

Parish of Sandal Magna

Application for Public Baptism of an Infant

Names of Parents _____ Office Use Only

Date of baptism _____ **Time** _____ **Church** St. Helen's / St. Paul's

Below: Please Complete this form after reading the notes overleaf and signing the declaration(s).

Child's Christian name(s) _____

Date of Child's Birth _____

Christian Names and Surnames of Father _____

Father's Occupation _____

Christian Names and Surname of Mother _____

Mother's Occupation _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Christian names, surnames and addresses of three godparents. *(see notes overleaf).*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

At the baptism service the following questions are asked:

Parents and Godparents, the children whom you have brought for baptism depend chiefly on you for the help and encouragement they need. Are you willing to give it to them by your prayers, by your example and by your teaching?

To these words both you and the godparents respond: **I am willing.**

You will appreciate that these words involve an important undertaking on your part. You will want to think about it very carefully. When you have done so we ask you to sign the appropriate section below.

TO BE SIGNED BY PARENTS APPLYING FOR BAPTISM OF A FIRST CHILD

(a) We have both read the paragraphs above and are happy to affirm that we are undertaking the three specific duties there laid down. We have drawn the attention of the Godparents to these duties.

(b) We are both prepared to attend the Preparation Meeting, and the Family Service, on the first Sunday of the month, following the Baptism when your child is welcomed into God's family.

Signed _____ Father _____

Signed _____ Mother _____

TO BE SIGNED BY PARENTS APPLYING FOR BAPTISM OF A SECOND CHILD OR SUBSEQUENT CHILD

(a) We have both read the paragraphs above and are happy to affirm that we are already undertaking the three specific duties there laid down in respect of our older child/children. We have drawn the attention of the Godparents to these duties.

(b) We are both prepared to attend the Preparation Meeting, and the Family Service, on the first Sunday of the month, following the Baptism when your child is welcomed into God's family.

Signed _____ Father _____

Signed _____ Mother _____

Please note:

A boy should have two godfathers and one godmother, a girl two godmothers and one godfather.

Parents may stand as godparents. Ideally, each godparent should be a full communicant member of the Church, and in fact the law of the Church requires this. Only a person who is confirmed can fully make the promise required at baptism of the child and undertake the important duties of helping the child to grow in the Christian faith until he or she is ready to be confirmed. It is appreciated that this does present practical problems but you are asked to try to find at least one confirmed godparent who is a communicant. We look forward to welcoming your child into the church family. Baptism is a wonderful occasion and a spiritual birthday; the beginning of life lived as followers of Jesus Christ.

Please complete and return this form as soon as possible with the fee to:

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