

## Congratulations on the birth of your child!

At Holy Trinity we rejoice when we hear of a new arrival, and welcome you and your family to this church.

### The Baptism Service

This is a lovely occasion when your child is welcomed into the family of the church, and an important step for you as you declare your own faith and promise to bring your child up within the church family and to learn about the love God has for him or her.

Before the baby is baptised, one of the clergy will come to see you and chat through the service. Enclosed is a copy of the service sheet so that you can look through it and ask any questions which might arise.

The service uses the picture of a journey of which baptism is the starting point – rather like a pilgrimage. It isn't a journey that children make alone, but one where they are surrounded by the love and care of parents and godparents, family and friends. In the service you will be reminded that children, if they are learn about God will need to ask questions themselves and will also be blessed by your prayers for them as they grow. The service doesn't demand, but does ask you to bring your child up within the Christian faith. We try and support you by our prayers, our welcome when you come to church and also with our *Totspace* at the back of church. *If you feel uncomfortable about the promises you are asked to make, you may prefer to have your child blessed and prayers said for the significant people in his or her life.*

### Godparents

Finally, make sure the Godparents see a copy of the service prior to the big day. They too have promises to make, and they must be baptised Christians if they are to undertake this role

**Baptisms take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month;  
During the 10.00am service in January, March, May,  
July, August and October  
After the main service at 11.45am in February, April,  
June, September, and November**

## A Final Word ....

If after looking at the Baptism Service you have any concerns, do talk to the clergy, and we will do our very best to help.

- You may wish to have your baby baptised later in his or her life, so that s/he will have a memory of the occasion
- You may feel the service asks too much in the promises you are required to make
- You don't actually want a baptism, but feel a need for 'something'

*Please don't worry.*

We can also offer a **Service of Thanksgiving**, when the baby is blessed and in which we pray for the parents and the child's family.

Talk to the clergy about this, if you feel it might be more appropriate.

**Rector: Canon Janet Eastwood 0151 733 2172**

**NS Minister: Rev John Phillips 0151 722 2542**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:**

**Parish Administrator  
Mrs Helen Forster  
18 Brierfield Road  
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Liverpool  
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**You can also return it at one of our church services.**

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH**

**APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM OR BLESSING**

**Preferred Date:**

**Name of child to be baptised** .....

**Date of birth** .....

**Parents:**

**Father's name and occupation** .....

**Mother's name and occupation** .....

**Address** .....

**Phone number** .....

**Email Address** .....

**Godparents**  
*\* at a Baptism*

*The godparents must be baptised Christians  
though not necessarily Anglican.  
Please give the full names of up to four*

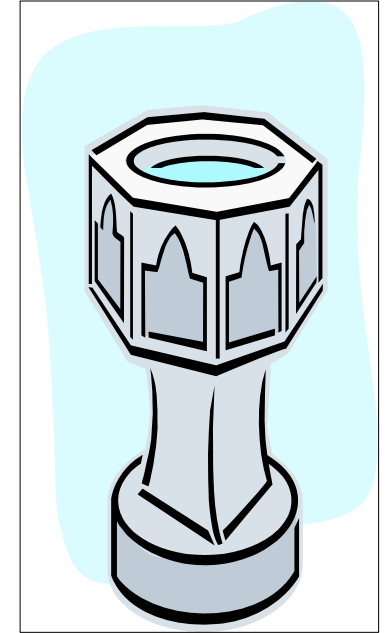
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Wavertree



Your  
Child's  
Baptism

