

## Amber's Baptism – 21<sup>st</sup> August 2011



My husband Paul and I started to think about getting our youngest daughter Amber baptised in April of this year. Our eldest daughter Lila had been baptised at St John's Church in the Walks, but having recently moved to North Wootton Paul and I thought it would be nice for Amber to be baptised at All Saints Church.

I contacted James Nash and arranged to meet him to discuss Amber's baptism. James came to visit and we discussed possible dates, which church was available and a Baptism Preparation evening he was arranging in June. We chose 21<sup>st</sup> August and I began to make preparations for Amber's big day. We spoke to prospective Godparents asking them if they would like to take on this special role and all were really pleased and honoured to be asked.

In June we attended the Baptism Preparation evening with other couples who were planning on having their children baptised and we discussed our hopes and dreams for our little ones, the Christian faith and baptism.

August soon came round and the day before the baptism we met James at All Saints Church to go through the service. Happy with the format we left and got the children to bed early.

The day of the baptism arrived and we got Amber ready for her special day. We arrived at the Church and met up with all of our family and friends. The service was lovely and included action hymns which Lila loved so much she spent most of the time dancing at the very front of the church. When the time for the actual baptism arrived we took Amber down to the font where she was baptised. Although shocked somewhat at having holy water poured onto her head she didn't cry and soon became more interested in her candle of light.

After the church service we went to the Deer's Leap where we had a buffet and refreshments and continued to celebrate Amber's baptism with Godparents, family and friends. Everyone had a fantastic day and a very tired Amber was crashed out and in bed by 6.30pm!

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