



Benefice of Martock with Kingsbury Episcopi and Ash



Baptisms at All Saints' Martock 2018

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 meet one of the ministry team either during the weekly Drop-In at The Vicarage on Thursdays between 4.30pm and 6.30pm or by appointment on another day. You will be given an application form and help 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. When completed, please return the form to the Benefice Office, at the very least three weeks before the baptism.

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. It's great if godparents can come too – though we're conscious this isn't always possible if they live out of the area. In 2018 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):-

17th March, 21st April, 19th May, 16th June, 21st July, 18th August, 15th September, 17th November

At All Saints we now 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 2018 are:-

8th April, 13th May, 10th June, 8th July, 12th August, 9th September, 10th December

I do hope this at least enables you to start planning the baptism. I enclose the leaflet "Seven Steps to Baptism" together with some frequently asked questions. If you need further help, please do get in touch, either by phone (01935 826113) or by email: benefice.martock@gmail.com. Alternatively do feel free to pop round any Thursday afternoon from 4.30pm to 6.30pm for David's drop-in when one of the ministry team (normally David) is at the Vicarage (10 Water Street, Martock). Sarah Nicholas, Benefice Administrator, is also available to help on Wednesdays 10am to 2pm, Thursdays 2.30 to 6.30pm or Fridays 10am to 2pm.

When ready, please return a copy of the completed form to the Benefice Office at The Vicarage in Martock.

Kind regards

Sarah Nicholas

Benefice Administrator for Martock, Kingsbury Episcopi and Ash

Attached: Frequently Asked Questions / Seven Steps of Baptism

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