

# APPLICATION *for* BAPTISM (Page 1 of 2 – The Parish of Bridport)

Baptisms take place on SUNDAYS either during a regular Sunday Service (9.30am or 11am) OR separately with only your family + friends present (usually at 2pm)  
Due notice, normally at least a week, shall be given before a child/candidate is brought to the church to be baptised.

**When** would you ideally like the baptism to take place? ..... Time: .....

Please give two alternative dates: .....

**Which church** would you like the baptism to take place in? *(Please tick below)*

St Mary's, South St, Bridport	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.00am	St Mary's, Walditch	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.00am	St John's, West Bay	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.00am
Holy Trinity, Bothenhampton	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.00am	St Swithun's, Allington	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.30am	Holy Trinity, Bradpole	<input type="checkbox"/>	9.30am

Christian name (s) and surname of child/candidate: .....

Date of birth of child/candidate: ..... Age (on day of baptism): .....

**FATHER** Christian name & surname: .....

Address: .....

Tel. No: *(Home)* ..... *(Mobile)* .....

Have you been baptised? *(Yes/No)* ..... Have you been confirmed? *(Yes/No)* .....

Occupation: ..... Email: .....

**MOTHER** Christian name & surname: .....

Address: *(if different)* .....

Tel. No: *(Home)* ..... *(Mobile)* .....

Have you been baptised? *(Yes/No)* ..... Have you been confirmed? *(Yes/No)* .....

Occupation: ..... Email: .....

*(Please tick box if yes)*

Godparents' Names: 1. .... Baptised  Confirmed

2. .... Baptised  Confirmed

3. .... Baptised  Confirmed

4. .... Baptised  Confirmed

*Office Use: Officiating Minister will be: .....*

The Parish of Bridport

Office: Tel: 01308 424747 • Postal address: The Rectory, 84 South Street, Bridport DT6 3NW • Email: admin@parishofbridport.org  
Team Rector: Revd Deb Smith (01308 301457) rector@parishofbridport.org • Pioneer Vicar: Revd Cally Burch (07746 561144) pioneervicar@parishofbridport.org  
www.parishofbridport.org

## NOTES

**1. As a parent or godparent you should ask yourself:**

Are you prepared to the best of your ability to give the child a Christian upbringing within the family of Christ's Church?

Will you help the child to be regular in public worship and in prayer, not only by your teaching but also by your example and your prayers?

Will you encourage the child in due time to come to Confirmation and Communion?

It is not essential under Church law for parents to be baptised and confirmed unless they are to be godparents.

**2. It is usual to have three godparents, two of the same sex as the child and one of the opposite sex, but to have one godfather and one godmother is sufficient if there are problems finding three godparents.**

Parents may be godparents to their own children, provided that the child has at least one other godparent.

Sponsors in addition to godparents are permitted.

Church law requires that godparents should be baptised and confirmed, but the requirement of confirmation can be relaxed in certain cases.

**3. If the candidate is no longer a child, then **Sponsors** may take the place of godparents, who should also (like godparents) be baptised and confirmed.**

**4. A child should normally be baptised at his or her parish church or the church the parents normally attend.**

**5. A baptism usually takes place in the middle of a Sunday Service – see our online calendar for times of Sunday Services taking place in your requested church: <https://www.bridport-team-ministry.org/calendar/>**

**6. Please return this form (*page one only if you're printing it from an email or the website*) to:**

**Administrator, The Parish of Bridport, c/o The Rectory, 84 South Street, Bridport DT6 3NW**

**To be received by us not less than 7 days before the date of baptism.**

NB: Feel free to print page 1 of this form, complete it, scan & send as an attachment in an email to: **[admin@parishofbridport.org](mailto:admin@parishofbridport.org)**