



Saint Peter's Church
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We're delighted that you're interested in having your child baptised at Saint Peter's Church, Bishop Auckland. Take some time to read the information in this pack and when you're ready, complete and return the form included and send it back to us, or drop it in one Sunday morning and we'll get back in touch.

Baptism: what it means

In baptism, you as parents are thanking God for his gift of life, making a decision to start your child on the journey of faith and asking for the Church's support.

For your child, baptism marks the start of a journey of faith, which involves turning away from all that is evil, turning towards Christ and becoming a member of the local and worldwide Christian family. In baptism, we thank God for his gift of life and publicly acknowledge his love. Baptism is a sacrament in the Christian tradition that is traced back to Jesus himself being baptised in the river Jordan.

As parents, you must choose Godparents who make the same promises on behalf of the child being baptised as yourselves. Godparents promise to pray and support the child and to help the parents to bring up the child in the Christian faith. It is an important and responsible role.

Baptism: the requirements

There aren't very many rules and regulations around baptism. The Church of England requires that there should be at least three godparents, at least two of whom should be of the same sex as the child and one of the opposite sex and that all Godparents must be baptised themselves.

Baptism services are free and take place during the 10am communion service in the church on Sundays. We are unable to hold baptism services on any other day, unless in an emergency.

Thanksgiving: the alternative

You may wish have a service of Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child. In this service, you thank God for the gift of your child and the child is blessed. You do not make the same promises as in the Baptism service. If you choose to have a Thanksgiving, you may also have a Baptism service for your child at a later date.

Application Form for Baptism
into the community of Saint Peter's Church Bishop Auckland

Your child's information:	
Child's Name(s)	
Child's Surname	
Date of Birth	
The parent's information:	
Mother's Name	
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Denomination	
Father's Name	
Denomination	
Address	
Telephone Number	
Email	
I wish to have a...	Baptism
<i>(please circle)</i>	Thanksgiving service
Godparents Names and Denominations	
1	
2	
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Requested Date of Baptism	

(Details are to be confirmed by Parish Priest and/or PCC)

You can return this form to:

45 Etherley Lane,
Bishop Auckland
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or hand it in at the church at the start or end of a Sunday morning service (10am-11am).