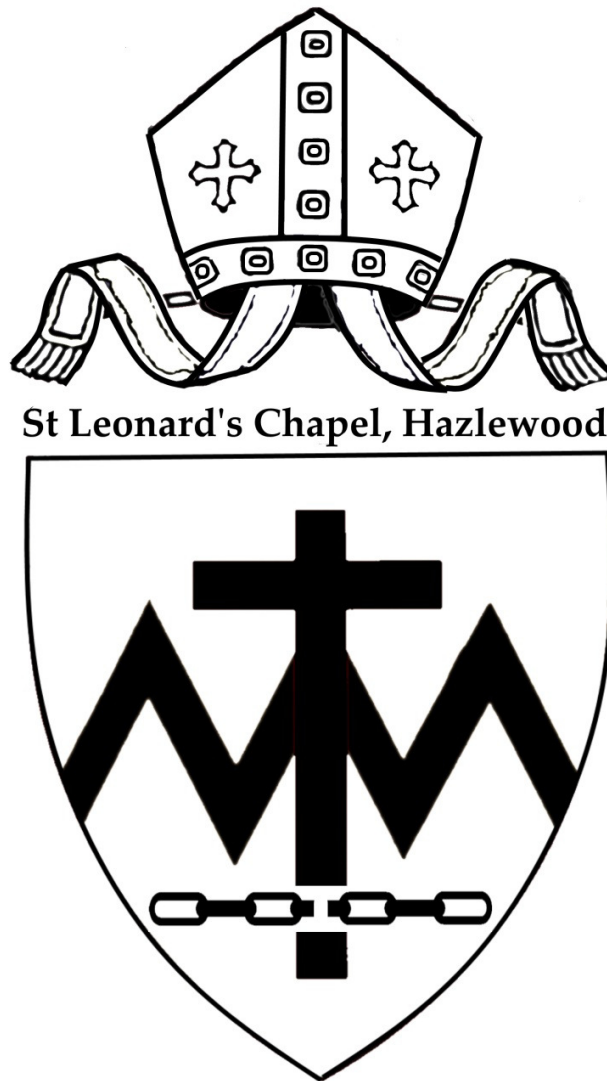


Short Form of Baptism



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(for use within another service)

Parents and godparents are asked to take their place before the altar.

To parents: I now need to ask (name of child)'s mum and dad, a question.

Is it your wish that (name of child) shall be baptised and begin the journey of faith as a member of the church?

Parents: **It is our wish.**

To the people: Today, (name of child) is invited to take his/her place as a member of the church under the care and protection of his/her parents and God parents.

Will you welcome (name of child) as a member of the church and uphold him/her as he/she begins his/her journey of faith?

All: **We will.**

Parents and Godparents, I ask you before God, are you willing to support, encourage and pray for (name of child), be an example to him/her and help him/her find his/her place in the community of faith?

Parents/God parents: I will.

You have declared before God that you will care for (name of child) and will take responsibility for him/her in his/her journey of faith. It is a great privilege and before God you are now entrusted with his/her care.

Facing candidate:

(name of child) , I welcome you into the family of Christ, confident in the knowledge that you will be protected and cared for by your parents and Godparents.

Prayer over the Water

Father, make holy _ this water that,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
(name of child) may be renewed in your image
and walk by the light of faith

Baptism

(name of child) , I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Signing with the Cross

(name of child) , Jesus Christ accepts you by faith as a member of the church, his world wide family. I welcome you in the name of Christ.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. In baptism, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life. Amen

As a symbol of faith and acceptance as a new member of the church, I will now present (name of child) with a lighted candle as a sign that he/she takes the light of Christ with him/her wherever he/she goes.

Because he/she is just a little too young to have a lighted candle, it will be received by one of the God Parents on his/her behalf.

A lighted candle is received.

The final blessings are given and the service concludes.