

House Of God
Gate Of Heaven
S. James' Church Coundon
Baptisms During Covid Restrictions

We receive lots of enquiries about Christenings

We have a fairly Open Policy with regard this Sacrament which we've outlined below, along with some additional information and procedures while government restrictions are in place:

We Are Not Able To Take Bookings More Than 2 Months In Advance

This is mainly because the Church Diary is generally set every 8 weeks.

Although there'll always be someone for whom this is difficult, we feel 2 months is more than enough time to arrange venues, invitations etc.

Christenings Take Place In The Parish Mass at 10am On A Sunday

Baptism is not a private function but a public event. As such here at S. James' Church we believe it should take place in the context of the main service. Here, this service is always a Family Service suitable for all ages.

There Is No Set Sunday

You can request the service for any date - If it's available you can have it - if it's not - you can't.

The only restriction we place on ourselves is that we have agreed not to hold Baptisms on consecutive Sundays & we only conduct one Baptism per service (or one family). This is so we can make the service unique and special to you.

Photography

We encourage you to video or take photo's during the service. Baptism is a one-off lifetime event and you may want to capture the moment discreetly as it happens.

Fees

There is no Fee for the service but you will have the opportunity to donate to the church through a collection. There is a charge of £13 for a certificate.

Covid Restrictions

For now we are only able to accommodate up to 10 people due to Social Distancing. The Baptism Party to be seated in the Choir Stalls. Clean your hands & wear a mask. The Priest is not allowed any physical contact with the child; so the Water & Anointing are done differently to what you might be used to and this will be explained in full when booking.

We Look Forward To Welcoming You & Your Family To S. James' Church

'The Holy House On The Hill'

