

THE GREENWAY BENEFICE

the PARISHES OF BADGEWORTH, SHURDINGTON & WITCOMBE WITH BENTHAM

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POLICY FOR BAPTISM

& THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFT OF A CHILD.

We welcome all enquiries for christenings/baptisms and look forward to welcoming babies, children and adults to our churches.

Baptisms (Christenings) or Thanksgivings will normally be held once a month in each church, at 2.30pm, viz:

1 st Sunday	St Paul's, Shurdington
3 rd Sunday	Holy Trinity, Badgeworth
4 th Sunday	St Mary's, Witcombe with Bentham

Parents should contact the Vicar as early as possible, who will visit the family to prepare them for the Baptism.

Separate baptism services will be held in the afternoon (2.30pm) and, if so, the family will be invited to a welcome into the congregation at a subsequent morning service. There is a possibility of baptism within a regular Sunday morning service where this is appropriate or desired and may be discussed with the Vicar.

Families will also be assigned a Baptism Befriender from the relevant congregation who will:

- visit in advance to get to know the family and clarify any details;
- be at the service to welcome and sit with the family;
- arrange follow-up visit(s) after the service;
- mark the child's baptism anniversary with a card as long as in contact.

From time-to-time events/services will be held to which children who have been baptised in

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