

*“Baptism is about beginning, believing and belonging.”*

**Baptism Enquiry times:  
6.30 - 8pm every Thursday in St Nicolas Church**

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 then 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 and possibly the vicar in the parish where you live, we will help you with this.

- You will be booked to attend a preparation session, **Introducing Baptism and Christianity**, which is held on a Thursday evening at 8pm.

- Once you have attended this session we will discuss available dates for the baptism service. This will usually be at a special service at 4pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. In some circumstances we may offer baptism as part of our Sunday services at 10.30 am.

- You will also be booked for a second preparation session, **Meaning of Baptism**, which is also held on a Thursday evening at 8pm.

- We invite you 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.

### **Contact Details:**

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