

How to book

To have a christening at St Nicolas you either need to live in our parish or have a connection to the church. If you're not sure whether you do, don't worry we will help you.

To book your child's baptism please drop us an email at parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk and we will be in touch to take some details.

Once we have taken some details we will book you into one of our informal baptism preparation sessions. These are held once a month also on a Thursday evening. At the end of the prep session we will look at available dates for the baptism service. Our baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month at 1230pm and last for about 40 minutes.

How much does it cost?

Baptism is free but we would invite you and your guests to make a donation towards the upkeep of the building.

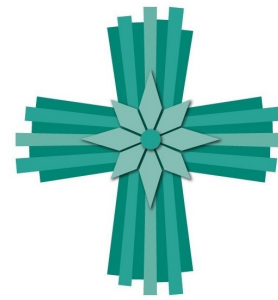
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CHRISTENINGS at St NICOLAS

Anyone who has not already been baptised, adults as well as children, who feels ready to take this important step in the Christian life can be baptised. You may have many questions and uncertainties about what you believe but that is part of the journey.

At the christening your child will be baptised with water. This is the heart of your child's christening.

, There are several special moments in the service:

- * The vicar will pray for your child and for all those who will support them in their path of faith.
- * You and the godparents will make some important promises for your child in the service. You will promise to pray regularly for your child and to bring them up knowing that God loves them and learning about Jesus.
- * Holy oil will be used to make the sign of the cross on your child's forehead. This is like an invisible badge, there forever, to show that child belongs to God.
- * Water, which is blessed in the church's font, will be poured over your child's head by the vicar. This is the moment of baptism.
- * Everyone promises to continue supporting your child from this moment.
- * A candle will be given to you as a reminder of Jesus the Light of the World, who goes with you and is with you always.

Choosing Godparents

In the service, the godparents make promises to share the amazing journey of the Christian faith, to pray for your child and to show them ways to grow in faith and love. It is important that the people you chose as godparents are Christians themselves and are happy to do those things. It is usual to have three godparents, although there is a bit of flexibility with this.

Because of the special role they have in supporting your child's faith journey, godparents must be christened themselves. Other important people can also have a role as 'supporting friends'.

They can belong to another Christian denomination (e.g. Methodist, Roman Catholic), and do not have to be Church of England.

Questions?

You will probably have lots of questions—don't worry just come along and have a chat with us and we will help guide you. If you don't feel ready for baptism but would like to do something in church for your child, it is also possible to have a thanksgiving service. Come and chat to us to find out more. It is also a good idea to come to church! Our main service is at 1030am each Sunday with different styles and activities. Please don't worry about not knowing what to do, or about whether your child might make some noise. You will be made very welcome.