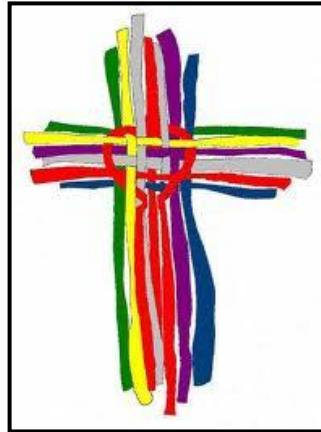


Thinking about **THANKSGIVING** or **BAPTISM** for your child?

We hope this poster will help you understand the options for you and your child.



For more information please contact the Parish Administrator

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| | THANKSGIVING | BAPTISM |
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| <i>Where and when?</i> | May take place during a normal Sunday service or as a short separate service in church for family and friends. | Usually takes place during a normal Sunday service in your parish church. |
| <i>What does it mean?</i> | Thanksgiving is an opportunity to say thank you to God for the gift of your child, to acknowledge your child's name and to nominate friends who will support you and your child as they grow. | Baptism marks the beginning of a journey of faith in God. At baptism parents and godparents are asked to make serious promises. |
| <i>What promises will I be asked to make?</i> | Friends and family will be asked if they will help and support you and your child as he or she grows up. | At baptism parents and godparents promise to pray for their child, draw them by example into the community of faith, walk with them in the way of Christ, and help them take their place within the life and worship of Christ's church. |
| <i>Is it necessary for supporters or godparents to have been baptised?</i> | Supporters do not need to have been baptised. | A person can only be a godparent if they have been baptised themselves. |
| <i>Is there a fee?</i> | No Your child will receive a certificate of thanksgiving. | Yes £13.00 Your child will receive a baptism certificate and a baptism candle. |
| <i>What next?</i> | You are welcome to consider baptism at a later date and welcome to join in any of our children's activities and regular services. | Your child has been welcomed into the church. You might find it helpful to join in any of our children's activities and regular services as a way of keeping the promises you have made. |
| <i>Can I find out more about Christian faith?</i> | Please feel free to ask. From time to time we run courses for people who are enquiring about faith and we would be happy to answer your questions at any of our weekly groups or regular services. | |