

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, North Mymms

HOLY BAPTISM SERVICE



Everyone is welcomed and the service is introduced.

Please say the words in bold writing

GETTING READY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

All and **also with you.**

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

God our creator,

we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love.

We thank you for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the beginning of life.

We thank you that we are known to you by name and loved by you from all eternity. We thank you for Jesus Christ, who has opened to us the way of love.

We praise you, Father Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

LISTENING

A passage from the Bible is read.

At the end of the passage, the reader will say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Families and Godparents are invited to gather around the ALTAR

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for N who has come to be baptized today.

Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church.

So, I ask you all:

Will you support this child as they begin their journey of faith?

All We will.

Will you help her/him to live and grow within God's family?

All We will.

The Parents and Godparents are asked

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and Godparents, you speak for N today.

Will you pray for him/her, and help him/her to follow Christ?

Answer We will.



The priest lights the Easter Candle and addresses the parents and godparents:

In baptism God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

The parents and Godparents are asked to speak on behalf of the child.

We all wander far from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore, I ask: Do you turn away from sin?

Answer I do.

Do you reject evil?

Answer I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Answer I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

Answer I do..

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS



A cross is traced using chrism oil on the forehead of each candidate, with these words:

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

All Stand **bravely with him against all the powers of evil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

Everyone is invited to gather around the FONT

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The minister says a prayer over the water

Heavenly Father, bless this water,
that whoever is washed in it may be made one with Christ
in the fellowship of your Church, and be brought to share the risen
life



that is ours in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BELIEVING

Everyone is invited to join in answering these questions

Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptized, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

BAPTISM

Each candidate is baptised with water, with these words

N, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people, you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All Amen.

Everyone may return to their seats

THE WELCOME AND THE PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

N and N, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body

All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Everyone may greet the newly baptised.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you.

PRAYERS

The priest prayer for the newly baptised and their family

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for this child and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy that comes from knowing you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All 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; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

GOING OUT

Each of the newly baptised is given a lighted
baptism candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of
darkness and has given us a place with the
saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ; walk in
this light all the days of your life.

**All Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of
God the Father.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



Please see our website for more details of services and events for all ages

<https://www.stmarysnorthmymms.org.uk>

We currently host a friendly toddler group once a fortnight during term time here at the church, called Coffee Pots and Tiny Tots, on alternate Wednesday's 10-11.30am.



All are welcome.

Thank you for coming to support the newly baptised candidate today.

Your generosity allows us to continue being your local parish church, reaching out to our community for all life events and spiritual direction.

Your financial support will enable us to be here for other occasions in years to come.

Giving even £5 will make a huge difference.

Please use the card reader at the entrance, or fill in an envelope so we can claim Gift Aid & pop it into the basket. Thank you.



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