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**BAPTISM OF A CHILD**

**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF  
ALSOP-EN-LE-DALE, FENNY BENTLEY,  
PARWICH, THORPE & TISSINGTON**



## **Application for the baptism of a child**

Thank you for considering having your child baptised at one of our churches. We tend to baptise children during our family services. Before completing this form, please give me a call on 07758 704452, to discuss suitable dates. Once we have agreed a date, please complete one of these forms for each child to be baptised and return to me at The Vicarage, Smithy Lane, Parwich, DE6 1QD.

### **What is baptism?**

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism. And as a sign of that new life, there may be a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

As you pray for your child before the service, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.' John 10.10

Wishing you Christ's peace

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## Application for the baptism of a child

### Service Details

Church:

Date:

Time:

Favourite Hymns or Bible Readings:

Would a member of your family like to read one of the Bible readings (please give name & relationship):

### Candidate's Details

Child's Full Name:

Date of Birth:

### Parent's Details

Mother's Full Name:

Occupation:

Fathers Full Name:

Occupation:

Tel:

Email:

Address:

**God Parent's Details** (continue overleaf as required)