

BAPTISM AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

INFORMATION SHEET

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WESTHAMPNETT
Registered Charity No: 1191476

1. Booking

At St Peter's we are always delighted to welcome new members into the church. Baptism ('Christening') is the way in which we formally become part of the worldwide Christian Church.

If you would like to be baptised yourself, or if you would like to have your child baptised, please contact me, The Revd Rachel Hawes, the Associate Rector, (m: 07768875590, email: rachel.hawes@outlook.com).

2. The Baptism Service

Wherever possible, we aim to conduct Baptisms within the main Sunday Eucharist, with the regular congregation present to welcome the candidates. This takes place at St Peter's at 9.45 am every Sunday. We recognise however that, both for practical and personal reasons, this is not always appropriate, so we can also offer separate Baptism services, usually at 12.15pm on Sundays.

3. Fees

There is no charge for a Baptism however if you request a separate service then we do have to make the following charges: £50 for the Verger and a small fee (usually about £5) to print a separate Order of Service.

4. Age

There are no age limits for Baptism. Anyone may be baptised at any age. Baptism is an expression of God's free and unlimited grace.

5. Preparation - infants and children

There is no formal preparation for the Baptism of a child, but I like to meet with the parents and the child when arranging the Baptism to explain the process. Then, on the day of the service, I ask the parents and Godparents to come 30 mins before the start of the service so that I can talk through with everyone what will happen in the service.

6. Preparation – adults

I would normally expect to have a minimum of five preparation sessions with adults before Baptism. These sessions may be face to face or on Zoom, at the most convenient time for you (eg in the evening if you are working).

7. More Information about Baptism

More information about baptism can be found on the Church of England website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/christenings>

With good wishes

Rachel

THE REVD RACHEL HAWES (Associate Rector)