

How do I start to explore being Baptised?

First of all we invite you to come along to the Abbey or to St. Peter's in Monkmoor Road and to get to know us.

Then, if you then feel you would like to talk to us about a Service of Christening, speak to one of the Ministry Team after a service or contact us via the Abbey Office—all details of services and contacts are on the back.

Perhaps say this prayer over the next days and weeks as you think about this special step in your life:

Dear God

I thank you for my life and for the life of my family. Please help me to feel your presence day by day and to explore Christening and Baptism with an open heart and mind.

Main service times

Shrewsbury Abbey

Sunday 10.00am and 3.00pm

Thursday 12.00 noon

St. Peter's

Sunday 10.30am

Abbey Office : 01743 232723

Monday - Friday

9.30am - 12.30pm

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Christening ...

A new beginning

Firstly - have a look at our main web page and click on the word Christening

<http://www.shrewsburyabbey.com>

A Service of Christening - which contains an act of Baptism - is a moment of new 'birth' into the family of God and the start of what should be a lifelong relationship within a Christian community.

Here in the Parish of Holy Cross (Abbey and St. Peter's, Monkmoor) we think this is a very special time and we ask you take the time to think and pray and prepare how you can best respond to the call to be Christened ... for yourself or your child.



What will we promise to you

We will not hurry this - unless it is a clear 'emergency'.

We will treat you and your family as individuals and we will not put you onto a conveyor-belt of multiple Christenings all at one service.

We will explain very clearly the history of Baptism, how it developed and what it continues to mean today. In this we will look at what it means to be part of the Christian family of God.

We will do our best to make you feel welcomed and to answer any questions you have of us.

We will try to get to know you so your Baptism will feel personal.

We will give you the opportunity to find out more about Jesus and the Christian life.

We will do this all—gently.

What will we ask of you

We will ask you to take the time to think about and prepare for the Service and not to try to make it feel rushed.

We will ask you and any others who will make promises at Baptism to keep those promises—these include promises to say your prayers and to come to church regularly.

We will ask you to choose Godparents (sponsors) carefully. Godparents MUST be Christened.

We will ask you to let us explain to you and others involved in the history and meaning of Baptism in the Christian church.

Is Christening right for me?

If you think Baptism is a step too far at this stage we will offer you a 'Service of Thanksgiving' which gives thanks to God without your making any promises.