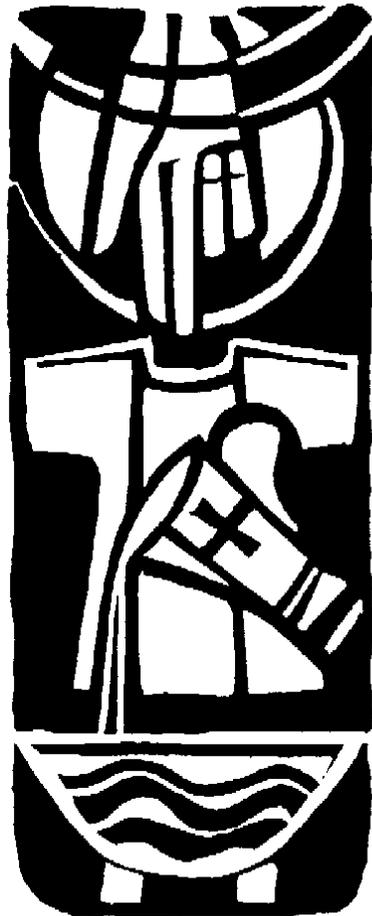
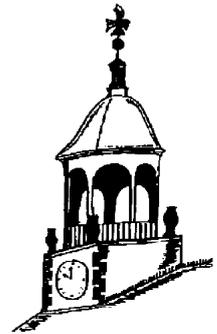


St John the Baptist, Hey
Date of Baptism



We welcome you to the Baptism of

Your child's name

The minister will welcome everyone and introduce the service.

Please join in as shown by bold type.

The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
and also with you.

We remain seated as the minister says an opening prayer.

A Reading

A short reading follows at the end the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Address

Preparation for baptism

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

So I ask you all: **(the whole congregation)**

Will you support *this child* as *he* begins *his* journey of faith?

All: We will.

Will you help *him* to live and grow within God's family?

All: We will.

If the candidate is old enough to understand:

The minister addresses the whole congregation

Will you support *him* on *his* journey of faith?

All: We will.

Signing with the cross

The minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate. When all the candidates have been signed, the minister says

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All: Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **All: Amen.**

The Baptism water is blessed

Water may be added to the font and the minister starts the prayer:

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

The prayer continues as the minister blesses the water

Profession of Faith

*The minister addresses the congregation and **all stand***

Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptised, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit**

BAPTISM and Welcome

The minister pours the water of Baptism over each candidate and then concludes by welcoming them. Please join in with the prayer over the page

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism *Child's name*, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Prayers of Intercession

The response to the words:

'Lord in your mercy' *is:*

Hear our prayer

Prayers end with everyone joining in the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For
Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen**

Blessing

The Minister blesses the congregation

The Giving of a Candle

Each candidate is given a lighted candle with the words:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

Dismissal

The Minister ends the service with the words

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

If you wish to take photographs please feel free to do so at the end of the service. Baptism is a free gift of the church so there is no charge but we do have enormous bills to pay. Any donation left in the plates will be gratefully received.