



The Parish of Central Telford

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An Invitation to the Baptism Preparation Course

We are really pleased to hear that you are interested in having your child Baptised at one of the Churches in the Central Telford Parish. We believe that Baptism is an extremely important step for anyone to take because Baptism involves making life-changing promises and so it is our desire that those involved are fully equipped to decide whether they feel able to make these promises. We are writing to invite you to our next Baptism Preparation Course, where you will have an opportunity to discuss the issues involved and make up your mind about what is best for you and/or your child.

The attached sheet tells you where and when the course will be taking place and we would like to invite both parents (where appropriate) and the godparents to be present, especially for the last session, so that you can talk about what this means for each of you and your child. Each session will last around an hour and a quarter and we promise to keep these sessions to time to help make your babysitting arrangements easier (please let us know if we can help with those). The sessions are a mixture of DVD, discussion and some simple interactive exercises. After the sessions we will give you the opportunity to respond to what we have looked at together, and we will also suggest possible dates for a baptism. Please could you fill in the attached form and return it to Dawley Christian Centre (either by email or by post) so that we know that you are coming to the course.

Being baptised means being a part of the Church family and so we want to welcome you to this family! Also attached is a card which tells you when services happen at each of the Churches in the Parish and we would encourage you to come along and find out more about the community in which you and your child will grow up in. Also enclosed is a sheet of "Frequently Asked Questions" which, we hope, will answer most of the questions you may have, but please feel free to contact the Parish Coordinator, Lyn Corbett, on **07914 837534** or by email at **baptism@telfordchurch.co.uk** if you would like to know more.

With best wishes

Rev Tim Storey
Team Rector, Central Telford.