



Information for Godparents

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Andrew's Church and we are very pleased that you have been asked to be a godparent at a baptism service in our church. This information is written to help you understand what is involved and what is expected from you. Being a godparent is undoubtedly a privilege and a recognition of your place as a trusted friend of the family. We hope that you have been chosen not only because you are a good friend of the family, but because you are valued as someone who is willing to be involved in the Christian upbringing of the child.

Being a godparent carries considerable responsibilities. During the baptism service you will be asked to make certain promises relating to the Christian faith. On page 2 of this booklet is an extract from the service – which includes the declarations you will be invited to make. If you cannot in conscience affirm these basic statements of the Christian faith then you should discuss this with the parents. The Minister taking the service would be very happy to discuss this with you also.

We hope that you enjoy the special day.

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An extract from the baptism service

The parents and godparents are invited to come forward with those to be baptized...

The minister says to the parents and godparents:

Parents and godparents,
you speak for these children today.
God knows them by name and they are his.
Will you pray for them and help them to follow Christ?

Answer: **We will**

The minister addresses the children through their parents and godparents:

We all wander away from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.
Therefore I ask you, parents and godparents:

Do you turn away from sin?

Answer: **I turn away from sin**

Do you reject evil?

Answer: **I reject evil**

Do you turn to Christ?

Answer: **I turn to Christ**

Do you give your life to him?

Answer: **I give my life to him**

You have now only just begun to be a godparent. In the years ahead please remember you have promised that you will seek to encourage your godchild in the Christian faith. Take time to pray for them and by your words and example enable them to grow in knowledge and faith in God.

A PRAYER FOR YOUR GODCHILD

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of and for all the joy he/she brings us. Be with on his/her Christian journey so that he/she may come to know you as his/her saviour and friend.

Amen

St. Andrew's church offers a number of activities for babies and children including a Family Service on the first Sunday of each month.

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