

Baptisms at St. George's Church

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**The Parish Church of
Saint George the Martyr
Waterlooville**



**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**

Information sheet for Baptism families

Here is some information we hope will help you with your Baptism booking.

When your baptism is confirmed a member of the Baptism Visitors group will contact you a week or so before the date to arrange to visit and deliver a pack of further information. They will also be present at your service to welcome you to the Church.

Siblings and other children attending are welcome to bring their own Baptism candle to the service to be relit as a reminder of their own baptism.

It is normal practice for children to be baptised at 12 noon, we may consider baptising your child at another time (e.g., during the Sunday 10am Eucharist).

Frequently Asked Questions

Where are the toilets?

In the Church Hall which is to the left of the church.

Can we take photos and videos?

Yes – but **please don't use flash photography** during the service as it can be distracting. Parents and Godparents should not expect to do this during the service as they have a role in the baptism. Clergy will pose for "replay pictures" after the service and you are welcome to take group photos around the church.

How many people does the church hold?

At least 100 people can comfortably be seated, more can be accommodated if required.

What is the cost?

There is no fee for a baptism but there will be a collection plate at the back of the church at the end of the service for donations. Please give generously if you can.

What should the parents and child wear?

It is completely up to you – it is your special day.

How long does the service last?

It lasts around 20-30 minutes.

Where can we park?

Asda, Iceland or Matalan car parks are within easy walking distance. Be aware of time restrictions if you are using the hall afterwards.

Can the Church Hall be booked for a reception afterwards?

Yes, the hall is available to hire from 11.30am onwards. If required, please book with Fiona Ross (07840 903228). It costs £18.00 an hour payable in advance.

How many Godparents can there be and who can be a Godparent?

The usual number of Godparents is three and ideally, they should have been baptised.

Can the names of Godparents be changed just before the service?

Certificates and cards are prepared for the family and the Godparents some time before, so changes just before the service cannot be accommodated. If any changes are required once you have submitted your application form, please give us as much notice as possible, ideally a minimum of 2 weeks.

If Godparents can't be at the service can someone stand in for them?

No. Agreeing to be a Godparent involves making promises and taking some responsibility for the child, so it is not possible to become a Godparent whilst not being present at the Baptism.

Families are welcome at every service at St George's. Details of our services can be found on our website.

We hope to see you there.

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT ST GEORGE'S

Parents & Toddlers

Pre-School age
Tuesdays
In Term Time
10 to 11:30am
Church Hall
Dawn Hyett
07787 815464

Parish Eucharist

Every Sunday at 10:00am

See noticeboard or Parish Magazine

www.stgeorges.church

Sunday School

Church Hall 9:45am

Lynn Winter

02392 252196

Babies & Toddlers

Jess Deal

Parish Priest

Fr Colin Lawlor

parishpriest@stgeorges.church

Parish Office

Sunday 11am
to arrange Banns of Marriage
& Baptisms

Choir

Thursdays

18.30 to 19.30

Choir Vestry

David Cain

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