



St Mary's - Ecclesfield
Minster of the Moors - 1500 years

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PARISH BAPTISM POLICY

In baptism, we thank God for his gift of life and publicly acknowledge his love. In the Church of England it is common to baptise young children; this is sometimes known, outside the church, as christening.

Baptism is a 'sacrament' (holy ritual to symbolise grace) in the Christian tradition that is traced back to Jesus himself being baptised in the river Jordan.

We welcome all from this parish for baptism, including those who regularly attend worship here but live in another parish in the wider area. Those outside the parish and without a direct link with the church should approach their local church for baptism there. If you do not know which parish you live in then please follow the link below and enter your postcode when directed.

<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

Below is a summary list of those we welcome for baptism.

1. Anybody, child or adult, who lives in this parish
2. Anybody on the Church Electoral Roll of this parish (**see notes 1 & 2 below**)
3. A child with at least one parent on the Church Electoral Roll of this parish (**see note 1 & 2 below**)
4. A child of parents married at St Mary's, Ecclesfield
5. A child with grandparents or great grandparents who are on the Church Electoral Roll of this parish (See note 2 below)

Because baptism indicates a desire to bring children up in the Christian faith, it is important that there is a connection with the church community where that faith is formed and nurtured. This is because baptism is not supposed to be an isolated event, but part of a journey of faith in which worshipping in the church will be an important ingredient now and in the future.

Notes

1. If you live outside of the Parish of Ecclesfield and wish to become involved in the worshipping life of our Church then please contact the Vicar of Ecclesfield, the Revd. Daniel Hartley, by telephone on 0114 257 0002 or by email vicar.ecclesfield@gmail.com . After six months of worshipping with us at St. Mary's you may register to be placed on the Church Electoral Roll.
2. Please note that the Church Electoral Roll is not the same as the voting electoral roll. The Church roll is essentially a "membership" list of the Church.