

Some prayers for you to use:

Almighty God, giver of all life, human and divine;  
I give you thanks for the precious gift of my child.  
I give thanks that in the cleansing waters of baptism  
my child receives your divine life.

Help and guide me to be a good parent,  
To bring this child up to follow Jesus Christ  
And to invite you into our family life so that I too may  
know your love for me.  
Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory  
Forever and ever, Amen.

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at St Alphege Church, Whitstable

**Welcome!**

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. It is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church welcomes the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. As you pray for your child, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

*Baptisms are held on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11.15am, for up to two families.*

### How do we arrange a baptism at St Alphege?

- Make a **provisional** booking at church on Thursday between 7—8pm.
- Come to a Sunday morning service (9.30am) as soon as you can to confirm the booking and return the completed booking form.
- The Vicar will contact you and arrange to visit you at your home.
- You will be invited to a brief rehearsal in church one Saturday morning before the baptism.

### What about Godparents?

- All godparents must already be baptised.
- They will have an on-going role in your child's life journey to help them grow in their Christian faith, so bear this in mind when you consider who to ask.
- We encourage you to invite four people to be godparents.

### How much does baptism cost?

- There is no charge for baptism. However donations you wish to give are gratefully received.

### What happens after the baptism?

- At the next All Age service following your child's baptism, s/he will be formally welcomed into the Church.
- **We hope you will build a regular pattern of bringing your child to church to fulfil the promises you make at the baptism service.**

### How will the church help us?

- We offer the following services to help you keep your baptism promises and bring your child to church.
- The Vicar is always available if you have questions about exploring your faith.

## Little Lights

Thursdays in term  
time

In Church

1.45—2.45pm

**Toddlers and babies**

**WELCOME**

### All Age Services 2009

**(9.30am)**

21st June, 19th July, 16th  
August, 27th September  
(Harvest), 18th Oct,  
15th Nov, 20th Dec  
(Christingle),

**Our Sunday  
School and  
Creche are  
always avail-  
able at our  
services from  
9.30am**

