

Services of Baptism, Thanksgiving and Blessing at St Chads Sutton Coldfield

The Church views children as a gift from God and it is great that you are interested in a service of Baptism, thanksgiving or blessing for your child. Children are very important to God and to the Church; Jesus said:-

'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these'. Mark 10:14



The Service

Services take place at 12.30 on Sunday mornings. During the service there will be a reading from the bible, a sermon (talk), prayers for those being baptised and of course the baptism, thanks giving or blessing.

There is no charge for the service, but you would be welcome to most a donation to the work of the church. The service usually lasts about 25-30mins.

God Parents

You do not have to have Godparents, but most people do. They should be people who can help your child to grow spiritually and be an example for your child to follow. Ideally there should be both male and female Godparents and usually four people in total

Expectations

With services of thanksgiving and blessing you will always be welcome to come along to church services, but there is no expectation that you have to. With a service of Baptism you and the Godparents are making a commitment to bring your child up to know God and to be part of the local Christian Church. As such there are two key expectations:

First, that parents and God parents will be baptised themselves and are willing to travel on a faith journey with the child.

Second, you would be expected to attend church on a regular basis. What this looks like in practice can be discussed with the vicar, but for example could include attendance at the monthly parade service (usually held on the 3rd Sunday of every month) and/or attending the major Christian festivals of the year: Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Mothering Sunday etc.

Whichever type service you choose, it makes sense for you to come along to one or more church services in the lead up to your service, so that you can get to know the church and the church congregation can get to know you.

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