



## 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 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 at a later date 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. 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):-

17<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> 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:-

8<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 10<sup>th</sup> December

Please be aware that Revd David Gent will be leaving this Benefice on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 for new ecclesiastical adventures. Please also be assured that we have a dedicated team who can prepare candidates and families, and lead the above baptism services together with our associate priest, Revd Mac.

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](mailto: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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