



The Benefice of Martock, Kingsbury Episcopi and Ash



Baptisms at All Saints' Martock 2019

Thank you for your recent enquiry about baptisms at All Saints. Baptism symbolises entry into the family of the church – an incredibly important occasion.

The first step is to contact either a member of the ministry team or Sarah in the Benefice Office (details below) either in person or by telephone or email. You will be given an application form and asked to choose a suitable date for your **baptism service** together with a date for a **Baptism Preparation morning** and a **family service** at your preferred church. Please return the form to the Benefice Office as soon as possible. The names of your selected godparents or sponsors can be added later if not known immediately.

As baptism is about making your child a member of God's family, it is really important that you come and meet us all, ideally at a **family service** which takes place on the second Sunday of every month in All Saints' at 9.30am. If you live outside the benefice, go instead to the church you intend to join (you need to make contact with them in any case as you will need their permission and their endorsement on an additional form we will give you).

The **baptism preparation** course which normally lasts less than an hour, is run regularly in the benefice and is an opportunity to think about baptism and make sure it's the right option for you. It's a chance to think about what baptism means, learn more about the service and think about other aspects of church life. We strongly encourage godparents to come if at all possible as theirs is an important role in the baptism and life of your child. Of course, we do understand that this may not be possible if they live out of the area. In 2019 we are offering the following dates starting at 12.30pm (you need to come to one of these at least a month before the baptism):-

19th January, 16th March, 18th May, 15th June, 17th August, 21st September, 19th October, 16th November

At All Saints we offer a baptism during the monthly Family Service held on the second Sunday of each month beginning at 9.30am. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer a service of baptism on any other days or times. The dates for baptisms in 2019 are:

10th March, 12th May, 9th June, 14th July, 11th August, 8th September, 8th December

I hope this enables you to start planning the baptism. I attach the leaflet "Seven Steps to Baptism" together with some frequently asked questions. If you need further help, please get in touch, either by phone (01935 826113) or by email: benefice.martock@gmail.com or pop in during the office hours listed below. If necessary, I can put you in touch with a member of the ministry team.

Kind regards

Sarah Nicholas

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Office open: Wednesdays 10am to 4pm, Thursdays 2.30pm to 6.30pm, Fridays 10am to 2pm

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