

Worship at Trinity

Sundays: 10am **Family Worship**
A creche is provided for the whole service
Junior Church in appropriate age groups

Wednesdays: 2pm **Nursery Service**
The service lasts for about 15 minutes,
followed by coffee.

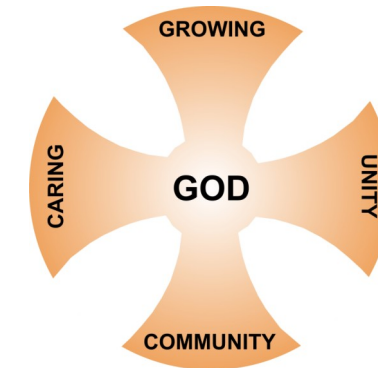
**If you would like to know more about the
service of Blessing / Baptism
please contact our church minister,
Rev Jon Salmon.**

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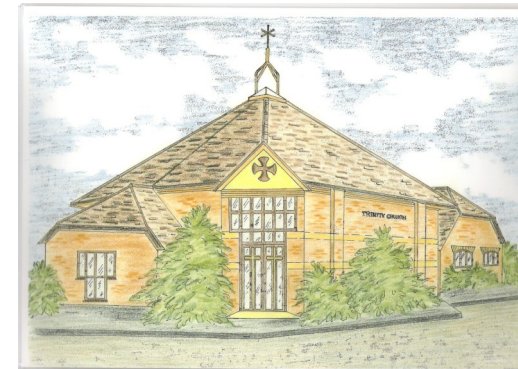
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Baptism



Trinity Church

Information Leaflet



Children in the Church

Jesus said: "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Jesus Christ welcomes all children. The Church in Jesus' name offers two services for your child:

Blessing, or Baptism (also called Christening)

Both services speak of the love of God for your child.

The Service of Blessing

This is intended for those parents who believe that Baptism should be left until a child is old enough to make their own commitment to Christ, and also for those parents who feel unable in conscience to make the promises required at infant Baptism.

The Service of Baptism

Since the beginning of the Church, people who decided to follow Jesus were baptised. This was a sign of entry into the Christian family. They were immersed in, or sprinkled with, water three times (signifying the Christian understanding of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit).

This is the service which Christians have celebrated down the centuries. From early on in the Church's history, children as well as adults have been baptised. It was the parent's responsibility, as it will be your responsibility, to promise to bring up their children in the Christian Faith, until such time as they were old enough to make their own decision about following Jesus.

Baptism at Trinity

Trinity Church is a joint church representing the Church of England, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church; but your child's baptism will be recognised not only by these three Churches but by all the main Christian denominations which practice infant baptism (including the Roman Catholic Church). At a later date, he or she may wish to make a personal commitment through Confirmation.

What about Godparents?

The Godparents assist you and the Church in the Christian upbringing of your child. You do not have to have Godparents. If you choose to do so, you may have as many as you like (within reason!). We suggest they should be baptised Christians, as it will be their responsibility along with you to nurture your child in the Christian faith.

When does the service take place?

Baptisms or Blessings take place during Sunday worship. The congregation promises to provide a spiritual home for your child, teaching, prayer and friendship in the name of Jesus Christ.

At Trinity we usually hold these services on the 1st Sunday in the month at 10am, but this doesn't exclude other Sundays if the 1st Sunday isn't possible.