

## Baptism

At the Annual General Meeting, I put forward a proposal to incorporate baptism of infants within the main service on the first Sunday of the month. This is in fact the expectation of the Church of England:

"[The] minister shall normally administer the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sundays at public worship when the most number of people come together..." (Canon B21)

The intent is that the congregation may witness the receiving of the newly baptized into Christ's Church, and be reminded of their own profession made to God in their baptism and later confirmation.

We have now had two baptisms incorporated into the first Sunday Family Service and I would appreciate feedback from you so that the Wardens and I can ensure that future Baptism Services continue to meet the expectations of the congregation of St. Bartholomew's as we welcome the baptism candidate, parents, godparents, family and friends.

Baptism may be one of only a few occasions when people have the opportunity to experience the grace and presence of God. I look forward to the privilege of sharing our faith with those who are bringing their child to the start of their journey into Christian fellowship.

Please prayerfully consider your responses to the questions overleaf and return the form to the box on the Information Desk.

Thank you for your involvement in the work and witness of the Christian fellowship here at St. Bartholomew's.

	Question	Response
1.	Do you attend the First Sunday morning services?	
2.	Are you more or less likely to attend if there is a baptism? Please say why.	
3.	Do you think it important for the church to welcome the newly baptised?	
4.	Would you prefer to have a separate Baptism Service outside the main service? If so, please say why.	
5.	Would you prefer to have the Baptism Service within the main service? If so, please say why.	
6.	Do you find the reminder of our baptismal promises and the symbolism a help to reflect on your Christian faith?	
7.	Or do you find it tedious and repetitive?	
8.	Any other comments...  Please return by 17 July, 2016	

Name:

Date: