

# Your Child's Baptism

We're delighted you're thinking of Baptism for your child. Your child is precious to you and precious to God. Baptism (or 'christening') is a sacrament, a visible sign of God's love for us; it marks a new start: a decision to follow Jesus Christ within the family of the church.

### Here are three things you can do to get started:

### 1. Come to a Sunday church service

The best way to get used to being part of the church is to attend a Sunday service. The most important thing is to find a church and a congregation where you feel at home.

The main Sunday services at our three churches are:

#### Christ the Worker Church, Parlaunt Road:

9.30 am Holy Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month)
11 am Morning Worship (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month)

## St Francis Church, London Road:

9.30 am Holy Communion (except 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month) 11 am Family Communion (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month)

# St Mary's Church, St Mary's Road:

11.00 am Holy Communion – every week 9.30 am Family Worship – once a month

At each of these services there is a Sunday School, crèche and/or Children's Corner with suitable books and toys, and baby-changing facilities..

Please speak to one of the clergy to find out more about arranging for your child's Baptism.

#### 2. Join a mid-week Toddler Group

A good way to begin to feel really part of a church is to get to know some of the people. It is also good for your child to mix with other children. So why not try one of our Toddler Groups, which meet during school term-time:

Mondays, 9.30-11am: 'Jellibeans' Group, St Mary's Centre Wednesdays, 2-2.45pm: Toddlers' Service, St Mary's Church

Fridays, 9.45am: Toddler Group, St Francis' Church

### 3. Attend a Baptism Preparation Meeting.

Before we can book a date for your child's Baptism, we ask you to attend a **Baptism Preparation** meeting.

Lasting about an hour, they consist of:

- An explanation of the meaning of Baptism and what the church can offer you
- Time to talk to members of the churches and to one another

To find out the date of the next Baptism Preparation meeting or to ask any other question, visit our website www.langleymarish.com/baptism/,

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