

# ***A Guide to Baptism***



**Baptism Guide May 2012**  
*Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath*



## **Who is this Guide for?**

This guide is for anyone who is interested in having their child baptised (christened).



In baptism God invites us on a life-long journey. Together with all God's people we explore the way of Jesus, grow in friendship with God, in love for his people, and in serving others.

A baptism is a wonderful occasion for any family. We want to help you look back on it with the greatest happiness and for you to have good memories of that very special day.

## **What do I need to do?**



Come along to our Saturday Cafe between 10.30 – 11.30 to talk to the Vicar. There you can ask any questions and arrange a date.

We will fill out a Baptism Application Form, and talk you through how things work at St Matthew's.

## **What happens next?**



A further meeting will be arranged, usually at your home, where you and the godparents (if they are available) consider the Baptism promises, the implication for yourselves and your child, and the church community's supporting role in nurturing your child's Christian faith.

We ask that you attend a service before the Baptism where you can begin to get to know the Church family. At a service following the Baptism, we will welcome your child as part of the church family and you will receive your Baptism certificate.

## How many Godparents can my child have?

Traditionally, a child would have three Godparents. For a boy, this would be two male and one female Godparent. For a girl, two female and one male Godparent. However, you may have as many as you want, within reason.

*Please note that Godparents must also have been baptised.*

## The Baptism Service



We offer Baptisms both as part of our main Sunday service or as a separate service for baptism families.

If you have chosen to have the Baptism service as part of regular Sunday worship, you will be welcomed into the Church, with your own reserved seats, and guided through the Baptism.

Please remember that photographs must not be taken during the Baptism service. The Vicar will be more than happy to pose for photographs afterwards!

## What happens after Baptism?



At the end of the Baptism service you will receive a lighted candle, which you can take home with you and light again on other special days.

**Please remember, you will not be charged a fee for Baptisms.**

## What if I am an adult and want to be Baptised?



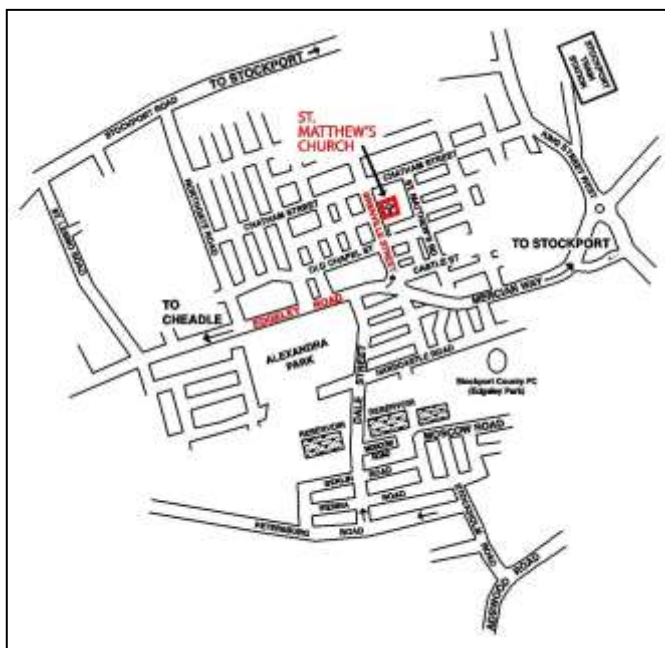
We love baptising adults! Just speak to the Vicar!

## Options for Baptisms

Baptisms take place on the second Sunday of the month either as part of our regular services (9.30am or 11.15am) or as a separate service for the baptism family (at 1pm or 1.45pm). You can have a chat with the Vicar any Saturday morning during our Saturday Café at St Matthew's between 10.30am and 11.30am.



## Where to find us...



We hope you find this guide useful. If you have any further questions, please contact Revd. David Brewster

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