

BAPTISM AT ST MARYS', TETBURY

THE SERVICE

All baptisms are in one of our main services, which are at 10.00 am, and are usually on the first Sunday of the month. The service will be a Eucharist (Communion) with Baptism service.

Members of other denominations who would receive communion if in their own church are welcome to do so while with us. Those not wishing to receive communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing (bringing one of the service books with them to show that this is what they want).

GODPARENTS

The usual number is three – two of the same sex as the child. There must be two – so there is at least one of each sex – and four is permitted. The Vicar feels more than four is usually excessive!

Godparents must be baptised, though we accept baptism by other denominations. It is preferred that Godparents should also have been confirmed. This is not always possible but one Godparent who has been confirmed is desirable.

ATTENDING CHURCH

We do not insist on your attending a service before the day but we strongly recommend that you attend one ordinary service beforehand. Many families have also found it useful to attend another baptism at St.Marys' before that of their child.

AGE OF THOSE BEING BAPTISED

There is no limit on the age for Baptism (adults are baptised) and we are particularly pleased to baptise children older than babies.

CHILDREN

Other children are frequently present at a Baptism and we are pleased to see them.

There are no public toilets in St Marys' Church, the nearest being across the Car Park behind the Tourist Information Office. If a child needs to go out for any reason, it is less disruptive if this happens during a hymn (if this is possible).

FEES

There is no fee for baptism. There is a collection at every service and we hope you will feel generous. If you are a taxpayer the value of your gift is increased by 28% if you put it in one of the Gift Aid envelopes, and complete the envelope with necessary details shown.

CARDS

There is a Baptism card for each child baptised, and a card for each Godparent. These should be given to you before you leave. If you have not received them, please ask one of the sidesmen or the minister who took the service.

ENJOY THE DAY. WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE YOU.
AND COME BACK AND SEE US ON OTHER SUNDAYS.