

At baptism you will be asked to make certain promises, these are:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

Parents and Godparents: I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

Parents and Godparents: I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Parents and Godparents: I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Parents and Godparents: I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Parents and Godparents: I come to Christ.

You may like to discuss them with the Godparents.

Application for Baptism

You need to live within the St John's area or to have sought permission to have baptism out of your home parish.

You will need to fill in a baptism application form available from Revd. Chris Rowberry

If you have any questions or would like to book a baptism please phone Revd. Chris Rowberry on 01489 789578 or e-mail revchrisrow@me.com

SERVICES @ ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Sunday services

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:45 am Eucharist (Crèche and Godly Play
2nd and 4th Sunday)

9:45@945 1st Sunday (Messy Church)

9:45 am Family Communion (3rd Sunday)

12 noon and 2:00pm Baptism (2nd Sunday)

6:30 pm Informal communion (1st Sunday)

Wednesday

10:0 am Holy Communion, coffee and cake

Children & Youth

Wednesday - Underhill Centre

1:30 - 2:30 pm Sunbeams (0-4 years)

1st Saturday of month - Underhill Centre

10:00 am - 12:30 Discoverers (5 - 11 years)

Baptism @ St Johns Church Hedge End



Baptisms @ St John the Evangelist Church

We have an open baptism policy @ St John's Church - if you do not live in the area you may be baptised here under certain circumstances.

Baptism, or Christening as many people know it, is a very large part of Church life @ St John's. The ancient service of Christian initiation is undertaken on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the 12 noon service (sometimes also at 2:00pm) We ask parents to come to a preparation morning on a Saturday in order to learn a little about the service and to give them a chance to think about what they are asking to be done. Parents are also invited to attend one of the first 9:45@945 Sunday services. Whilst there is no charge for baptism we do ask that those who are able to give a donation to the Church.

At St John's, baptism is seen as the entry into the Christian faith and with it all the importance that this implies. For this reason we see baptised children as an equal part of the Church with the adults.

For little ones who have no language it is through their other noises that they join in with the service.

Likewise they have shorter attention spans and should be allowed to move around the Church if they wish. We only ask that someone takes care that they do not injure themselves or put people at risk. (We have a number of candles around!) The Church has a crèche and Godly Play sessions (story telling and activities) on the second and fourth Sunday in the month at the 9:45 am service.

As a part of the baptism service we anoint the candidates with holy oil, making the sign of Christ, the cross, on their head and encourage Godparents to join in with this practice. We pour water over the head of the candidate and at the end of the service we give each candidate a candle as a sign of Christ's light in their life. We suggest that the candle is lit on the anniversary of the baptism and that the promises made on behalf of the candidate are remembered during a family party time.

During the year at the Church we hold a Teddy Bear's picnic to which all those baptised in the previous year are invited.

This is hopefully a chance for all the parents, the children and other candidates to come together again.

There is also a yearly confirmation service. We have a number of people who are confirmed each year. Some adults who have not been baptised as children take this opportunity to do both, baptism and confirmation together. Confirmation is the time when the person who is baptised takes on the vows and promises that were made for them at their baptism for themselves.

In the past not being confirmed would mean that a person was not able to receive communion (bread and wine) until they had been confirmed. Here at St John's we see baptism as the entry into the Christian faith and as a sacrament that sustains us we would want all those baptised to receive communion.

We now welcome to communion all those who are baptised and regularly attending the Church.