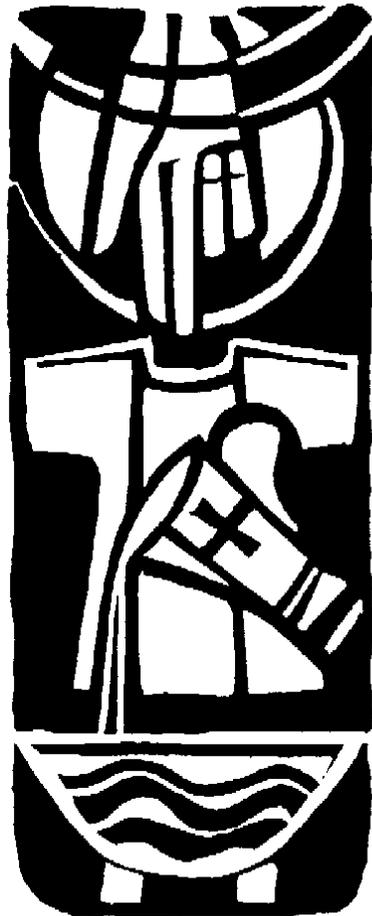
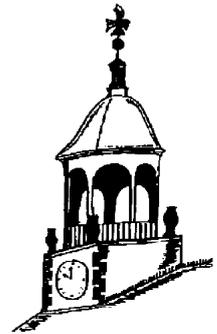


St John the Baptist, Hey
Date of Baptism



We welcome you to the Baptism of

Candidate's name

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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

A Prayer led by the minister

Amen

A Reading

Mark 10:13-16 or Mark 1:9-11 or Matthew 18:1-6+10 or Psalm 139:13-16)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Address

Preparation for Baptism

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them. So I ask you all;

Will you help *Candidate(s)* to become part of God's family?

We will

Parents and godparents, you have brought *Candidate(s)* to baptism. As we trust God for *his/her/their* growth in faith, will you promise to care for *him/her/them* , pray for *him/her/them*, and help *him/her/them* to follow Christ?

We will

Light the Paschal Candle

In baptism God calls us to new life. We die with Christ to all that destroys, and rise to live with him for ever.

Therefore I ask, parents, godparents

Do you reject evil?

I reject evil.

In all its many forms?

In all its many forms.

And all its empty promises?

And all its empty promises.

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

And put your trust in him?

And put my trust in him.

And promise to follow him for ever?

And promise to follow him for ever.

Signing with the Cross

Candidate, Christ claims you for his own receive the sign of the cross. Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever. Stand bravely with him. Oppose the power of evil, and remain his faithful disciple to the end of your life. May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen

The baptism

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. On him you poured your Spirit at his baptism in the River Jordan. He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him. And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that *Candidate* who is baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, filled with your Spirit and know *himself/herself* loved as your child, safe in Christ for ever.

Amen

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in God the Father, source of all being in 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.

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

Amen

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his Grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen

Prayers

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.

Candidate(s), there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body. We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you. We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

The giving of the candle

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.

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.