

The Parish Church of St George,
Brockworth



In this leaflet you should find the answer to any questions you may have about baptism at St George's church. If having read this you still have a question please don't hesitate to contact us.

Parish office 01452 550554

Parish Priest, Fr David 01452 862114

Baptism of adults.

An increasing number of people reach adulthood without being baptised, and it is not unusual for adults to come to us seeking baptism. The baptism of adults is always associated with Confirmation which is administered by a bishop and usually requires a short course of preparation. We are always very pleased to talk to people about the implications of adult baptism and confirmation and to answer informal questions and inquiries.



Can my child be baptised at St George's Church?

If you live in the parish you are entitled to ask for your child to be baptised at St George's church.

If you live outside the parish you need to talk to the parish priest about the reasons why you would like your baptism at St George's. There is no obligation for us to baptise those who live outside the parish. If at the parish priest's discretion we agree to baptise your child, you will need to obtain the written permission of the priest in the parish in which you live for the baptism to take place at St George's.

It is preferable that a child should be baptised at his or her parish church or the church the parents normally attend.

Baptism Information

Website: www.st-george-brockworth.org.uk

Parish office: The Church Centre, Court Road, Brockworth.

When can I arrange my baptism for?

Please do not make any other arrangements around your child's baptism until the date has been confirmed by the parish priest.

Because of the number of baptisms which take place at St George's most baptism services are on a Saturday, however occasionally a baptism can take place at the main act of worship on a Sunday morning.

How old should my child be?

A child can be baptised at any age, however once they reach the age at which they can reasonably be expected to make the baptismal promises for themselves we would normally expect them to be baptised and confirmed. In the Church of England the minimum age for confirmation is 11 yrs.

How do I arrange a baptism at St George's?

If you live in the parish please phone the parish office (01452 550554) your details will be taken and you will be sent some information and a reply slip for you to return. On receipt of your reply slip the parish priest will contact you to arrange a date and time for your baptism.

If you live outside the parish please contact the parish priest first (Fr David 01452 862114). He will want to talk about the reasons for wanting your baptism at St George's. If he agrees to baptise your child you will be sent some information and a reply slip for you to return. On receipt of your reply slip the parish priest will contact you to arrange a date and time for your baptism.

Do I need to come to church?

We encourage the families of children who are to be baptised to come to the main 10.00am service on at least one Sunday in the weeks running up to the baptism. The family service on the first Sunday of each month is probably the most appropriate, but our 10.00am service is always family friendly.

Baptism preparation: We ask the parents or guardians of children who are to be baptised to attend a baptism preparation session. Fr David will discuss dates of these when arranging the date of the baptism.

As a parent or godparent you should ask yourself:

- ➔ Are you prepared to the best of your ability to give the child a Christian upbringing within the family of Christ's Church?
- ➔ Will you help the child to be regular in public worship and in prayer, not only by your teaching but by your example and your prayers?
- ➔ Will you encourage the child in due time to come to Communion and Confirmation?

Godparents:

- ➔ Parents may be godparents to their own children, provided that the child has at least one other godparent.
- ➔ Godparents should be baptised and usually confirmed. Difficulty over the requirement for godparents to be confirmed should be discussed with the baptising priest.
- ➔ Traditionally each child has three Godparents.

The cost:

- ➔ Baptism in the Church of England is free but we do incur administration costs, and invite you to make a contribution of £10 towards these.
- ➔ If you live outside the parish and we agree to baptise your child we charge a fee of £15 towards our administration costs.

Cheques should be made payable to 'St George's Church'.

Gift aid: if you pay income tax then please 'gift aid' your donation to St George's, this enables us to reclaim money from the inland revenue. Gift aid forms can be found in our parish magazine and on the church website, or a gift aid envelope is available in church or from the parish office.