

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY DE HAURA, NEW SHOREHAM



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Applications for Baptism (*Christening*) at St Mary de Haura, Shoreham-by-Sea

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your enquiry. This paper sets out the position regarding Baptism at St Mary's, which is a parish church of the Church of England.

If you reside within **the ecclesiastical (church) parish of New Shoreham** (*see below*) then you are entitled and very welcome to have your child baptised at St Mary's Church, which is the parish church of New Shoreham. Baptisms normally take place during the 11.00 service on Sunday mornings, usually at the Family service on the third Sunday of the month, although it is sometimes possible to make arrangements for other Sundays.

If you reside within **the ecclesiastical parish of Old Shoreham** (*see below*) then you are entitled and very welcome to have your child baptised at St Nicolas' Church, Shoreham-by-Sea, which is your parish church. Baptisms normally take place during the 9.30 service on Sunday mornings, usually at the Family service on the third Sunday of the month, although it is sometimes possible to make arrangements for other Sundays. *However, in certain circumstances residents of Old Shoreham may have their children baptised at St Mary's instead of St Nicolas' (for example, if the 11.00 starting time of the service at St Mary's would be more convenient for godparents or family who would have to travel long distances on the day), since I am Vicar of both churches, but they should try to make arrangements for the Baptism to take place at St Nicolas', if at all possible.*

If you do not reside within the ecclesiastical parish of New Shoreham, or the parish of Old Shoreham, then I am afraid you are not eligible to have your child baptised at St Mary's unless you believe you have some other '**qualifying connection**' with this church. It might be, for example, that you were married at St Mary's, or that you were baptised or confirmed there yourself, or that you grew up in the parish and, although you no longer live there yourself, your parents still do so. In such circumstances I will be happy to consider baptising your child at St Mary's, but since children should normally be baptised in the parish in which they live, we will have to discuss the matter together and then, if it seems appropriate to hold the baptism at St Mary's, to seek the goodwill of the Vicar of your home parish.

I hope this paper answers your enquiry. If you are eligible to have your child baptised at St Mary's then I shall be glad to discuss dates and other arrangements with you (please phone 01273 452109 or e-mail victor@victorstanding.plus.com); but if not, then I am sorry to have disappointed you.

(The Revd) Victor Standing.

The Ecclesiastical (Church) parishes of Shoreham-by-Sea

THE PARISH OF ST MARY DE HAURA, NEW SHOREHAM

The parish is fairly small and covers the historic town centre of Shoreham-by-Sea.

It is contained within these boundaries:

(West) Old Shoreham Road

(South) Ropetackle/High Street/Brighton Road

(East) Eastern Avenue (*south of the railway line*)

(North) Ham Road—the Railway Station—the southern part of Buckingham Road (*west side*)—
Mill Lane (*south side*)—Overmead—Freehold Street.

THE PARISH OF ST NICOLAS, OLD SHOREHAM

of which the Vicar of New Shoreham is also the Vicar

This parish covers all of Shoreham *North* of Ham Road—the Railway Station—the lower part of Buckingham Road (*west side*)—Mill Lane (*south side*)—Overmead—Freehold Street, but *West* of Eastern Avenue—Parkside—Trueleigh Way.

THE PARISH OF KINGSTON BUCI

St Julian's Church and St Giles' Church

This parish covers all of Shoreham to the *East* of Eastern Avenue—Parkside—Trueleigh Way.

THE PARISH OF SHOREHAM BEACH

Church of the Good Shepherd

This parish covers the whole of Shoreham Beach.
