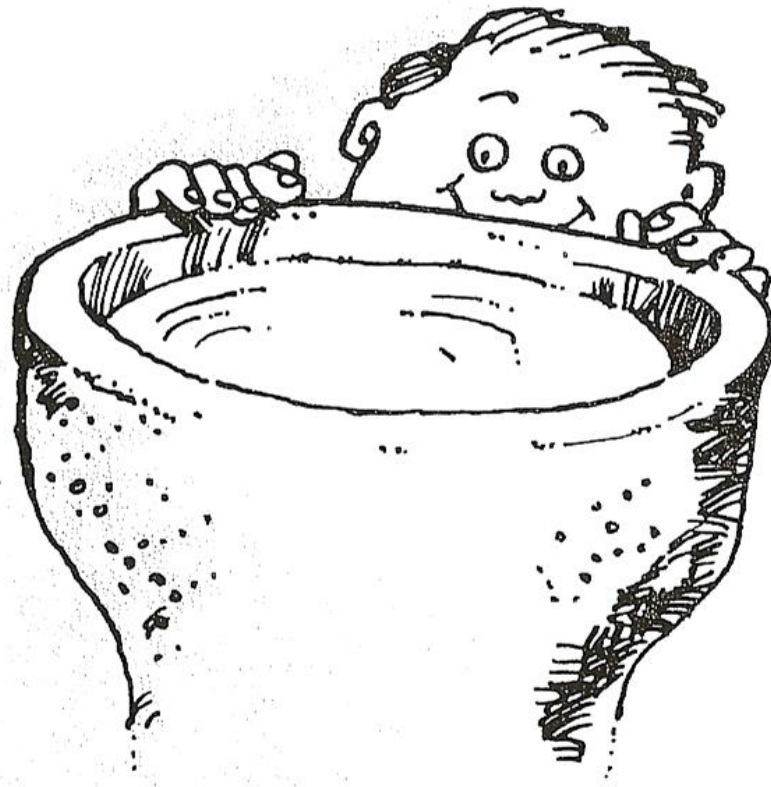


Your child's Baptism
at
St. Mary's Anglican Church, South Perth



Baptism is a very special event.

We are so pleased that you have chosen to have your child baptised at St Mary's South Perth. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this special occasion for your child and your family.

Baptism is about belonging.

We belong to God...

In baptism, God adopts us as his own, and we become God's children. That places the person being baptised in a very special place before God, and as a church we are privileged to be associated with that.

We belong to each other...

As baptised children of God, we share a common family together, and it is a great joy for us to welcome you into our part of God's family here at St Mary's.

As family together, we appreciate the great privilege that we have as the church in sharing with you as your children grow and mature.

We seek to be here as a resource for you as you nurture your children in the faith into which they have been baptised.

We all have responsibilities

Responsibilities of Parents and Godparents...

In baptism, parents and godparents take on responsibilities to nurture children in the faith, and to encourage them to be a part of the church community.

This is not always easy for families with little children, and as a church, we try to be sensitive to the needs of families with young children.

Responsibilities of the Parish...

The church also has some responsibilities, and we take these matters very seriously.

We recognise that parents are often looking for ways to attend church, and to grow in their life as part of the church community.

The challenge for us as a church is to be as creative as we can to enable as many people to be part of our church as possible.

To that end, we have devised a number of ways in which we can keep in contact with families, so that the church can be part of your child's early years.

People are welcome to be part of one or more of the following initiatives:

Mainly Music and Playgroup is an initiative for children aged 0-5 and their carers. Mainly Music happens each Wednesday in the parish hall at 10am, is followed by morning tea for the children, and then an opportunity to play, while the adults have some refreshments and fellowship together.

Saturday Celebration are held at 5.30pm on the first and 3rd Saturday evening of each month. The service is less formal, and aims to be both satisfying for adults, and accessible for children. Sermon's at this service are usually interactive or activity based. The service is followed by a bring-and-share tea in the hall, and all are encouraged to stay.

The Sunday Service at 9am each week is a sung Eucharist. Activity bags for small children are available from the rear of the church.

Please be assured that you will be welcome at any of our services, as you seek to walk this journey of life with your family.

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