

# All Saints Biddenden, St. Michael Smarden.

## Application for Baptism of Children

*Congratulations. We are delighted you want to Bring your child for Baptism.*

*When completing this form, 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>The date has to be agreed with the Rector</i>

<b>Date of Child's Birth</b>	
<b>Christian Names</b>	
<b>Child's Surname</b>	

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

<b>Godparents</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Baptised</b>
<i>The minimum number is two, often it is three. God Parents must themselves be Baptised.</i>	1		
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<b>Other Children (With dates of birth):</b>

## Notes completing a Baptism Application:

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

We encourage Baptisms to take place within a main morning service. We recognise however that this is not always convenient, and therefore make other times available. These are generally on Saturday at noon or Sunday at 3pm. Please contact Alex Bienfait (Rector) for dates available.

Baptisms can sometimes be arranged for several families at the same time.

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

Once this form is completed please return it to us, either as a scanned PDF, (Sorry we can't work with a photo) or by posting, to Benefice office, 36 High Street, Biddenden, TN27 8AH. **Baptisms are not "Booked" until you have heard back from us.** Once we receive your form we will arrange a time to meet and go through the Baptism service.

### Parents and God Parents Baptised?

Church law states that both Parents and God Parents must themselves be baptised. If this is not the case, they can be a Sponsor. We can arrange a Baptism of parents or God parents in the same service. If you want to know more about this, please discuss this with Alex Bienfait (Rector).

### 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 include them in the discussion about the Baptism service, to help them understand the service.

### Baptism for children who living 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 assumed the best place for baptism is local to where you live. If you live outside one of our parishes, we can arrange a Baptism here, but will 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, we can include hymn requests. When a baptism takes place as a separate service, music is not normally provided, but can be arranged. Please ask us. An organist is normally payable.

### Fees for Baptism service?

There are no fees for a baptism service. However we do take a collection, and are grateful for your support.

Rev'd Alexander Bienfait.

20<sup>th</sup> May 2019

*For the purposes of data protection law, the data controller is the PCC of All Saints, Biddenden and St. Michael, Smarden, who will use the information on this form to ensure that the legal requirements relating to the baptism for the baptism are complied with and to make arrangements for the ceremony. The PCC will only share information with those who need to see it for those purposes. Your data is securely stored by the PCC on systems owned by the church.*

After the baptism, we would like to keep you in touch with services and events. If you are happy for us to keep you updated, and included in our mails outs, please tick this box.

*For further details, please see our General Privacy Notice on the church website which gives details on how your data is handled and stored.*