



All Saints Church, Clifton, Beds.

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Practical information for family and friends attending
a baptism

WELCOME!

We are looking forward to welcoming you for a baptism service in our church and we hope you will find the following information useful.

When are baptisms held?

We usually hold baptisms on the first and third Sunday of the month and it is important to speak to the Rector about the date you would like to make sure that it is available. Services are usually held at 12 noon or during morning services which begin at 10.30am.

Are there facilities for children?

Small children will naturally sometimes chatter or want to move about. There is a space at the back of the church where children can play or read with toys/books provided in bags. We have a toilet and a baby changing area, by the kitchen: please ask a side person to direct you.

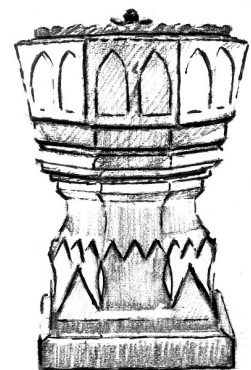
Where can we sit?

We do not have any reserved pews in our church. If you are having a morning baptism, though we cannot guarantee that all your party can sit together, we do suggest that parents and Godparents should sit together so that they can make the promises on behalf of the child. Please speak to a Warden or Sides-person if you are not sure about anything.

Can we take photographs?

We completely understand that you will want a photographic record of this important event and we will arrange posed photos around the font (or wherever you wish) after the service.

However, we must request that photos and videos are not taken during the service (even with mobile phones) as some people find that the noise and the flashes distract them from what is being said during the service.



How much does it cost?

There is no fee for baptisms but we would be grateful if you wish to make a donation to help us keep our church warm and well cared for. There is a bowl or plate at the back of the church for this purpose.

A Gaelic Blessing

Dearest Father in Heaven,
bless this child and bless
this day of new beginnings.

Smile upon this child
and surround this child, Lord,
with the soft mantle
of your love.

Teach this child
to follow in your footsteps,
and to live life in the ways of
faith, hope and love.