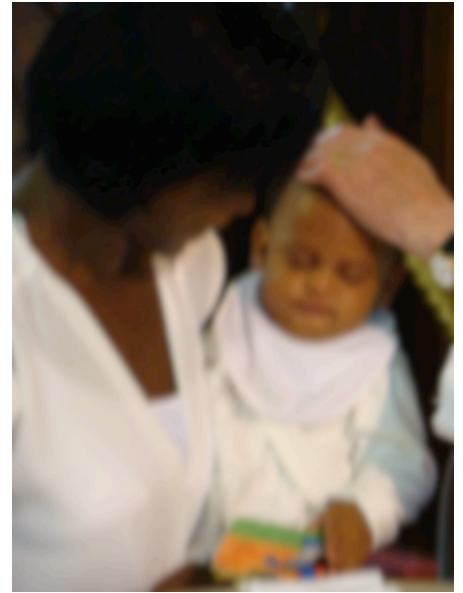


CHRIST CHURCH LILLE Infant Baptism



We hope this leaflet will answer some of your questions, but once you have read it, please get in touch with the Chaplain.

You will find the contact details on page 6, and a copy of a form to fill in on pages 7 and 8. This must be returned to the Chaplain at least 2 weeks before the date agreed.



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What is baptism?

As **parents**, baptism means thanking God for his gift of life and starting your child on the journey of faith, asking for the Church's support.

For your **child**, it means turning towards Christ and becoming a member of the local and worldwide Christian family.

Baptism is a sacrament, a visible sign of God's love: we thank God for his gift of life and publicly acknowledge his love. We acknowledge that we all need to turn away from selfishness and evil, and accept God's offer of a new start.

Parents, godparents and the **church community** help your child to follow a way of life that reflects goodness and light, and shares this light with others. A lighted candle is given as a reminder of the light which has come into the child's life.



Parents

What is involved?

A child should normally be baptised at the parish church or the church the parents usually attend. However, even if you aren't a regular churchgoer, your child can still be baptised.

The usual time for baptism at Christ Church Lille is during the 10.30 am Sunday morning service. During the service, parents, godparents, friends and family, share in this special day, together with members of the congregation who will welcome this new member of Christ's family.

When you bring your child for baptism, you will be asked to answer, on your child's behalf, that you believe in God and that you will bring up your child to follow Jesus. You will be supported by the godparents and by the church community, who also make promises to support you and pray for you.

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For some information about godparents, read on.



Godparents

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Godparents make promises on the day, to encourage their godchild to grow and understand and live in a Christian way. Godparents will discuss what these promises mean when they meet with the Chaplain before the service, to prepare for this special day and of course, to prepare for their role as Godparent.

As a Godparent, you have been chosen to be a special part of a child's life, because the parents know you and trust you. Because of this special role, Godparents must have been baptised themselves. They should also be confirmed, but if not, please talk about this with the chaplain.



Baptism service

What happens during the service?

You can find the complete text of a baptism service at this link:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/worship/texts/initiation/baptism.aspx>

During the service some special symbols and actions are used. At the heart of the service, the child is baptised with water. This takes place around the font, and you can see a picture of Christ church Lille font in the picture on the cover of this leaflet and in the photo above.

Other important moments are the sign of the cross which the priest makes on the child's forehead, and the anointing with oil.

And of course, there are the promises which you and the godparents make, on the child's behalf, and the welcome by the church community.

During the meetings with the chaplain before the baptism, there will be the opportunity to learn more about these elements and what they mean.



What now?

- Parents should contact the Chaplain and arrange to meet and discuss arrangements. The Chaplain will tell you about meetings before the Baptism can take place.
- Complete the Application for Infant Baptism form and return it to the Chaplain at least 14 days before the arranged date.

Fees

There are *no fees* for having your child baptized. We would certainly welcome a gift to help with the costs associated with your celebration and to assist with the ministry of Christ Church.

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APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM OF A CHILD

1 Parents

	Father	Mother
Full name		
Baptised ?	Yes/No	Yes/No
Confirmed ?	Yes/No	Yes/No
Occupation		
Address and telephone numbers		
Email		

If you are not one of the parents, please give your details too. Otherwise you can leave this section blank

Your family name	
Your Christian name	
Your address	
Your telephone number	
Your email	
Your relationship to the child	

2 Details of the child to be baptised

Child's family name	
Child's Christian name	
Child's address if different from parents	
Child's date of birth	

4 Godparents

1	Mr/Mrs/Miss	
	Full name	
	Address	
	Baptised Yes/No	
	Confirmed Yes/No	
2	Mr/Mrs/Miss	
	Full name	
	Address	
	Baptised Yes/No	
	Confirmed Yes/No	
3	Mr/Mrs/Miss	
	Full name	
	Address	
	Baptised Yes/No	
	Confirmed Yes/No	

5 Any other information which you would like to give

6 Agreed date of baptism

Please remember that you need to return this form AT LEAST 14 days before the date