

Baptismal Guidelines

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It is just so wonderful that you have chosen to be baptised. This act of faith in obedience is one that act as both a cornerstone and landmark in you Christian journey. It's great to be able to look back and remember the day you were baptised, calling to memory the love and support experienced from others and recalling how you publicly demonstrated your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

What follows are a few comments designed to help you in preparation for your baptism. However, if you have questions that have not been answered below, then please do contact us at the Church Office and we will be more than happy to talk through your query.

1. Mark Chapter 16 verse 16 Jesus said "He that believes and is baptised shall be saved". For you to go through the waters of baptism you are demonstrating an act of obedience to the word of God through faith. Well done!
2. Being baptised is often thought of as being symbolic; being made clean, newness of life, getting rid of the old life and gaining the new.
3. There is also the benefit of making a real statement to others by way of your testimony being witnessed by other. Baptism provides a great opportunity to state you faith to others. Not only is the occasion an opportunity to invite family members to Church your friends might surprise you also by taking up on an invitation to attend church to see you being baptised. Maybe get a friend or family member to take some photos of you.
4. Many people like to be baptised wearing the colour white, for modesties sake, whatever you chose to wear, it is advisable to ensure you ware appropriate clothing underneath your outer items of clothing.
5. You will need to bring with you a couple of towels.
6. You will be invited to give a brief testimony just prior to being baptised. I would always suggest that you write on a piece of paper or some card what it is you want to say. You may choose not to read from the paper or card, but it is always better to have something written down just in case you become distracted or a little overwhelmed.
7. When it is your turn, after giving you testimony, you will be invited to enter the baptistery. Two people will help you while you are in the pool. They will instruct you in what will be the best position to hold yourself. They will then make an affirmative statement, and lower you beneath the water. Once the water has covered you, they will immediately help you up out of the water. There is no cause for concern. The actual baptising takes only a few moments.
8. You will then, after a few moments when you will be given time to gather yourself and take in the atmosphere, be led away into a changing room, for your comfort and ease.
9. As soon as you are able please provide us with the actual spelling of the names you want to be baptised in.

