

<i>For church use only</i>	Baptism Date and Time:	Date & time of home visit:
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St. Michael's Smarden, and All Saints Biddenden.
Application for Baptism of Children

*Congratulations. We are delighted you are considering bringing your child for baptism
Please read the notes overleaf.*

<i>Which church do you want the baptism to take place in?</i>	<i>How many people do you expect to invite?</i>
<i>What date and time would best suite for a Baptism?</i>	<i>Note: The date has to have been agreed with the Rector.</i>

Date of Child's Birth	
Christian Names	
Child's Surname	

Parents:	FATHER	MOTHER
Full Christian Name(s)		
Surname		
Address with postcode		
Email		
Telephone		
Occupation		
Baptised? (Y/N)		
Confirmed? (Y/N)		

Godparents:	Name	Address	Baptised?
<i>Minimum number is two, often it is three.</i>	1		
	2		
	3		

Other Children:	Name & date of birth
1	
2	
3	

*Any queries regarding this form please contact the Rector: Rev'd Alex Bienfait 01580 291454.
A baptism is not 'booked' until you have heard from the Rector in response to your application
Address: The Rectory, 36 High Street, Biddenden, TN27 8AH.*

Baptism notes

We encourage Baptisms to take place within a main morning service, however we recognise that this is not always convenient, and therefore make available other times. These generally take place once a month, Saturday at noon, or Sunday at 3pm. Please contact Alex Bienfait (Rector) for dates available. Please note these services are sometimes organised for several families at the same time.

We normally need at least one month's notice before a Baptism takes place.

Once this form has been returned, we will contact you. A time will be arranged meet you and discuss the service in detail.

Parents and God Parents Baptised?

Church law asks that both Parents and God Parents must themselves be baptised. If this is not the case, Baptisms can still be arranged. Parents may like to consider Baptism for themselves. Please discuss with Alex Bienfait (Rector)

There is a separate Adult Baptism application form for those over 16.

Is there a maximum or minimum age for baptism?

Children and adults can be baptised at any age. If a child is old enough to understand, we will spend time explaining and going through the service with them.

Children who live outside the parish?

Baptism requires parents to make a serious commitment about the way they bring children up within the church family. The Church of England therefore recommends that the best place for baptism is local to where you live. If you live outside one of our parishes, we often ask you to make contact with your local church before arranging a baptism with us.

Music

If the Baptism takes place in a main morning service, and there are particular songs you would like to sing please let us know.

Where a baptism takes place as a separate service, we can also include hymns, but you will need ask, and a fee for the organist is payable.

Fees for Baptism service?

There are no fees for a baptism service. However we greatly depend upon your generous support, and we normally take a collection at a Baptism service.

Alex Bienfait.
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