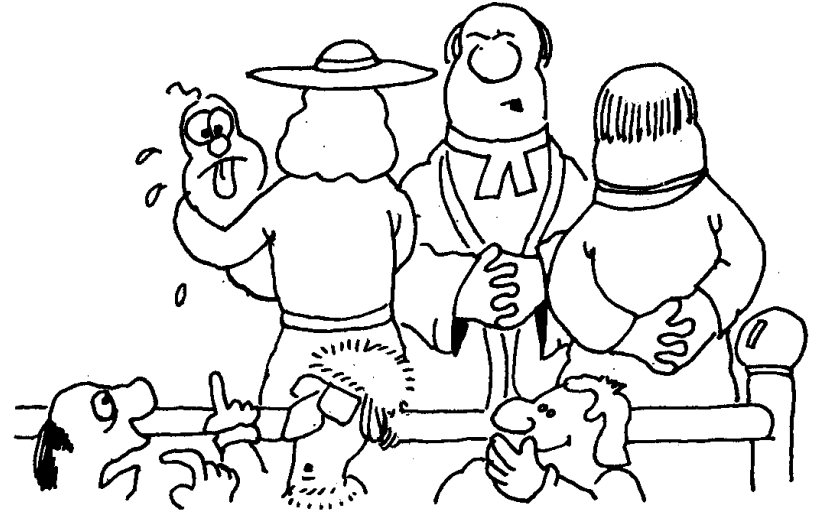


Duns Parish Church



Thanksgiving and Baptism Services

This leaflet is designed to be a guide to parents who want to acknowledge their new born child as a gift of God and outlines the two ceremonies that take place in Duns Parish Church. We hope that it will help you and your family decide which ceremony would be most appropriate for you and your child.

Please contact us if you'd like to talk further about either of the ceremonies or if you would like to arrange a Baptism or Thanksgiving.

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SERVICE OF BAPTISM

This service is designed for those who are or would like to become members of the Christian church, who are actively committed as Christians, participating in the church's life and worship and following Jesus Christ in their every day lives.

It is for those who wish and are able

- to testify their faith in God and their personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.
- to continue their commitment to being active church members
- to bring their child up as part of the church family teaching them about the Christian faith so that they too might grow up to follow Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in one God, Father son and holy spirit and do you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord?

WE DO

Do you promise to teach your child the truths and duties of the Christian faith and bring him/her up in the life and worship of the church?

WE DO

Will you by prayer and example teach him/her what it means to be a Christian and do all within your power to ensure s/he grows up to follow Jesus Christ?

WE WILL

The child is presented to the minister and baptised in the presence of the congregation

.....(Names of child) I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Holy spirit rest upon you and remain with you now and always.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

This service is designed for those who are not actively committed to the church but who wish:

- to acknowledge God's goodness to them
- to ask for Gods blessing upon their child
- to commit themselves to being loving and responsible parents in the context of the Church's worship and with the encouragement of the local church

A dedication service/ceremony can be held during the regular Sunday service or at another time. For example, it could be held at 3pm on a Sunday afternoon. The ceremony may also take place at another venue, by arrangement with the minister, such as in the family home or at a hotel.

Do you commit yourself to love and care for surrounding him with love and affection and teaching him to love what is good, to do what is right and to enjoy what is best in life?

WE DO

Do you promise to guardfrom danger, to cherish his safety and to set him an example by being honest, kind, careful and generous in your dealings with him and with others.

WE DO

Will you do everything in your power to bring him up as a confident considerate loving and trustworthy friend, helping him always to value himself, to be secure in his identity and to love others as you love him and as God loves him?

WE DO

The child is presented to the Minister and blessed by him in the presence of the congregation

.....(Names of child) we here with and(names of parent) rejoice in your birth, dedicate you to God, and in the name of the church of Jesus Christ declare that God the Father loves you, God the Son died on the cross for you and pray that one day the Spirit will lead you to know Him for yourself.