



Central Telford Parish Child Baptism Policy

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The PCC desires that those seeking baptism for their child should be able to understand fully the promises they are making prior to the decision as to what is best for both them and their child. Those seeking a baptism will be invited to fully engage with the life of the Church in order to understand the context of Baptism as the door into membership of the Body of Christ. This will involve attending a series of Baptism Preparation Evenings (BPE) and to regularly attend Sunday Church services. The options open to the family will be explained at the conclusion of the BPE and only at this stage will a date for a Baptism or Thanksgiving Service be discussed and agreed. Other arrangements for Baptism may be made at the discretion of the Clergy in extreme circumstances. It is the desire of the Church that the process of Baptism shall enable both Parents and Child to encounter God and understand his love, that they might grow together into a relationship with Him.

In the situation where a resident of Central Telford Parish seeks a Baptism in another Parish, the Vicar in the other parish usually asks for the approval of the Incumbent of CTP for permission to proceed. Unless there are special circumstances, approval will only be given on condition that the family attends Baptism Preparation in CTP, in order that proper follow up and encouragement can be given in the local worshipping community.

The Parish also welcomes any adult seeking baptism and would offer appropriate preparation over a period of time within the life of the body of the Church.