



Join us at our monthly family service!

Our Teatime Church Family Service is a fun, friendly and informal gathering aimed at young families. We meet once a month from 4-5pm at the back of Holy Trinity Church in Westbury-on-Trym. There are lots of fun craft activities for children, child-friendly worship songs and a short presentation/story and time for prayer/reflection. There are hot drinks provided for the adults and a snack on arrival for the children. There is plenty of opportunity for children to move around and make some noise, enjoying the beautiful church surroundings, whilst learning about God's love for them all. Teatime Church is a service that the whole family can enjoy *together* and is a wonderful place of fellowship, friendship, fun and faith. We will present your baby/child's baptism certificate at the Teatime Church Service following their baptism and we will formally welcome your baby/child into the church with a welcome, prayer and a round of applause!

Opportunities for children, young people and families

Children, young people and families are a huge part of our church community. We have many opportunities for them to participate in the life of the church, including:

Teatime Church monthly family service

Toddlers Together, our Parent and Toddler Group, meets at Westbury-on-Trym Methodist Church Hall, BS9 3AA, every Thursday 10-11:15 during term time. All are very welcome

Sunday Club for children on specific Sundays throughout the year
Special Family 10am Sunday Services, where children are warmly invited to participate

Joining the church choir, server team or bell ringing team

Youth Group, which meets every month at the church 5:30 – 6:30

Confirmation classes

Parenting classes held throughout the year



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Baptism at Holy Trinity Church

We are so glad that you want your child baptised. Your child is precious to you and precious to God. You want the very best for them, and so does God. You want them to make right choices in life, for themselves and for others. Baptism is just the beginning of this and so much more.

This booklet is intended to be a guide to support baptism families through the process of baptism at Holy Trinity Parish Church. Please share it with the godparents, family and friends attending the service.

If you have any further questions then please do contact the parish office and we will be happy to help you. Alternatively please visit our website <https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk>.

[Booking a Baptism at Holy Trinity Church](#)

Please contact the parish office to find out the baptism weekends for the year. Currently, baptisms are being held on particular Sundays at 12:15pm throughout the year or a baptism during the 10am Sunday Eucharist Service can also be arranged. Once a date has been agreed, you will be emailed a baptism application form to confirm the booking. You will also be invited to meet with a member of the clergy team to discuss the significance of the baptism service and the promises you and the godparents will make. You will be provided with supporting leaflets to further explain these promises. The church Family Worker will also be in touch about services and events that you might be interested in coming along to. Your baby/child will receive a baptism certificate after the baptism service at the next Teatime Church family service, where you will be warmly welcomed into the church family.

[About the service](#)

The baptism service takes place at 12:15pm at Holy Trinity Church. There might be more than one baptism happening during a baptism service. When you arrive at the church you will be warmly welcomed and asked to either stand around the font at the back of the church with your friends and family, or to sit in the pews depending on how many people are in attendance. You will follow one service booklet during the service, which will be handed out upon arrival. You might also choose to have hymns or particular readings at the baptism, which can be discussed with a member of the clergy team beforehand. The parents and godparents will make important promises to/for the baby/child, which will be explained to you. One parent will present the child for baptism at the font and will be asked the full name of the child. The service usually takes around half an hour and there is no Holy Communion during the 12:15pm service. The regular congregation won't be present in church but representatives from the church will be there to welcome the newly baptised child into the church family and make important promises to the baby/child presented for baptism. For further information about the baptism service, please visit <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/christenings>



There is also the option to have your child's baptism take place within the 10am Sunday Eucharist Service with members of the regular congregation present. Please speak to a member of the clergy team if you would like more information about this.

[Other useful information](#)

During the service there is a space at the back of the church where children are welcome to colour or play. Buggies can also be left here during the service. Toilets/baby changing facilities can be located at the back of the church. Please see the separate sheet with regards to parking. If you require any support with reserved parking for the elderly/infirm then please telephone the parish office for assistance. You are welcome to take photos before or after the baptism services.

[Baptism Pack](#)

After your baptism booking is confirmed, you will be given a Baptism Pack for you to keep. This will contain lots of information about church services and events, resources to support the faith of your family and baptism promises made, and practical information to support your planning of the baptism service. You might also like to keep the baptism certificate, candle and baptism cards in there too.