

Baptism at Huyton Parish Church

1. Before booking a baptism

A child can be baptised into the family of God at Huyton Parish Church if you are:

- Resident in the parish or
- on the church's Electoral Roll or
- habitually worship at the church

If you are not a resident of Huyton Parish, permission will need to be granted by the vicar of the parish in which you live.

2. Baptism Preparation

Baptism is the first formal step into the Christian faith.

As a church we want to give all the help we can to enable parents and Godparents understand what it is they are undertaking.

- **Regular attendance at church worship**

It is expected that parents would want to attend the church into which their child is to be baptised.

- **Choosing Godparents.**

It is a great honour to be chosen to be a Godparent of a young child. Traditionally three people are asked to stand for the child; two women for a girl and two men for a boy. Godparents should be baptised and at least one confirmed. Ideally at least one Godparent should regularly attend their local church.

- **Preparation Class**

Prior to the baptism, parents and godparents are expected to attend a preparation class before the proposed baptism takes place. Classes are held after the Family Service which is usually the third Sunday of the month. At the preparation class, the minister will probably go through the service and explain the roles of parents and godparents. There will be an opportunity for questions.

3. Application Form

The application form will be given out at the Preparation class.

You will be asked for the following details:

- Child's full name and date of birth
- Parent(s) full name and occupation and whether baptised and/or confirmed.
- Family address and contact number
- Godparents names and whether baptised and/or confirmed.

PLEASE NOTE

When the form has been completed at the preparation class, the proposed date for baptism will be confirmed.

4. The Baptism Service

Baptism services usually take place on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30 am. Families are asked to arrive at church in good time to settle in before the service begins.

5. After Baptism

Baptism is only the beginning of the Christian journey of faith.

As parents we don't have to know and understand everything about the Christian faith but if that faith is precious to us, then we will want to share it with our children.

Children learn by example.



To be filled in at the time of enquiry:

Name of candidate for baptism

Date of preparation class	Proposed date for Baptism