

Holy Baptism

in the

Parish of Ystrad Mynach

and Llanbradach



**Thank you for your interest regarding Baptism in our Church.
We hope that this leaflet will help you decide if you wish to make this
commitment on behalf of your child.**

What is Baptism?

Baptism, or Christening as it is commonly called, is a service which makes children (or adults) members of the Church.

What does this mean?

When you belong to something, like a club or group, it means that you support what they do. It is the same with the Church. If you want your child to belong to the Church it means you support what we do.

What do we do?

We worship Almighty God, the Father who made the world and everything in it, the Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven, and the Holy Spirit, who comes to us in services like Baptism and the Eucharist, to give us strength and to help us in our daily lives.

So what does this mean for you?

We shall expect you to show that you want to support the life of the Church and encourage your child to grow up in the Christian faith. We hope that you will wish to come to Church on a regular basis before the Baptism takes place: this can become part of the spiritual preparation for the whole family.

What do you do now?

A member of the Baptism Team will have been in contact with you to arrange for you to receive the application form for the Baptism of your child. When you have returned the completed Form to them, a date will be arranged for the Baptism to suit you and your family. Baptisms take place on Sundays, the day on which Jesus rose from the dead, and may take place either during the main Sunday Eucharist at 10.30am, or at a separate Service at 12.15pm. However, any Baptism is a public service and it may be the case that Baptisms of other children may take place at the same service. If you would like the baptism to take place at 10.30am, you will need to think carefully about the number of guests you invite, as Holy Trinity is not able to seat a large number of people in addition to the usual congregation. The Baptism will be booked once the application form has been returned to the member of the Baptism Team and the date of the baptism has been agreed.

What about Godparents?

You should choose one Godfather and one Godmother for your child. They must be baptized themselves, and in making your choice, you should take into account their responsibility to help you to bring up your child in the Christian faith. That commitment will involve bringing your child to Church and encouraging him/her to be admitted to Holy Communion and to be confirmed by the bishop in due course.

Sometimes, parents ask about having more than two Godparents, which may be possible if there is good reason.

Is there any age limit?

You can be baptised at any age, but once a child has reached the age of understanding, the commitment to the Christian faith will involve them taking their own responsibility and will involve preparation for first Communion and, at the age of 11, Confirmation as well as Baptism.

This will require an obvious desire to worship regularly with the Church. Please ask your Baptism Team member for more details about this.

Why should I go ahead?

God is loving and caring for his creation and for all his people. Throughout history He has tried constantly to bring people to love Him, and He sent His Son to die on the cross for all our sakes. Baptism is a sign of God's love and grace given to a child of His. It shows that we want to grow closer to Him and be part of His loving family.

Jesus said, "In very truth I tell you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the spirit."

The following prayer may be used as a daily preparation for the Baptism of your child:

**Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people
new life in the water of Baptism:
guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that those who are born again
may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature
of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Parish Priest:

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***To book a Baptism or to make any further enquiries,
please contact:***

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Parish Worship in Holy Trinity Church

*There are Services on most weekdays,
please check the weekly [Pew Sheet](#) for full details.*

Sunday

8.30am	Holy Eucharist
10.30am	Solemn Sung Eucharist
6.00pm	Solemn Evensong
	Holy Eucharist (<i>second Sunday of the month</i>)

Monday

6:30pm	Holy Eucharist
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Wednesday

10.30am	Holy Eucharist
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There are Family Services throughout the year at Holy Trinity and details are advertised on our website (www.ymholytrinity.com), on the weekly Pew Sheet, or via our [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#) sites.