

All Saints' Brough & St.Mary's Elloughton BAPTISM POLICY

In baptism, we thank God for his gift of life and publicly acknowledge his love. In the Church of England it is common to baptise young children; this is sometimes known, outside the church, as christening.

Baptism is a 'sacrament' (holy ritual to symbolise grace) in the Christian tradition that is traced back to Jesus himself being baptised in the river Jordan.

We welcome all from this parish for baptism, including those who regularly attend worship here but live in another parish in the wider area. Those outside the parish and without a direct link with the church should approach their local church for baptism there. If you do not know which parish you live in then please follow the link below and enter your postcode when directed.

<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/parishfinder.php?All+saints%27+Brough#>

Below is a summary list of those we welcome for baptism.

1. Anybody, child or adult, who lives in this parish
2. Anybody on the electoral roll of this parish (see note below)
3. A child with at least one parent on the electoral roll of this parish (see note 1 below)
4. A child of parents married at All Saints' Brough or St.Mary's Elloughton
5. A child with grandparents or great grandparents who are on the electoral roll of this parish

Because baptism indicates a desire to bring children up in the Christian faith, it is important that there is a connection with the church community where that faith is formed and nurtured. This is because baptism is not supposed to be an isolated event, but part of a journey of faith in which worshipping in the church will be an important ingredient now and in the future.

Baptisms will only take place after the parents [and Godparents if available] have attended a preparation evening – except in the case of an emergency.

At All Saints' Brough, baptisms happen during our main 9.30 am Sunday morning service, on the 4th Sunday in each month only.

At St.Mary the Virgin, Elloughton, baptisms happen during our main 11.00 am Sunday morning service, on the 4th Sunday in each month only.

Note: If you live outside of the Parish of All Saints' Brough or St.Mary's Elloughton and wish to become involved in the worshipping life of our Church then please begin attending our Sunday Morning service regularly. After six months of worshipping with us at All Saints' Brough or St.Mary's Elloughton you may register to be placed on the Electoral Roll and apply for a Baptism.