

Parents and Godparents promise to help in three special ways:



Prayer

Even if you don't find prayer very easy, it is still important to teach your child to pray.

Prayer can help your home to become a place of love, security and trust.

Prayer helps your children to grow up to know and love God through his Son Jesus. Prayer is always there when you need it!

Family prayers needn't be long or heavy. A good pattern is to encourage children to say a short prayer of their own about anything they choose, then you can say one, and perhaps finish with the Lord's Prayer.

Example

The best example you can give is to come to church as a family, where your children can come and meet God in other people and know what it is to belong to a wider family.



Worship comes in many forms to suit your different needs.

The best example of God's love we have is in the life of Jesus. If we try to live by his standards we will be giving our children the best example we can. Jesus taught us to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Teaching



Most people find it difficult to teach their children about the Christian faith, but don't be put off, the family of the Church can help you begin.

We welcome children to all our services and especially to our Parish Praise Services, details of the times for these can be found in the Parish News or on our church noticeboards.

Tots' Praise is a group which meets once a month in Whixley Village Hall for an hour. It is geared towards babies and toddlers with their Mums or carers. We have Bible stories, say a prayer, sing songs and have a simple craft activity. See the Parish News or church noticeboards for details or contact **Rev'd Joan Roper on 01423 331661.**



Baptism



Please contact
Rev'd Sarah Feaster
Tel. 01423 330928 or
email: revfeaster@gmail.com
to arrange a baptism. We will
arrange to visit you at home and
discuss the service with you.

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. And, naturally, you want the best for your child. We hope to help you plan and prepare for baptism in the best possible way.

In baptism your child is:

Signed with the cross



To show that we belong to Christ who died on the cross; as an act of dedication in the service of Christ and as a sign of

God's love for us, a love which is stronger than death.

"I sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ"

Baptised with water

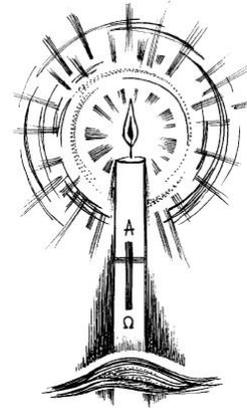
As a sign that we are made clean through God's love and forgiveness; as a sign of God's life-giving power and as a symbol of our new life, won for us when Jesus rose from the dead.



"I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Given a lighted candle

As a sign that God has shown himself to us in Jesus, to be the light of the world; as a symbol of the promise that God will guide us with his light if we trust in him and as a sign that we may all grow to reflect the light of Christ in our lives.



"Receive this light.... Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father."



Welcomed into the Church family

We worship God
We teach the Christian faith
We try to care for others
We serve the world
in the name of Christ.

"We welcome you into the Lord's Family."

Choosing Godparents

When choosing Godparents it is important to consider the following:

- Godparents must be baptised into the Christian faith.
- Godparents should be of a responsible age, generally 16 is the youngest we would consider suitable.
- The normal number of Godparents per child is three. For a girl, two women usually and a man, for a boy, two men usually and a woman.
- Godparents need to be aware that they will be making solemn promises before God, and be prepared to make and keep them.

If you would like to talk about any of these topics, please contact one of the clergy:

Rev'd Sarah Feaster 01423 330928

Rev'd Joan Roper 01423 331661.