

ST. SEBASTIAN'S GREAT GONERBY & ALL SAINTS' BARROWBY

SERVICE FOR THE CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

- 1** Parents and godparents, the Church receives *these children* with joy. Today we are trusting God for *their* growth in faith. Will you pray for *them*, draw *them* by your example into the community of faith and walk with *them* in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism *these children* begin *their* journey in faith. You speak for *them* today. Will you care for *them*, and help *them* to take *their* place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

2 A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT.

3 (PARENTS AND GODPARENTS STAND)

Those who bring children to be baptised must affirm their allegiance to Christ and their rejection of all that is evil. It is your duty to bring up *these children* to fight against evil and to follow Christ. Therefore I ask you these questions which you must answer for yourselves and for *these children*.

Do you turn to Christ ?
(PARENTS AND GODPARENTS)

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins ?
(PARENTS AND GODPARENTS)

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil ?
(PARENTS AND GODPARENTS)

I renounce evil.

4 THE SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

(PARENTS AND GODPARENTS BRING THE CHILD TO THE FRONT)

I sign you with the sign of the cross, the sign of Christ. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

(ALL SAY)

Fight valiantly under the banner of Christ against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue his faithful soldiers and servants to the end of your lives.

Baptism

is the act by which a man or woman, having openly declared a trust in Jesus Christ and a desire to follow him, is joined to the Christian family, the Church.

Baptism involves a personal allegiance to Jesus Christ, and a commitment to the life, fellowship and worship of the Church. It recognises the gift from God of new life in Christ.

Although baptism normally requires a personal act of faith and commitment, the Church does accept for baptism those who are not yet old enough to do this, on the understanding that the child will receive a Christian upbringing within the family of Christ's Church.



Godparents

are very important people and no doubt you are delighted to have been asked to be one. It means that your friends or relations consider you the kind of person who will be a good example and someone who can be relied upon to pray for their child, speak to them about God and encourage them in their Christian faith.

Godparents may be relations or friends, but they are more than that. They have special tasks -- helping children come to know God, encouraging them in their membership of the local church and taking an interest in their pilgrimage of faith.

5 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm,our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

(ALL) **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again ?

(ALL) **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives spiritual life to the people of God ?

(ALL) **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

(ALL) **This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

6 THE BAPTISM

(THE BAPTISM PARTY GO TO THE FONT)

N, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

7 PRAYERS - INCLUDING THE LORD'S PRAYER.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

8 THE BLESSING

What is a Christian upbringing?

A Christian upbringing involves

- # Churchgoing as a family
- # Teaching the children from the bible and later to read the Bible for themselves
- # Praying with them and teaching them to pray
- # Showing what it means to live to Christian standards

Our churches have a number of activities and services that will help you keep your promises to bring your child up as a Christian and help them understand what it means to be a member of the church.



The 10 Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me.
2. You shall not make for yourself any idol
3. You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God
4. Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy
5. Honour your father and your mother
6. You shall not commit murder
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour
10. You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour