

Baptism & Confirmation



St James's Church Piccadilly

Love, Indiscriminate and Eternal

Ancient symbols of oil, water and light are used to express love that is not easy to capture in words.



To be baptised means that there has been a conscious decision to recognise that our lives are part of a bigger story, and that this story matters. It is a story of love, a divine love indiscriminate and eternal, that welcomes and holds who we are, whether we are young or old, have been Christian all our lives, or have just started exploring the faith.

Baptism is based in the most ancient traditions of the church. We know that Jesus Christ was baptised in the River Jordan and we continue in that heritage. In baptism, there are big symbols: water, oil, cross, light – which come together to create a special service in which those being baptised are welcomed into the St James's community and also into the wider Christian Church worldwide.

Whether you are choosing to be baptised yourself or you are making the decision on behalf of a child, know that you are welcome here. We would love to be part of your story.

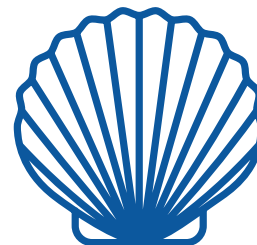


Our services

Baptism and Confirmation are sacred signs through which we affirm our desire to grow into the unique person that God is calling us to be. Baptism is the first fundamental step into the Christian Church, and people can be baptised as infant or adults.

Confirmation is an optional subsequent service for teenagers and adults. It is a way for an adult to confirm, in their own voice, the promises that have been made on their behalf if they were baptised as children, or to develop a relationship with a particular denomination of the church, such as the Church of England.

We offer baptism to anyone who lives or works in our parish or otherwise has a strong connection to our parish or our church. Should you live outside our parish boundaries, we would seek the good will of your local parish priest that we may baptise you.



Next steps

In preparation for the baptism of a child, a member of clergy will meet with parents at least once or more, depending on your familiarity with Christian faith.

We prepare adults for baptism and confirmation by way of a 4-6 week course, which we run once or twice a year, usually to coincide with the regular confirmation services at St Paul's Cathedral.

It is important to bear in mind that baptisms are always a public service, whether they occur within a Sunday Eucharist or at another time.

When children are being baptised, there's always a possibility of more than one family participating in the service. We cannot offer 'private baptisms' for individual families.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you

The Prophecy of Isaiah 43:1



Fees

There is no charge for a baptism service, although there is a fee of £15 for an optional baptism certificate and we welcome any additional donations to support the life and ministry of our church.



How to find us

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