



Parish of Sandal Magna

Vicar - Revd. Rupert Martin

Baptism

Thank you for calling to ask to have your child Baptised. We very much look forward to having you with us at St. Helen's and trust that it will prove to be a happy and memorable occasion. Baptisms can be booked on a 1st or 3rd Sunday of the month.

Baptism Preparation & Preparation Class

Before your child are baptised, we warmly invite you to attend two of our services called 'Families@4' which are on the second Sunday of each month. This is a chance to join the worshipping life of the church and for us to get to know you. The service is very informal and includes a light tea with cake for the first 30mins. It is ideally suited to young families and the worship lasts no longer than 40mins.

Additionally, it is important that both parents attend (where possible) our 'Baptism Preparation Class', because we will be learning about the meaning of baptism, thinking about our Christian faith and preparing for the service. It is also an opportunity for us to help you complete the enclosed application form and book a date (if one has not already been booked). Please make sure you have completed and returned it to The Parish Office, with a voluntary donation of £28 payable to "Sandal Magna PCC Fee's Account", (costs towards expenses such as heat and light, a certificate and cards for Godparents).

Baptism Visitors

Each family is assigned a 'Baptism Visitor'. They are ordinary members of the church who volunteer to support families who are having children baptised. Their main task is to offer advice, support and prayer. The visitors will also attend the baptism service, to help everything run smoothly.





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On The Day

On the day there will be a pew reserved for you, your child and the godparents. When you arrive put yourselves into the guiding hands of the baptism visitor who will be there to welcome you and to show you where to sit. If you are bringing other children to church do let them bring a favourite toy and if they wish to explore the church please let them if you wish. Toilet and baby changing facilities are at the back of the Church. We ask that you will refrain from taking flash photographs during the service itself as this may disturb some of the children. There will be an opportunity at the end of the service to take all the photographs that you want. If you have a sudden crisis and are in danger of being late for the service please send relatives on ahead and let them assure the baptism visitor that you are coming.

Baptism Welcome

Each 2nd Sunday in the month we invite recently baptised families to attend the 4pm service at St. Helen's (Families@4) for your child to be welcomed with a welcome prayer. Please do come along to the next 2nd Sunday in the month after your child's baptism, so you can receive a warm welcome!

After The Baptism

Our 'Families@4pm' service at St. Helen's, which is the 2nd Sunday in each month at 4pm is child friendly and also fun for all ages. Other services are on Sundays at 9.15am and 10.45am we have a creche and children's groups at St. Helen's (Barnsley Road, Sandal) or 11am at St. Paul's (The Balk, Walton). We would also like to invite you to attend our parent and toddler groups, held during school term time at St Paul's Church in Walton at 9.15am on Thursdays or alternatively at St. Helen's Church, Sandal on Tuesdays at mornings at 9.15am (contact Denise Chivers on 01924 781196).

If you have any questions please call the Parish Office.

Yours Sincerely,

Marisa Kapp (*Parish Administrator*)



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