

## The Parish of All Saints with St James Brightlingsea

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Dear Parents / Guardians

### Re: Application for Baptism

We're delighted you're thinking of baptism for your child. Your child is precious to you and precious to God. At baptism you promise to raise your child to know God loves them, and to help them to follow Jesus as a member of the Church.

Baptisms usually take place on the first and third Sundays of the month at the 10am Family Eucharist, unless there is a Christian festival such as Easter or Christmas.

If you live in Brightlingsea\*, we would like to invite you and your family to attend at least two of our services prior to the Baptism and would ask that parents, and if possible godparents, attend a preparation meeting with our Baptism team. These informal meetings are usually held bi-monthly, and we ask that you book in to one of these sessions as part of your preparation and planning for this memorable occasion.

Traditionally there are two godparents of the same gender as the child, and one of the opposite gender. It is important that you choose people who will take an interest in your child's spiritual welfare, and to that end the godparents should be baptised themselves. If your proposed godparents would like to be baptised please ask them to contact me directly.

One of our Baptism Team will visit you to assist with your application, and will answer any questions that you may have. We look forward to welcoming you and your child into the community of faith here at All Saints with St James!

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs."*

Please be assured of our prayers

With Best Wishes

The Reverend Anne Howson

\* If you do not live in Brightlingsea please contact your local parish priest who will be pleased to discuss baptism with you.