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As well as a christening, there is a special, simple service of thanksgiving, which is a lovely time when you can be with friends and family, ask for God's blessing and pray for your baby. It's different from a christening, so read on to discover whether this is something to explore further with your local church.

## Thanksgivings – a different journey

A special church service, different from a christening, can be used as a way to say thank you to God for your child.

It is called a Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child and you can view the [words of this service just here](#).

It's possible to have this service instead of a christening if you decide that now isn't the right time to have your child baptized. Or, you could even have the Thanksgiving service as well as a christening.

You might also choose this service when your baby is just born, or if you have adopted a child into your family and you simply want to celebrate this with special words said by a vicar in church.

Whatever the reason, your vicar will be delighted to talk to you about this service.

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