

Holy Trinity Anglican Church Doncaster

Christening Services



Introduction

Congratulations on the birth of your child! It is a great joy and privilege to bring a child into the world, despite the sleepless nights!

We are especially glad that you have decided to mark this occasion with a church ceremony to thank God for your child and ask for his blessing upon their life.

We offer two types of Christening Service for this occasion, (i) 'Thanksgiving Service' and (ii) 'Baptism Service'.

The word 'Christening' refers to the naming of the child, which occurs in both types of services. However, there are some differences between the two services, as you'll see.

So please read the following to see which type of Christening Service would best suit you, for where you are at with God.

Thanksgiving Service

This service:

- Thanks God for the birth of your child.
- Names your child.
- Prays for your child, that God would bless them as they grow up in the world.
- Can include godparents who are charged to help your child grow up as a good citizen in God's world.
- Does not involve water but does include a certificate.

Baptism Service

This service:

- Thanks God for the birth of your child.
- Names your child.
- Asks parent/s and any godparent/s to make 4 public declarations:
 1. That you believe in one God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 2. That you turn *from* all that opposes God.
 3. That you turn *to* Jesus Christ, trusting in his work on the cross to make you right with God. Doing so gives you forgiveness and certainty of heaven.
 4. That you will seek to faithfully follow Jesus, living for him as your Lord or 'King'.
- This service also assumes that you will teach your child about Jesus and encourage them to follow him, which means attending church regularly to help you do this.
- Prays that your child will always know and follow Jesus.
- Is usually done as part of a church service since the child is welcomed into the church.
- May or may not include godparents who are charged to pray for your child and encourage them to follow Jesus.
- Involves water and includes a certificate.

Once you've got an idea of what you'd like, please contact us and we'd love to meet with you and discuss things further.