married. Can our child still be Christened?

Yes, of course! But if you would like to discuss the possibility of getting married, the Rector would be delighted to talk it through with you.

Can adults be Christened?

Yes! Just have a word with the Rector.

We don't live in Leverstock Green. Can we have our child Christened here?

It's usual for your child to be Christened in the parish where you live so they can be welcomed and grow in your local church family. However, if there are particular reasons why you would like to have the Christening here, it may be