

## **Arranging a Baptism at St. James'**

At St. James' we have an open door policy towards baptism. If you would like to arrange a baptism, in the first instance please send an email to [stjamesweddington@yahoo.com](mailto:stjamesweddington@yahoo.com) marked F.A.O Janet Flavel; who will then contact you to arrange a visit.

We have a small team of visitors, who will come to see you in your home. They will encourage you to come to some of our services and will let you have all the details you need for the baptism. They will make at least two visits and on the second visit, you will be asked to watch a DVD which gives a short introduction to baptism, what it means and what your commitment is likely to be.

Whilst we are happy to have an open door policy, there are a few rules of which we must be aware. Generally speaking, at least one of the parents must have been baptised and all godparents should be baptised. If there are any special circumstances, such as enquiries from out of the area, these should in the first instance be referred to your local parish priest.

We also have a duty to ensure that any people who are enquiring about baptism are fully aware of the commitment they are making and there will be a period of preparation involved before you may actually book a date. As you are asking to join the Church, we would also encourage you to attend any of our services, but in particular the family service on the first Sunday of the month or the Family Praise service on the third Sunday of the month.

If you do not live in the parish, you will need the permission of your local parish priest before we may proceed so we would suggest you contact your local parish Church first in these circumstances.

All of our baptisms take place during the usual Family Service on the first Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. and you are very welcome to join us at any of these or indeed any other services.