



WHAT IS BAPTISM?

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*you for getting in touch to ask about baptism. We are
have contacted us, as it is good to acknowledge that chil
us from God.*

*plet comes to you to answer some of the questions you m
explain something of what baptism is all about.*

**’T THE LAW SAY THE BABY MUST BE
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Idren are properly and legally named when their birth
red.



’ WE’VE BEEN TOLD THAT S/HE MUST BE ‘DONE’...’

/ be so but it is **YOU**, the parents who will have to
e promises. The decision to have the baptism and to
portant promises must be **YOURS** - whatever anyone
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TISM MAKES THEM COME ON BETTER DOESN'T IT



There is nothing in the Baptism Service which says, or ev
suggests that this is true. Baptism won't turn your baby
little angel! It isn't like an inoculation or insurance paym
doesn't ensure the baby will be better in any way.

**“...BUT AT LEAST IF S/HE IS BAPTISED S/HE
HAVE A GOOD START IN LIFE.....”**

ism is a good start, but a good start is no use unless it is follo

some words we sometimes use in the Baptism Service that his question:

...we brought these children to baptism knowing that Jesus came to save them and trusting in the promise that God hears their prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ they will receive forgiveness of their sins and new life of the Spirit.

...as they grow up, they will need help and encouragement of the Church, so that they may learn to know God in public worship, pray, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve their neighbours, follow the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation.

...and so, of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support them by our example and teaching. As their parents and godparents, you have a special responsibility for guiding and helping them in their early years, a demanding task for which you will need the help and support of the Church.

...in these words, in baptism we celebrate the fact that God loves your child and has a place for your child in his church. At the same time, because so many promises are made, parents and godparents speak in a solemn way.

...these are not easy promises to make, nor are they just empty words. Remembering that just as you wouldn't dream of neglecting your child's physical needs - food, clothing etc. - so you shouldn't dream of neglecting their spiritual needs either.

ntisms normally take place on Sundays on set dates in the year
1.00p and 2.00pm. Please **DO NOT** make any arrangements
families and friends or for parties until we have agreed a date with

Photography and video recording are not permitted under any
circumstances during services. However, it is possible to take
photographs and/or video once the service has finished.

Godparents [usually 2 of the same sex as the child and 1 of the
opposite sex] make exactly the same promises as parents. All Godparents
must have been baptised in the Church of England or another Christian
Church. It is important to think carefully about whom you ask. To ask
someone to be a godparent just because they are a relative, close friend
or even a bridesmaid may not be the best reason for choosing them.
Godparents have a responsibility to PRAY for your child and to encourage
him/her to find out more about the Christian faith. Godparents also have
certain responsibilities for your child. Please feel free to talk to the
vicar if you would like advice about choosing godparents.

Please note that your child being baptised at our church **DOES NOT** involve
any financial obligation you may make for any of our church primary school
or church secondary schools.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further assistance

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