



Christenings at St Peter's

We're delighted that you've made an enquiry about a Christening at St Peter's – the Church of England church in the very centre of Harrogate. If you're already part of the life of St Peter's you'll know that there's always something going on here. If you're not so familiar the [St Peter's Website](#) has all the details. You may like to know about three events that are particularly suitable for children:

Sunday 9.30-10.20am Family Communion

This is a semi-formal service of Holy Communion with music led by a Music Group. Most Sundays there is a Sunday Club for Primary School-aged (see the website for details). There are toy bags for younger ones, and no one will mind if your baby or child makes a noise. All the children get to grab a musical instrument for the final song. After the service we offer refreshments for any who want to stay.

Sunday 4.15-5.15pm Stepping Stones Service

This informal, café-style service begins with refreshments at 4.15pm. Families then sit at tables and join in with songs, a story, a talk all together. There is Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday and crafts on a theme on the 3rd Sunday.

Thursday 9.30-11.00am Toddlers

Gather in church with your baby or toddler for songs and a story, then everyone moves to hall for coffee/juice, snacks, play time and crafts. Toddlers runs almost every week of the year and is free of charge. To get a flavour of what goes on visit the [St Peter's CofE Church, Harrogate, Toddler Group Facebook page](#).

Filling in your Christening Enquiry Form

Choosing a time:

Most Christenings are conducted on **Sunday afternoons at 2.30pm**. We also particularly love it when families ask for the Baptism to take place within one of our **9.30am or 4.15pm Sunday Services**. If you choose this option, do start attending this service right away (if you don't already) – so that the congregation can welcome you and you can get a feel for the service.

Choosing a date:

St Peter's is a very active church which means that Christenings can only be accommodated at certain times on certain Sundays. If you would like a service on **Sunday at 2.30pm** then please choose a date that is either the **1st Sunday or the 4th Sunday in the Month**. The service will last about 30 minutes. Your child may be the only one being Christened that day, or there may be one or two others.

If you would like the Christening to take part within our main **9.30am Family Communion** service, these take place on the **3rd Sunday in the Month**. Once again, there may be more than one child being Christened in this service.

Clergy holidays and major events may change the week in the month when Christenings are possible.

Choosing godparents:

There are lots of factors to consider when choosing godparent. One important aspect of their role is their responsibility to help your child grow up in the family of the Church and explore Christian faith for themselves. It makes sense, therefore, to choose godparents who are Baptised and, ideally, Confirmed.

What happens next?

Once you've completed your *Christening Enquiry Form* please return it to Carole at stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com and she will contact you to firm up the date. Then either Revd Alan or Revd Chris will be in touch to make a time to come and visit you at home, to start to get to know you, prepare for the service, and answer any questions you may have. We love conducting Christenings and we want to do all we can to make the occasion special for you and your family.

We look forward to receiving your form and, in the meantime, do come and join us at Toddlers or for Sunday worship.



Revd Alan Garrow
Vicar



Revd Chris Clayton
Associate Vicar