

Choosing Godparents

- They must be baptised and over 16
- If possible at least one of them should be confirmed, or have been baptised as an adult, so that they have made the baptism promises for themselves.
- The most traditional pattern is to have two godparents of the same gender as the child, and one of the opposite.
- The most common pattern nowadays is to have two couples.
- We ask that you choose a maximum of 4. If you would like more then please arrange to speak with one of the team.

They can belong to another Christian denomination (e.g. Methodist, Roman Catholic), and do not have to be Church of England.

Please note — If any of your proposed godparents have not been baptised, then you will need a conversation with a member of the team. Canon Law (the laws that govern the church) will not allow us to enter the names of those godparents who are not baptised in the baptism register, but there is no reason why they cannot say the promises and declarations during the baptism service.

Contact Details:

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Booking times:

6.30 pm—8.00 pm every Thursday in St Nicolas Church

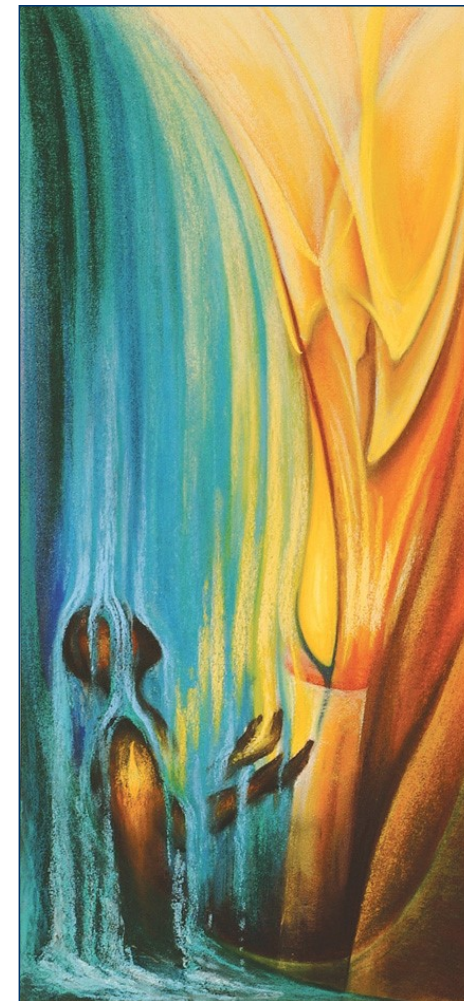


KINGS NORTON TEAM PARISH

St Nicolas, Hawkesley and Immanuel

Baptism of Children

Information
for
Parents



*...in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.*

“Baptism is about beginning, believing and belonging.”

Baptism is the beginning of a life-long faith journey. You will make promises before God, your family and friends on behalf of your child to bring them up as Christians. You will promise to help them live and grow as part of God’s family; pray for them and help them to follow Christ.

At the Baptism you will publicly state that you believe in God and in Jesus. You may have many questions and uncertainties about what you believe but that is part of the journey.

Being baptised makes your child part of the whole church family, not just in Kings Norton but across the world.

If this is what you would like for your child and you and your god parents are ready to make these serious promises we will help you to discover more about baptism.

How to book

For your child to be baptised at St Nicolas the child’s parents must:

- live or worship in the parish
- at least one of you needs to have been baptised.

If you do not live in Kings Norton Parish or worship here it may still be possible to have your child’s baptism here. You will need to speak with one of the team here and possibly to the vicar in the parish where you live, we will help you to arrange this.

- You will be booked to attend the next preparation session, **Introducing Baptism and Christianity**, which is held on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm.
- Once you have attended this session we will discuss available dates for the baptism service. This will usually be at a special service at 1230 on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.
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- You will also be booked for the second preparation session, **Meaning of Baptism**, which is again held on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm.
- We will invite you and your family to attend one of our Sunday services where you will receive a special baptism blanket along with a blessing.

How much does it cost?

Baptism is free, because it is about the free gift of God's love, life and forgiveness for all who are baptised. We show this in the signs of the cross, the water and the baptism candle that we use in the service.

We do, however, ask you to think about making a donation to the church, and to invite your family and friends to give generously to the collection in the service as a way of giving thanks. It costs us approximately £800 each week to keep St Nicolas open for you and others to come and use.