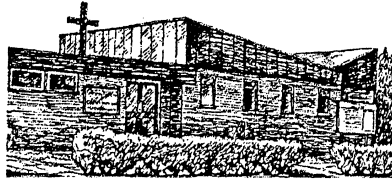
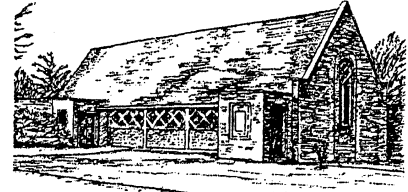


St Mary's



Christ the Worker



St Francis

The Church of England Parish of Langley

Baptism of Children

Thank you for enquiring about baptism for your child. This letter sets out the main steps we ask you to take between now and bringing your child to be baptised.

1. Attend a Baptism Preparation meeting.

In Baptism we are made members of Christ's Church and received as a part of the local worshipping community. For this reason we first ask you to meet some of the other members of our churches at one of our Baptism Preparation meetings. Lasting about an hour, they consist of:

- Light refreshments as you arrive.
- Short talks about the service of Baptism, and about our three churches.
- Time to talk with members of the churches and to one another.

At the end of the meeting, you have a chance to go away and think about the responsibility you are undertaking before making the decision about the baptism. If you decide after all that Baptism is not the right step for you, we can arrange a service of thanksgiving and dedication for your child instead.

Please see our website page <http://langleyparish.com/baptism/>

for the times and places of forthcoming Baptism Preparation Evenings.

(Steps 2. and 3. are set out overleaf)

2a. Come to a Sunday church service

We would then invite you to come to a service at the church where you would like the baptism to take place. You may come to whichever service is most convenient for you, or the one you feel may best meet your future needs.

The main Sunday services at our three churches are:

St Mary's: 11.00 am Holy Communion (every Sunday)

9.30am Family Worship (usually 3rd Sunday of the month)

Christ the Worker: 9.30 am Holy Communion (2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month)

11 am Morning Worship (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month)

St Francis: 9.30 am Holy Communion (4th Sunday, 11 am Family Communion)

At each of these services there is a Sunday School, crèche and/or Children's Corner with suitable books and toys, and toilets. Please speak to one of the people handing out service books on your way in if you would like help finding anything.

2b. And/or join us at a mid-week Toddler group

If you would not feel comfortable bringing your toddler to church right now, why not try one of our Toddler groups, which meet during school terms:

St Mary's Centre: 'Jellibears' Toddler Group, Mondays in term-time, 9.30-11am

St Francis: Toddler Group, Fridays in term-time, 9.45am

(This group is very popular. Please phone Revd. Bruce Russell on 557150.)

Each of these groups:

- Is run by members of the Church, and includes specifically Christian content.
- Enables you to meet other parents, and your children to be with other children.
- Enables you to begin to feel a part of the church.
- Welcomes even the smallest children.

3. Book the baptism

For a service at **St Mary's**, please come to the church between 7 and 7.45pm on a Tuesday evening, or visit the Parish Office in St. Mary's Church Centre (on the corner of Langley Road, tel. 541042). Please note that we do not make bookings over the telephone.

For a service at **St Francis** or **Christ the Worker**, please speak to the vicar. We very much look forward to meeting you soon.

Donations: There is no fee for a baptism, but we suggest a minimum donation of £50 to cover our costs for the service. Cheques should be made out to 'Langley Marish PCC'

If you need any more information or we can help in any other way, please contact us:

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