

APPLICATION FORM INFANT BAPTISM 2023



Thank you for your interest in having your child baptised at St Mary de Haura.

Please complete this form in as much detail as possible, paying close attention to the guidance notes at the bottom of the page. Once completed, please bring along a hard copy of the form to our monthly Vestry Hour, which takes places in church on the **first Saturday of every month, 10.00am-12.00noon**. The Vicar will then discuss and arrange the service with you.

If you require any further support or guidance, please contact the parish office: 01273 440202; smdh.office@gmail.com.

				note
Full name of child:				1
Known as (if different):				2
Sex:	male / female	Date of birth:		

Preferred date of baptism (see note 3):		Do you attend worship regularly at St Mary's?	Y / N	3
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Parent 1 Full name	
Occupation	
Address including postcode	
Telephone	
Email	
Parent 2 Full name	
Occupation	
Address (if different)	
Telephone (if different)	
Email (if different)	

Do you live in the parish of St Mary de Haura? (see note 4)	Y / N	If no, have you obtained written permission from the Vicar of the parish in which you live?	Y / N	4
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- For legal reasons a full name is required, as recorded on the child's birth certificate.
- This is the name that you would like your child to be called during the baptism service, if different to their legal first name.
- For attendance purposes, 'regularly' is defined as at least monthly over the course of a year.
Baptisms of the children of parents who are **not** regular attenders at St Mary de Haura take place on either the 2nd or 4th Sunday of each month at 12.00noon (please indicate a preferred Sunday).
Baptisms of the children of parents who **are** regular attenders typically take place during the main Sunday service.
- If you do not live in the parish of St Mary de Haura, you will need to inform the Vicar of the parish in which you live that you are seeking baptism elsewhere. Please enclose a printed copy of their written consent (an email is fine) along with this form.
To check which parish you are resident within, enter your postcode on the CofE Parish Finder: www.achurchnearyou.com

GODPARENTS

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Godparent / sponsor Name and surname		Baptised?	Y / N	6
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please give a brief explanation (2-3 sentences) of why you are seeking baptism for your child.	7
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BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

<p>Parents who are not regular attenders of worship at St Mary de Haura are asked to attend a baptism preparation session prior to the date of their child's baptism. These sessions take place regularly throughout the year from 10.00am-12.00noon on a Saturday morning in church. Please indicate below your preferred date:</p>		
Saturday 21 st January 2023 Saturday 16 th September 2023	Saturday 18 th March 2023 Saturday 18 th November 2023	Saturday 17 th June 2023

TO BE COMPLETED BY MINISTER

Checked details?		Confirmed date:		Confirmed time:	
Minister responsible:					
Checked godparents?					
Discussed meaning of baptism?		How many expected at the service?			
Younger siblings?		Preferred Bible reading?			
Notes:					

5. *Parents and godparents who present a child for baptism are making promises on that child's behalf. They should be ready and willing to give the child a Christian upbringing within the family of the Church to the best of their ability, endeavouring to be a role model in faith not only by their teaching but also by their example and their prayers. Please therefore consider carefully the suitability of individuals who may wish to act as godparents.*

Because of these responsibilities, it is not permissible for individuals who have not been baptised themselves to act as godparents. They can however act as a 'sponsor', with a similar role and function during the baptism service.
6. *Church guidelines suggests **three** godparents, two of the same sex as the child and one of the opposite sex, but to have one godfather and one godmother is sufficient (there must be at least one of each sex).*

Parents may be godparents to their own children, provided that the child has at least one other godparent.
7. *This question is not a test! There is no 'right' answer. The minister will however want to have a brief conversation with you about your reasons for seeking baptism for your child, and to answer any questions you may have about baptism and its role as a rite of initiation into the Christian faith.*

The Church of England website provides very helpful further information for parents thinking about infant baptism:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/christenings>