

What area does St. Paul's cover ?

Abbotsbury Road, Adelaide Court, Adelaide Crescent, Alma Road, Aynsley Court, Barclay Road, Bedford Road, Bryn Road, Chickerell Road 176 & 178 and 284-338 even numbers, Clive Terrace, College Heights, Cornwall Close, Corporation Road, Corscombe Close, Cromwell Road, Dennis Road, Devon Road, Dorset Close, Doulton Close, East Wyld Road, Emmadale Close, Emmadale Road, Essex Road, Franklin Close, Franklin Road, Gemma Court, Glenmore Road, Goldcroft Avenue, Goldcroft Road, Goss Place, Granville Road, Grove Terrace, Heathwood Road, Hereford Road, Hereford Crescent, Highland Road, Holland Road, Holly Road, Holyrood Terrace, Ilchester Road, Jenner Court, Kellaway Terrace, Kitchener Road, Knightsdale Road, Links Road, Longcroft Road, Malvem Terrace, Melbourne Street, Melbury Road, Milton Road, Minton Place, Newstead Road *all except 1-11 odd numbers*, Norfolk Road, Old Bridge Court, Old Parish Lane, Perth Street, Portland Crescent, Pottery Lane, Queensland Road, Quibo Lane, Radipole Lane (*odd numbers from 425-507*), Rutland Road, St. Paul's Court, Salisbury Road, Sedgefield Close, Shirecroft Road, Short Road, Somerset Road, Southview Road, Stavordale Court, Stavordale Road, Sussex Road, Sydney Street, Thornhill Crescent, Wardcliffe Road, Wedgewood Road, Wessex Road, Westhaven, Wiltshire Avenue.

If you want to go further:

- we ask you to come to church on Sunday mornings to find out more about Christianity, about St Paul's and about the promises you will be making. We look forward to welcoming you. Times of services can be found on the church notice boards or on the website at www.stpaulsweymouth.org
- then Father Richard will arrange to meet with you (and help you to think about whether this is the right decision for you and how to take this further).

Thank you

for reading this. If you want to go a step further towards making a decision about baptism, we look forward to seeing you on Sundays.

16 March 2016

St. Paul's, Westham, Weymouth



Thank you for asking about Baptism

*This leaflet attempts to answer
some of the questions you may have*

We are glad you want to know more

People have lots of questions about baptism. We have given our responses to some of them below.

- Q. Will my baby be able to come to church / go to a church school / get married in church / be buried in a churchyard is (s)he is not baptised?
- A. Yes, to all of these.
- Q. I / We are not bothered about a church service; it's my mother who is insisting on having one.
- A. You have to decide whether you want your child(ren) baptised because it should be your faith that brings your child(ren) into the life of the Church.
- Q. Do Godparents have to be baptised ?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How many Godparents do I have to choose ?
- A. At least one of each sex, but there is no limit.

- Q. When can I have a baptism?
 A. We make appropriate arrangements with each family
- Q. I am Church of England, my husband/wife/partner is Roman Catholic/Methodist. Does this matter?
 A. No. But whatever denomination, at least one parent must be baptised.
- Q. Can we have a video and take photographs?
 A. Yes, but photographs please without flash.
- Q. How much does a baptism cost?
 A. There is no charge. We hope that families will want to make a donation.



About baptism ...

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

The gospel according to St. Matthew 28: 19-20

Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit.

Baptism is a gift from God.

Baptism is a fresh start in the life of a person. Baptism is birth into new life in Christ.

So, at a baptism ...

you as parents and godparents have to be prepared to make a public commitment on behalf of your child (who is not old enough to answer for her/himself).



You have to declare yourselves practising Christians,

- you come to worship;
- you read the bible;
- you pray; and
- you follow Christian morals in your life.

You promise to teach your child the Christian faith by:

- bringing her/him to worship;
- by your example and how you live; and
- by reading the Bible and praying with them.

You commit your child to being a Christian, and bring them up to do these things.

Our baptism policy at St. Paul's

1. to baptise babies, children and adults who live in our parish after preparation;
2. to baptise babies, children and adults whose families worship regularly at St. Paul's;
3. to baptise babies, children and adults who do not live in our parish:
 - if you can demonstrate a reason for baptism here (e.g. a child in Beechcroft St. Paul's C of E Aided Primary school) and
 - if your own parish priest gives permission.

What does St. Paul's offer after baptism?

- Support at the 9.30am or 11.15am Sunday service
- Sunday school on Sundays at 9.30am
- Youth Club (Fridays 7.15-8.45pm in term time)