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**Baptism and Thanksgiving at Trentham Parish Church**



Information ahead of a Baptism or Thanksgiving

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Baptism/Thanksgiving: Helpful Information

**A special day:** Both Baptism and a service of thanksgiving are a cause for celebration, and whichever you choose, we at Trentham Parish Church are excited to be a part of the special occasion. Both are a time for getting loved ones together to mark a special occasion and celebrate, however there are some key differences that you should be aware of before proceeding.

**Thanksgiving**: A ceremony of thanksgiving focuses on, thanking God for the life of your child and, as a public service, acknowledging this celebration before friends, family and God himself. Godparents can be appointed at a thanksgiving. We will thank God for your child, celebrate their life and health, pray for their future and reflect on what it means to honour and look after God’s precious children. There are no formal oaths, promises or declarations made at a Thanksgiving.

**Baptism**: A ceremony of baptism includes all the above aspects of a celebration but has some distinct additions. Namely the purpose of baptism is to express the desire that your child would, one day, enter the Christian faith and a relationship with Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Parents and Godparents undertake the saying of promises before God on behalf of the child and commit to raising them as Christians whilst also living a Christian life themselves. This includes being part of the church community and investing in the life of Trentham Parish church by joining us on Sunday mornings for worship. Within the Church of England, Baptism is often followed by Confirmation when your child is older in which your child accepts the promises, made on their behalf at Baptism, for themselves.

**Time and place**: Our Baptism/Thanksgiving services take place at the church on Sunday afternoons. We usually start at 13:00 on Sundays.

**Booking:** To book a baptism/thanksgiving please contact our church Administrator via email or phone using the details on the following pages. More details that may be useful can be found on the following pages. There are no fees/costs for a Service of Thanksgiving or Baptism.

*Baptism/Thanksgiving Procedure*

We take great care in our preparation, see the full procedure below.

1. ***Admin****: Contact our Administrator on* [*trenthamparishoffice@gmail.com*](mailto:trenthamparishoffice@gmail.com) *or by ringing* 01782 658110 *to arrange a meeting with one of the Ministers.*
2. ***Form:*** *Please then fill in the form at the back of this booklet and email or post it to the Administrator. This lets us have all the details we need to get organised and start preparing for the service.*
3. ***Baptism/Thanksgiving Preparation****: The Minister assigned to your service will be in touch to arrange preparation sessions. The purpose of this is to make sure everyone involved understands the heart and purpose of the service and to iron out the details for the happy day. Practically speaking this means meeting with the Minister on 2 or 3 occasions (usually Wednesday nights in person or via Zoom).*
4. ***The Service****: The Minister will meet you at the church around 12:45 on the chosen Sunday and the service will begin as soon as all guests are seated.*

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| ***Baptism***  *The Welcome*   * Greetings and Introductions * The Opening Prayer * Welcome of the Child and Parents * The Bible Reading * Short Reflection on the reading * Hymn/Song/poem   *The Decision*   * Signing of the cross * Prayer over the water * The Baptism * The Welcome * The Prayers & The Lord’s prayer * Gifts are given (Toddler Bible and invitation to receive a Baptismal Candle at next week’s 11am service) * The Blessing | ***Thanksgiving***  *The Welcome*   * Greetings and Introductions * The Opening Prayer * Welcome of the Child and Parents * The Bible Reading * Short Reflection on the reading * Hymn/Song/poem * The Prayers & The Lord’s prayer * Gifts are given (Toddler Bible) * The Blessing |

Example Service Order (Approx 30 minutes).

Hymns, Songs and Videos

We have a church computer with projection and a great sound system that mean we can play songs, show videos or play PowerPoint presentations of photographs if desired. Mention this to the Minister during your preparation sessions if it is something you are interested in.

**Vocalist Available:** We have an accomplished professional singer who, for a fee, is available to lead the singing at Baptisms or if a solo performance of a hymn/song is desired.

Vergers

As well as the Vicar, the church will provide a Verger to welcome all guests and to make sure everyone has everything they need for the service. Guests

We recommend that guests arrive 15 minutes before the service is due to start, this allows time for parking, walking to the church and to be seated. Parking is available in our Church car park which is located on the left-hand side of Park Drive a little walk away from the church (see map below).

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***Baptism Enquiry Form***

We retain your data for Baptism purposes and to prepare certificates for the child, parents and Godparents

**Details of the Baptism Candidate**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Parents details**

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Godparents’ details**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
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