



St George's Church, Chorley

Thank you for your request for us to host a service to welcome your child into the world and the Church. This service is a special occasion which, in this parish, we try to take seriously. We want the service to be meaningful and joyful for you as a family, and so it is well worth being properly prepared. But before we go any further you need to make a choice, because there are 2 services to choose from:

A Thanksgiving & Naming Service

- no promises
- no need to attend church beforehand, though of course we'd love to see you
- no course to take
- have your service whenever fits both our diaries
- includes prayers BUT no water
- baptism can always follow later, if you like

A Baptism Service

- need to make important promises
- attend church for 6 services beforehand
- complete 1 evening where the promises are explained.
- services will be available in about 6 months
- includes prayers AND water

If I choose a baptism service what else do I need to know?

The Promises: (made by parents & Godparents)

Q) Do you, in the name of this child, renounce the devil and all his works, the empty show and false values of the world, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that you will not follow nor be led by them?

A) **I renounce them all.**

Q) Do you believe the Christian Creed?

A) **All this I firmly believe.**

Q) Do you in the name of this child desire baptism?

A) **That is my desire.**

Q) Will you then obey God's commands and serve him faithfully all the days of your life?

A) **I will, with the help of God.**

On 6 occasions attend either:

6pm on Saturdays
9.30am on Sundays
OR
10am on Wednesdays

How many godparents do I need?

3 who have been baptised themselves

What is the most I can have?

4, though you can have additional 'supporters'

What do I need to do next?

Speak to Gail, our Baptism Coordinator, by emailing baptism@stgeorgechorley.co.uk to arrange a meeting.