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| Application for HOLY BAPTISM on behalf of a Child |
|  | **Christian Names** | **Surname** |
| **Child’s** |  |  |
| **Father’s** |  |  |
| **Mother’s** |  |  |
| Address |  |
|  |
|  |
| Telephone Number |  |
| **E-mail** |  |
| Occupation of Father |  |
| **Occupation of Mother** |  |
| Date of Birth |  | Date of Baptism |  |
| Date of formal welcome if not Baptised during a normal Sunday Mass |  |
|  | **Are you Baptised?** | **Are you Confirmed?** |
| **Father** | **Yes / No** | **Yes / No** |
| **Mother** | **Yes / No** | **Yes / No** |

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| Godparents |
| The Canon Law of the Church of England requires:- That all Godparents **must be baptised** and **should be confirmed.** However, the priest has the power to dispense with the requirement of confirmation in some circumstances if, in his judgement, needs require. It is traditional for there to be 3 Godparents (Boys: 2 Men 1 Women, Girls: 2 Women 1 Man) however the minimum is 2 Godparents there is no maximum. |
| **1.Name** |  |
| **Baptised** | **Yes / No** | **Confirmed** | **Yes / No** |
| Address |  |
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|  |
| **2.Name** |  |
| **Baptised** | **Yes / No** | **Confirmed** | **Yes / No** |
| Address |  |
|  |
|  |
| **3.Name** |  |
| **Baptised** | **Yes / No** | **Confirmed** | **Yes / No** |
| Address |  |
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|  |
| **Extra Name** |  |
| **Baptised** | **Yes / No** | **Confirmed** | **Yes / No** |
| Address |  |
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| **This form must be returned at least a week before the baptism.**  |

PROMISE AND FULFILMENT

At baptism we enter the church community of Faith. It is the beginning of our Christian journey. It does also require a large degree of commitment for the future. You and the Godparents will answer on behalf of your child

Do you turn away from sin?

**BAPTISM**

**I do.**

Do you reject evil?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord?

**I do.**

Young children are baptised on the understanding that they are brought up as Christians within the family of the church. As they grow up they will need help and encouragement to attend church and to pray and eventually be confirmed. It is the responsibility of parents and godparents to give this encouragement by prayer, example and their teaching.

Parents and godparents, should therefore ask:

**Am I willing to pray regularly for the child?**

**Am I willing to take him/her to church regularly?**

Am I willing to teach him/her about the love of God

**As seen in his Son, Jesus Christ?**

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| **Declaration to be signed by both parents.** |
| **We declare, to the best of our knowledge, that the details given are correct and the Godparents we have chosen are Baptised (and preferably confirmed) members of Christ’s Church.**With them and with God’s help we promise:1.To bring our child up in the Christian Faith and to lead a Christian life**2.To encourage the child to take part in the life of the Church and to be prepared for confirmation** |
| **Father** |  |
| **Mother** |  |
| **Date** |  |
| Baptism takes place during 10.30am Parish Eucharist on a Sunday or at 12.15pm for a Separate baptism service  |



## Application form for Baptism

**in**

**The Parish of St Mary**

**Petworth, & St Bartholemew, Egdean**

**in the Diocese of Chichester,**

**Church of England.**