

APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM

Agreed Date of Baptism: _____

Candidate Details

- Full Name: _____
- Date of Birth: _____
- Address: _____
- Telephone: _____
- Email: _____

Parents (if applicable)

- Father's Name & Occupation: _____
Baptised / Confirmed: Yes / No
- Mother's Name & Occupation: _____
Baptised / Confirmed: Yes / No

Godparents / Sponsors (Names, addresses, and baptism/confirmation status)

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Godparents should normally be baptised and confirmed Christians. Parents may serve as godparents provided there is at least one additional godparent.



Exploring Baptism, Confirmation & Reception

A short guide for those considering Baptism, Confirmation, or Reception into the Church of England

"Faith is not about having all the answers, but about trusting God enough to keep walking."

WELCOME

This booklet is for anyone who is:

- exploring **Christian faith** for the first time
- considering **Baptism** (for themselves or their child)
- preparing for **Confirmation**
- being **received into the Church of England** from another Christian tradition

You do not need prior knowledge, and you are not expected to have everything worked out. The Church of England is a place where **faith can grow gradually**, with space for questions, learning, and prayer.

THE JOURNEY YOU ARE CONSIDERING

Baptism

Baptism is the beginning of the Christian journey. It is the sacrament through which we are:

- welcomed into the family of the Church
- marked as belonging to Christ
- invited into a lifelong journey of faith

Baptism may take place in infancy or later in life. For adults, Baptism often comes alongside Confirmation.

Confirmation

Confirmation is the point at which a person:

- affirms the promises made at Baptism (or makes them for the first time)
- is prayed for by a bishop
- is strengthened by the Holy Spirit for Christian life and service

Reception into the Church of England

If you have already been baptised and confirmed in another Christian tradition, you may be **received** into the Church of England by a bishop. This recognises your existing faith and welcomes you formally into the Anglican tradition.

Preparing Through the Course

As part of preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, or Reception, you will be invited to take part in a short 6 week evening course, from 18th February – 25th March, over zoom, led by Reverend Elisabeth Dean and invited speakers. The sessions will explore:

1. The Church of England
2. The Bible
3. The Sacraments
4. Worship and Prayer (including the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship)
5. Ministry and Service
6. Living Out Our Faith

Each session includes prayer, discussion, and space for reflection.

PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS

For Baptism Candidates

If you or your child are to be baptised, please complete the **Application for Baptism** form on the back of this booklet and return it to the chaplain or church office – churchoffice@christchurchlille.fr

For Confirmation Candidates

If you have already been baptised, please provide a **copy of your Baptism Certificate or date and place of your Baptism** - as part of your preparation for Confirmation or Reception. This is a normal administrative requirement of the Church.

If you are unsure whether you were baptised, please speak to Elisabeth, who can help you explore this.