

HAMPSTEAD PARISH CHURCH

Application for

HOLY BAPTISM



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In bringing your child to baptism, you are doing three things:

- Thanking God for the gift of a new life.
- Encouraging your child on the journey of faith.
- Gaining the support and guidance of the church.

For your child, baptism marks the start of a journey of faith, which involves turning away from the darkness of self-centredness towards new life in Christ. Through baptism, your child becomes a member of the Church, and a part of the local and worldwide Christian family.

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WHAT HAPPENS AT A BAPTISM?

When you bring your child for baptism, you will be asked to declare publicly on behalf of your child that you believe in God and that you will bring your child up to follow Jesus.

Baptism is a sacrament, a visible sign of God's love. In baptism, God draws people into relationship with him and into the family of the Church where we encounter and share God's love.

This is shown in three symbols:

- The priest will make the sign of the cross on your child's forehead. This is like an invisible badge to show that Christians are united with Christ and redeemed by his cross.
- The priest will pour water on your child's head. Water is a sign of washing and cleansing. In baptism it is a sign of being washed free from the effects of a sinful world and beginning a new life with God.
- Your child will receive a lighted candle. Jesus is called the light of the world so this is a reminder of the light which has come into your child's life.

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THE PRACTICALITIES

1. Policy of Admission

We will baptise the children of anyone who lives within the parish boundaries, whether or not you regularly attend church. You are encouraged to come along to our services to get to know the 'family' into which your child is being baptised.

If you do not know whether you live in the parish, we can advise you.

2. Godparents

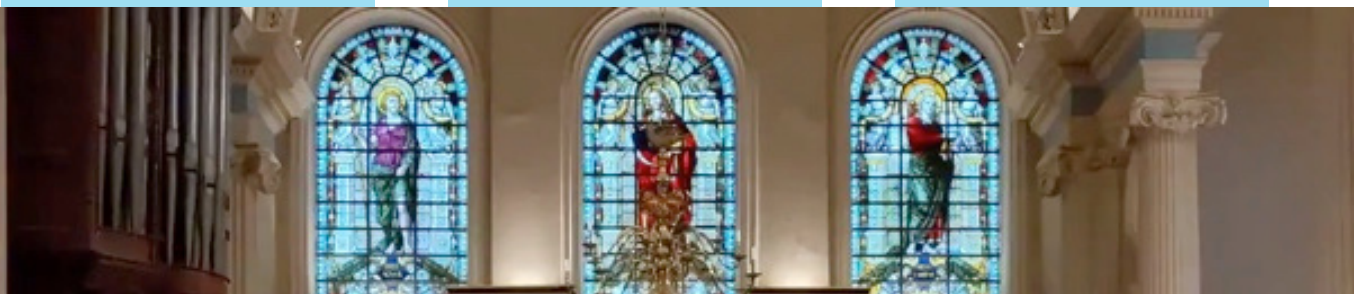
Godparents have a very important part to play in supporting your child's ongoing journey of faith. It is usual to have three godparents, two of the same gender as the child and one of the opposite, but one of each is sufficient. Parents may be godparents to their own children, provided that the child has at least one other godparent.

Church law requires that godparents should be baptised and confirmed, but the requirement of confirmation can be relaxed in certain circumstances. In addition to Godparents, a child may also have sponsors of another faith or no faith.

3. Timing of Services

We encourage baptisms to take place during our 10.30am Parish Eucharist. Baptisms may also be arranged separately on a Sunday afternoon, normally at 2pm. Please discuss the timing of your service with the clergy.

If you would like music, an organist may be booked for a baptism outside of the Parish Eucharist for a fee. Please inform the Parish Office if you would like this to be organised.



Proposed date and time of baptism:

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Child's surname:

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Child's first name(s):

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Date of Birth.....

PARENTS

Parent 1 - full name:

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Have you been baptised? Confirmed?

Occupation.....

Parent 2 - full name:

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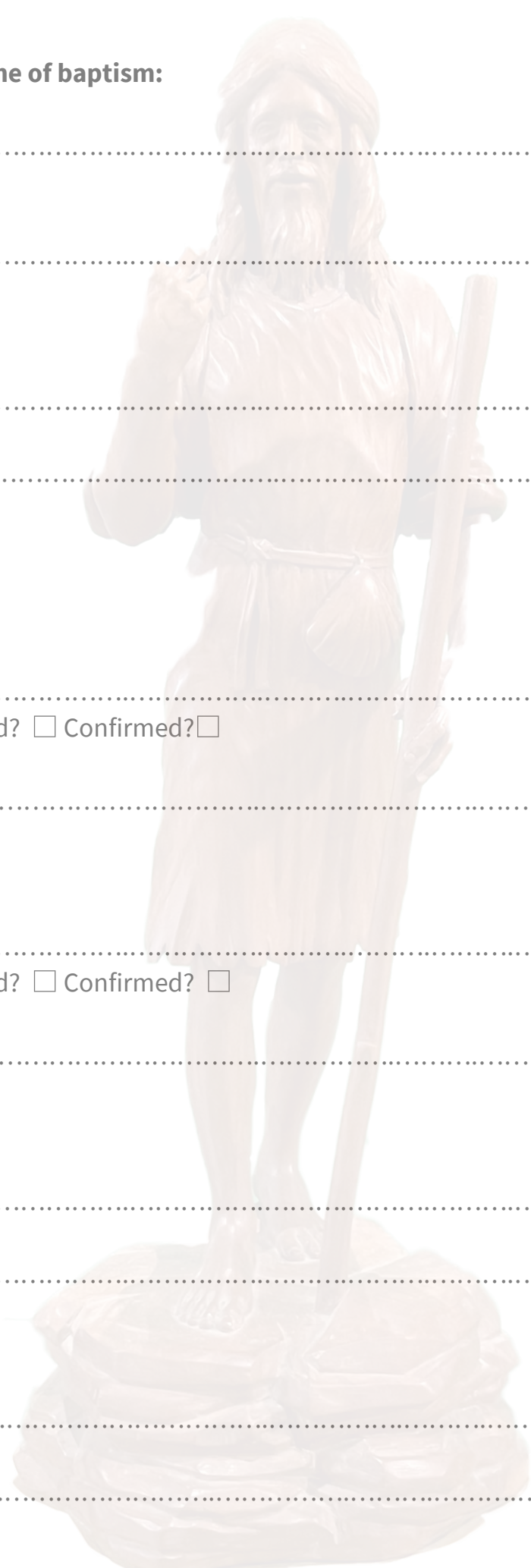
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GODPARENTS

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Baptised? Confirmed?

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Baptised? Confirmed?

We would like to add your details to our database.

Details are not passed to third parties.

Please tick if you are happy for us to do this

We would like to keep you informed about church events by sending a weekly email, and a monthly Children and Young People's email.

You can opt out

at any time.

Please tick if you are happy for us to do this





PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO:

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Hampstead Parish Church
Church Row, London NW3 6UU
Tel: 020 7794 5808
vestry@hampsteadparishchurch.org.uk
Please contact us if you have any queries

SUNDAY SERVICES

Everyone is welcome at our services:

Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship)

With Sunday School

5pm Choral Evensong

Wednesdays

10.15am Holy Communion (CW)

Please visit our website for our full diary of services and events.