

## **We are delighted that you wish to arrange a Baptism at St. Luke's!**

As parents we want what's best for our children. The Church is here to help you give them a good start in life and to support you as you bring them up as Christians. In this way they will learn about Jesus, what it means to live a full and happy life, and know just how much they are loved by God and how important it is to care for others.

### **Getting started**

Baptism (or christening) is about joining the Church family, so why not start coming along when you can, and meeting a few of us? Our main service is at 10am and is relaxed and family-friendly.

### **4 Simple steps to Baptism**

1. Come to one of our 10am services on a Sunday and introduce yourself to the vicar!
2. Contact the Parish Office to arrange a meeting with the vicar and the Parish Secretary where you will be able to agree a date, discuss any questions and begin to complete a short form.
3. When you hand the completed form to the Parish Office the Baptism is officially booked.
4. Come along with the godparents to a preparation and rehearsal meeting shortly before the date of the Baptism.

### **About the Baptism**

On a number of Sundays in the year we dedicate time for Baptisms. These at 10am during the main service.

At the Baptism we welcome you into the family of God, give thanks to God for the gift of life, and make serious promises about bringing our children up as Christians.

Like birth, Baptism marks the beginning of a journey – a journey in faith. A Church offers...

- God's purpose to live for
- God's people to live with
- God's principles to live by
- God's profession to live out
- God's power to live on

(From 'Purpose Driven Church' by Rick Warren)

## **A Prayer**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, our loving Father and maker of all things. We praise you for giving us family and friends to be with in times of joy and sorrow.

We praise you for Jesus who welcomes little children into today's Church and challenges us all right now to be like them in simplicity of life, full of happiness, wonder, and ready to learn new things.

Help us in this time of decision-making, and guide us always as we step along life's way to do the right thing. Amen.

## **Young people at St Luke's**

### **Our services**

Our main service is at 10am each Sunday.

Children's Church for children 3-11,

Youth Church, for 11 to 18 on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

Once a month, usually the first Sunday of the month is our All-Age service