



St Nicholas Parish Church
New Life in the Spirit

St Nicholas' Parish Church, Thorne

Stonegate, Thorne

Dear Parent,

We are delighted to know that you are thinking of having your child or children baptised. You have taken the first step by attending our All-Age Gathering.

Baptism is an important step for all who are involved – for you (and the godparents you may choose) as you promise to bring up your child as a Christian, and for the Church as a new member is welcomed into God's family, a member who needs the support and encouragement of fellow Christians.

Baptism should not be undertaken lightly but only after serious thought and consideration.

Please note: (1) In this pack you will find an application form, please complete this and return it. (2) It is important you don't book a venue for any party you are planning to hold before you have booked a date for the Baptism as we cannot guarantee any particular dates in advance and available spots fill up quickly.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Godparents – Please read the form on choosing godparents and make your choices carefully. Godparents must be baptised. The ideal number of godparents is three, but we will accept four. Please do not choose more than four. If you choose more than four, their names cannot be entered in the Baptism Register as there are only four spaces available for godparents' names!

Inviting guests to your child's baptism – We realise that baptism is an important family occasion, but it should also be a very blessed and holy occasion too for all those taking part. St Nicholas Church is not a large building and a church over full of people who don't particularly want to be there is not ideal and spoils the atmosphere for others. Therefore we request that you invite no more than 50-70 people to the service in church, which we suggest should be family and closest friends. All others you wish to invite to share your day can be invited to the party at your chosen venue.

So we ask you to join with us in taking time to prepare carefully for this event. We invite you to discover more about baptism, to get to know your local church and to meet some of the congregation there.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Rev David Green, Vicar.

St Nicholas Thorne seeks to be a church where all can meet with the Risen Lord Jesus, where all can belong and be accepted, where faith is strengthened and healing and wholeness found.