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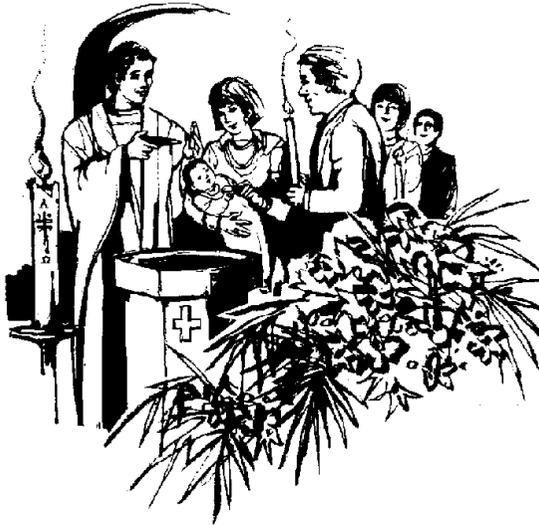
St George's parish covers the area below. If you would like to know whether you are in the parish you can either ask us or visit www.achurchnearyou.com where under St George's Hanworth the parish boundary can be viewed in more detail.



Can I hire the hall for a children's party?

Yes, if it is not already booked or being used.

Thank you for reading this. If you want to go a step further towards making a decision about baptism, please contact Father Paul – details on the back of this leaflet.



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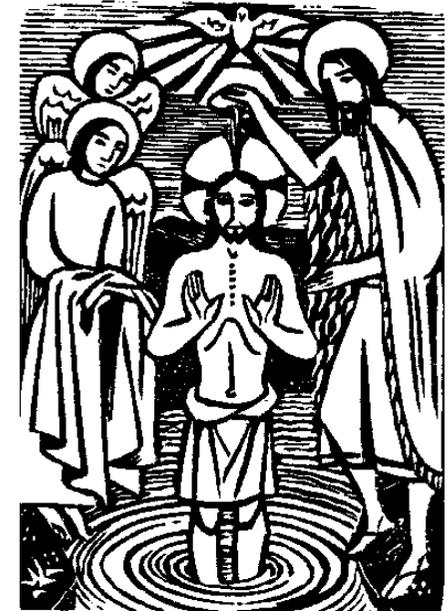
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Saint George Hanworth Park

THINKING ABOUT BAPTISM?



This leaflet attempts to answer some questions

We are glad you want to know more

Here are some common statements people make when they talk about baptism. The responses given are from a Christian viewpoint.

Q. Is baptism different to christening?

A. No, they are both the same.

Q. Will my baby have bad luck if they are not 'done'?

A. Baptism is not a service based on superstition; it is the beginning of life as a Christian.

Q. We are not bothered about a church service; it's my mother who is insisting on having one.

A. You have to decide whether you want your child(ren) baptised because it should be your faith that brings your child(ren) into the life of the Church. It is part of your responsibility to continue their Christian upbringing.

Q. Do Godparents have to be baptised?

A. Yes.

Q. How many Godparents do I have to choose?

A. At least one of each sex.

Q. I'm Church of England but my partner is Roman Catholic/Methodist. Does this matter?

A. No but whatever denomination at least one parent must be baptised.

Q. Can we video and take photographs?

A. No. Photo opportunities are accommodated but not during the service.

Q. How much does a baptism cost?

A. Nothing (except Registration Fee), but you may feel a donation to the Church would be appropriate.

About baptism...

Jesus said:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:19-20



Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit.

Baptism is a gift from God.

Baptism is a fresh start in the life of a person. Baptism is birth into new life in Christ.

Baptism is the beginning of a journey which ends in heaven provided one perseveres as a Christian and at Church.

Our baptism policy at St George's

◆ We baptise babies, children and adults who live in the parish, after preparation.

◆ We baptise babies, children and adults whose families worship regularly at S George's.

◆ We will baptise babies, children and adults who do not live in the parish, if

- you can demonstrate a real reason for baptism here, but not simply because you were married here or lived at some stage in the parish and
- if your own parish priest gives permission.

◆ Baptisms are usually incorporated into the regular Sunday service at 10am. Baptism is not a private service.

What does St George's offer after baptism?

- ◆ We have a baby unit at our nursery.
- ◆ We have a full-time nursery.
- ◆ We have youth club sections for small children.
- ◆ We have Sunday School at 10am.

If you are not a regular worshipper at St George's:

We will help you to prepare for baptism by talking carefully to you about what it means and to what you are committing yourself.