



APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM

Thank you for your enquiry about having your child baptised at St. Lawrence and All Saints Churches.

Please fill in this form and return it to the church office. When you return this form, we will get in contact with you to make arrangements for the date of your baptism service and the preparation.

At St. Lawrence and All Saints, we tend to do baptisms in our family services, which happen on the first Sunday of each month at St Lawrence. These services are child-friendly and are easily accessible for everyone.

In the Baptism service, as a parent or a godparent, you will be asked to affirm your commitment to bring your child up in the Christian faith in the following words:

As they grow up, they need the help and encouragement of that family, so that they learn to be faithful in public worship, and private prayer, to live by trust in God and come to confirmation.

This means that you need to be prepared to do your best to give your child a Christian upbringing within the family of Christ's Church. Given the commitment involved in Baptism, our Rector will spend some time with you in your home, talking through what baptism means for you and your child.

It is traditional to have three Godparents, two of the same sex as the child, and one of the opposite gender, but to have one Godfather and one Godmother is sufficient. There is of course no limit on the number of Godparents you may have. Parents may be Godparents to their children provided that the child has at least one other Godparent. Church Law requires that Godparents should be baptised and confirmed, but the requirement of confirmation can be relaxed in certain cases.

Church Law also states that a child should only be baptised at their own Parish Church, or the Church their parents normally attend. So, we regret that we cannot baptise children of families that live outside of our Parish and have no links to St. Lawrence or All Saints churches.

Preferred date for the baptism

Child's full name

Child's date of birth.....

Address

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Father's full name.....

Father's occupation.....

Has father been baptised? YES / NO

Confirmed? YES / NO

Mother's full name.....

Mother's occupation.....

Has mother been baptised? YES / NO

Confirmed? YES / NO

Mobile number (please state whose number this is – father / mother)

Email.....

Godparents (please provide an email address for each godparent)

1) Name Baptised YES / NO Confirmed YES / NO

Email address

2) Name Baptised YES / NO Confirmed YES / NO

Email address

3) Name Baptised YES / NO Confirmed YES / NO

Email address

Consent

The information given on this form will be used for the administration of your child's baptism service and will be stored and processed in accordance with the Church of England's policies.

Signed (Father) Date

Signed (Mother) Date

If you would like to know about some of the other services and activities that happen at St. Lawrence and All Saints churches, please tick the relevant boxes below:

☐ Sunday services

☐ Upcoming special services (Christmas / Easter)

☐ Alpha course (intro to Christianity)

☐ Youth and children's groups

☐ Toddler group

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Date of baptism: Date..... Month..... Year.....

Date entered in Register..... Entry no..... Date certificate issued.....