



BAPTISM APPLICATION FORM

The Benefice of Newport City West
St Paul's & Stephen's Church, Pill & City Centre
St Thomas' Church, Maesglas

Please note:

- 1) This form **must be completed and returned** to the Benefice office at St Stephen's Church Hall, Adeline Street, Newport NP20 2HA.
- 2) On receipt of the completed form a meeting will be arranged for you with a member of the Clergy/Pastoral Team.
- 3) Please **do not** confirm any venue bookings for your party until a date for the baptism has been confirmed.

What is Baptism?

When Baptised, a baby, child or adult becomes a member of the church and becomes part of the family of God, belonging to a community of Christians which is worldwide. The church is not just a building but a community of people. Jesus was baptised and commanded His followers to do the same. Baptism is a beginning not an end, a start of a Christian life. Babies need love, care and attention as they grow and a newly baptised person needs nurture to grow into a mature Christian. This is why the role of parents and godparents is so important. They make vows on behalf of the child and promise that the child will be brought up as a Christian knowing Jesus and experience a living faith and later renew those vows at their confirmation.

What happens during Baptism?

The Parents and Godparents make vows on behalf of the child. They also agree:

to believe and trust in God

to take part in Christian worship with the child

to teach Christian faith and practice to the child

to make sure the child is encouraged to be confirmed

to pray regularly for the child

So a partnership is formed between God's family and your family.

During the Baptism service there are three signs or symbols that are used:

- A wetting of the head with water representing the new life in God's family. Through Jesus we can have forgiveness of our sins as we turn to God.
- A sign of the cross is marked on the forehead reminding us of the love and sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.
- A lighted candle to represent Jesus – the Light of the World.

Where & When does Baptism take place?

Baptism is an event for the whole church family as they welcome the person being baptised into the church. Therefore, at St Stephen's and St Thomas', baptisms are held in the context of a Sunday morning Communion service and the services begin at **10 am at St Stephen's** and **10.30 am at St Thomas'**.

Please select the Church where you wish the Baptism to take place:

St Stephen's Church, Pillgwenlly, service starts at **10 am**

St Thomas' Church, Old Cardiff Rd, service starts at **10.30 am**

Parents

You are welcome to attend a service at the church on any Sunday but you are required to attend at least once before the Baptism.

Godparents

When choosing Godparents, it is important that they should be people who will carry out their duties responsibly and are over the age of 16 years. The church requires that **Godparents must be baptised Christians**. **Please choose a maximum of 3 people:** for a boy - two men and one woman; for a girl - two women and one man.

Baptism for a Child

Child's full name: _____
Please include middle names and surname

Date of Birth: _____

Home address: _____

Mother's name: _____

Father's name: _____

Telephone no: _____ Email: _____

Godparents: **Please choose no more than three Godparents.** For a boy - two men and one woman. For a girl - two women and one man..

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please would you give your reasons why you would like your child baptised:

Record of Baptisms for Parents and Godparents:

Mother's name: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Name and address of church: _____

Father's name: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Name and address of church: _____

Godparent name: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Name and address of church: _____

Godparent name: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Name and address of church: _____

Godparent name: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Name and address of church: _____

Baptism for an Adult

Name: _____
Please include middle names and surname

Date of Birth: _____

Home address: _____

Telephone no: _____ Email: _____

DATA CONSENT

I give consent to the Benefice of Newport City West to keep my data for:

1. all administration related to this baptism, and
2. sending occasional invitations or information about relevant events in the church, which will hopefully support me/us in keeping the promises made.

Please tick to confirm consent.

(This consent can be withdrawn at any time by contacting the church office)

For full details of how we use and keep your data see our privacy policy online here: <http://stpaulsandststephens.org.uk/privacy-policy/>

Please return this form to:

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NEWPORT South Wales
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