

## **Baptism – St Michael's Church**

**“All babies, children and adults will be welcomed for baptism at St Michael's Church.”**

**Baptism (or christenings)<sup>1</sup> take place at our Church for anyone who is put forward by their parents (in the case of baby or child) or by themselves (as an adult!).**



**There is some preparation to be made and some arrangements to be organised. The baptism service itself takes place within a normal Sunday service setting and involves everyone attending that service although the main participants are the person to be baptised, the parents and the godparents.**

**You do not need to be a regular church attender to prepare a child for baptism. Our church welcomes anyone all the time – and there is no doubt that it is really nice when at least someone in the church knows of the person or family organising/preparing for the baptism....but it is not necessary. There is no qualifying!**

**There are some necessary steps to organising a baptism**

**Do a little research yourself so you have basic understanding of what baptism involves, what it means, and who is involved. We recommend you see <https://churchofenglandchristenings.org/for-parents/what-is-a-christening/>**

**Email the Rectory office at [office@astwickvalebenefice.org](mailto:office@astwickvalebenefice.org) for more information**

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<sup>1</sup>There is no difference between a christening service and a baptism service. Some churches will use the word 'baptism' and some the word 'christening'. The moment when your child has water poured or wiped on their head is the actual baptism and is at the heart of the service. Babies are baptized during a christening service just as couples are 'married' during a 'wedding' service.