

Godparents

Godparents play a really important part in supporting your child as they grow up, praying for them and helping them understand what it means to live as a Christian. It is usual for a child to have three godparents. In view of the commitment they make to support your child's journey of faith, godparents must have been baptised themselves. Please give us details of your choice of godparents:

Full name

Have they been baptised? Yes/No

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Have they been baptised? Yes/No

More about St Mary's Church

For more information about St Mary's and the activities that take place here, please see the enclosed Welcome Leaflet, visit our website www.stmarysgreatbaddow.org.uk or contact the Church Office on 01245 477501. We have a range of activities for children and young people as well as for adults.

If you would like to find out more about the Christian faith, please do ask one of the clergy. You may also be interested in the Alpha Course, where we explore more of what it means to follow Jesus.

The information you have provided on this form will be kept by St Mary's Church and used to contact you about relevant church activities. It will not be passed to any third parties.



Baptism and Thanksgiving

at St Mary's Church, Great Baddow

The amazing journey begins here!



St Mary's
Great Baddow Team Ministry

We are delighted that you are considering having your child baptised, or having a service of thanksgiving for the birth of your child.

Baptism

Baptism is a very important part of the Christian life. In having your child baptised, you make important declarations about your own decision to follow Jesus, and promises about your commitment to bring your child up as part of the church family.

To help you understand what this involves, we invite you to take part in a preparation course, normally held in church on two Saturday afternoons. The course explores key aspects of the Christian faith. We would expect you to attend church services as part of your preparation for your child's baptism. The baptism itself will be held in one of our Sunday morning services. (Please note that at least one parent needs to have been baptised in order for your child to be baptised.)

More information about baptism can be found at www.churchofenglandchristenings.org

Service of Thanksgiving

Some parents find that they are not ready to make a full Christian commitment and would prefer to have a Service of Thanksgiving for the birth of their child.

This is a lovely occasion celebrating a new life and a new member of your family. (It is always possible to have your child baptised at a later date, as well, if you decide to do so.) If you decide that this service is more for you, someone from St Mary's will visit you at home to talk about the service with you. This service is also held during one of our Sunday morning services.



Family Details

- I would like to have my child baptised
or
 I would like to have a service of thanksgiving for my child

Full name of child:

Date of birth of child:

Full name of Father:

Have you been baptised? Yes/No Occupation:

Full name of Mother:

Have you been baptised? Yes/No Occupation:

Address:

Telephone number:

Email address:

Have you had a child baptised previously at St Mary's? Yes/No

If yes, please give child's name and date of baptism:

Name:

Date of Baptism: