

Baptism and Dedication of Children at St. Pancras Church Pennycross



St. Pancras Church

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Thank you very much for picking up or downloading this leaflet, and thank you for choosing St. Pancras Church to celebrate the birth of your child.

Christian Baptism is an ancient tradition, where parents make promises about their own Christian faith, and commit themselves to bringing up their child to understand that faith for themselves. In recognition of this commitment, the church welcomes the child into the church family by signing their forehead with the sign of the cross and baptising them with water in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Specifically, parents who bring children for baptism are committing to the following:

- To be an active part of the church family;
- To model Christian family life in the home;
- To bring up children to know Jesus Christ.

Because baptism is such an important step, we are committed to working with you and your family to prepare for the baptism. This process is explained in detail on the next page. Baptisms usually take place in one of our morning services, which are at 10:30am.

For those who do not feel able to make this level of commitment, we also offer a service of dedication. This is very similar to baptism, but without the requirement to make the same promises or to become part of the church family.

I look forward to meeting you soon,

Jon Marlow
Vicar of St. Pancras.



PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM OR DEDICATION

Please read the following steps closely. They describe what will need to happen before we can arrange a Baptism or Dedication service.

- Bring your completed application form along to one of our Servcies or Messy Church events. As baptisms take place in a church service, we like you to see what is involved and join in with the church family from the start of the process.
- We will arrange a date and time to visit you at home. This visit will be with the Vicar, or another member of staff. At this meeting we will usually be able to agree a date for the service, and to discuss whether it will be a baptism or dedication service.
- For Baptism services, we will arrange three sessions of preparation for parents. This will usually take place on three separate occasions, although when we have a lot of candidates, we might arrange a one-day session for a number of parents. The three sessions cover:
 - 1) What is a Christian?
 - 2) What is Christian Family Life?
 - 3) What is Baptism?

DATES TO REMEMBER

Home Visit:

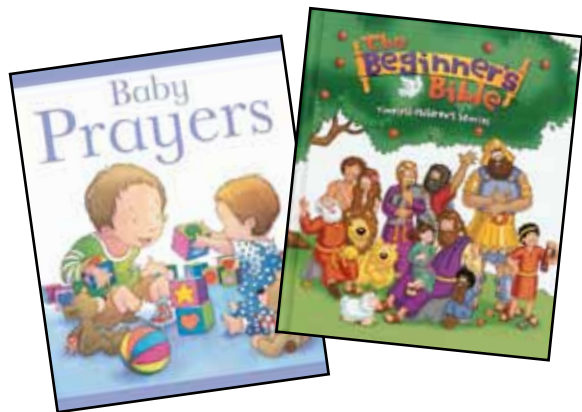
Preparation Session 1:

Preparation Session 2:

Preparation Session 3:

Date of Service:

READING THE BIBLE AND PRAYING TOGETHER



An important part of teaching your child to know and love Jesus is to read the Bible to them from an early age. In the service we like to present children with a copy of "The Beginner's Bible", which is often given as a gift by a Godparent or Grandparent.

When we visit you at home we will bring you a copy of this Bible and other books which you can read with babies and toddlers. This will help you to get into the habit of reading the Bible with your child as you prepare for their baptism or dedication.

The cost of the Bible is £10, which is payable with the application form.

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PLEASE FILL IN THIS PAGE AND BRING IT TO ONE OF OUR SERVICES

ABOUT YOUR CHILD

Child's Christian Name:

Child's Surname:

Child's Date of Birth:

ABOUT YOU

Mother's Full Name:

Occupation:

Father's Full Name:

Occupation:

Marital Status:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Do you have other children:

Full Name	Age

GODPARENTS AND SPONSORS

Please give the names of three people who will act as Godparents for your child.

Godparent 1
Name:

Address:

Are they Baptised Y / N
Are they Confirmed Y / N

Godparent 2
Name:

Address:

Are they Baptised Y / N
Are they Confirmed Y / N

Godparent 3
Name:

Address:

Are they Baptised Y / N
Are they Confirmed Y / N

There is no charge for the baptism or dedication service, but please detach and return this form with £10 to cover the cost of the Beginner's Bible. and additional books.