Contacting the church

One of the first things you will need to do is be in touch with your local church. Whether you speak to an administrator, a friendly parent like you from the church, or the vicar, they will be glad to hear from you. Find out more about what you can expect when you make that call.

Whether you're exploring the possibility of a christening or whether you've already decided, the vicar will be delighted to hear from you to talk about it.

You can always have your child christened in your local church, and it's good to make a connection locally so your child's church family is close by. When you call the church, you may be able to book a date straightaway or someone may call back. You'll meet the vicar with your child to talk through the service and to help answer any questions you may have.

Or, if you have a strong family link to a different church, you can ask the vicar there about having a christening.

To find a parish and what the church there is called, visit A Church Near You.

Enter your road name and area into the search box, wait for the address to drop-down and then select it. Click on the search arrow and your local church should be shown within its parish boundary. You can also search using a postcode. If you want to search for a church in a different place, type in the place name instead and churches in that area will be listed in the search results.

The church's contact details should be displayed when you click on the church's name, and you can usually telephone or email.

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