

CHRISTENING/BAPTISM 2022/2023

Baptism

Wonderful news! Baptism requests have risen significantly during the past few months - with some requests coming from outside the Parish and some requesting baptisms outside the main service, on days other than a Sunday and even private baptisms.

Up until now, we've often worked very hard to accommodate date and time requests and preferences, particularly if there are pastoral reasons to do so such as military postings or families travelling long distances. Sadly, the increased demands and changing expectations means this is increasingly difficult to accommodate in ways that are practicable, fair and transparent. To cope with the increased demand from December I propose the parish will offer a regular pattern of baptisms, offering a variety of options

1st Sunday of each month 12 o'clock separate simple baptism service, St Anne's Catterick Village (*no organist unless requested and paid for by families*)

2nd Sunday of each month, 10am, Holy Trinity, Tunstall

3rd Sunday of each month during 10.30 service, St Anne's, Catterick

Depending on demand here may be other households also booked for the same baptism service time - ideally no more than 2 although we may be able to accommodate 3 depending on guest numbers. Baptism services are, like all Church of England services, open to the public and private baptisms can't actually be offered.

I would like to book at Christening (Baptism)

Who do I contact while Reverend Lindsay Southern is away?

The main contacts are:

Churchwarden Alan Parkes 01748 834392

PCC member Sheila Smith 07886937439

Who will check to see what dates are available.

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Reverend Lindsay Southern will be away from 23rd July until 8th November, and the church already has a number of baptisms booked during that time.

Realistically we are now looking at December 2022 onwards for new enquiries (unless there are health reasons why an adult or child cannot wait that long - we will ALWAYS try to make provision for urgent cases.)

In December 2022, January, February, March 2023 that would look like:

Dec 4th 12 o'clock separate Baptism service, St Anne's, Catterick

Dec 11th 10am Holy Trinity Tunstall

Dec 18th 10.30am main service, St Anne's

Jan 1st 12 o'clock separate Baptism service, St Anne's, Catterick

Jan 8th 10am Holy Trinity Tunstall

Jan 15th 10.30am main service, St Anne's

Feb 5th 12 o'clock separate Baptism service, St Anne's, Catterick

Feb 12th 10am Holy Trinity Tunstall

Feb 19th 10.30am main service, St Anne's

March 5th 12 o'clock separate Baptism service, St Anne's, Catterick

March 12th 10am Holy Trinity Tunstall

March 19th 10.30am main service, St Anne's

Baptism Preparation

As baptism is a sacrament, involving solemn promises made to God, people need to be willing to commit to baptism preparation. Baptism preparation will usually take place about a month beforehand.

I live outside the parish?

If someone outside of the parish wishes to be baptised or have their child baptised in this Parish, they will need to:

A) Get written permission from their local parish priest

AND

B) Attend St Anne's or Holy Trinity worship regularly enough to be eligible for the electoral roll (ie at least once a month for minimum 6 months.) This includes services other than the main morning Sunday service eg Muddy Church, Zoom, Alfresco worship etc.

OR

C) Regularly attend Church Tots or other church-run family activities

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