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Dear Enquirer

**Baptism/Christening Policy for the Parish of Littleover**

(NB for the purpose of this letter, Baptism and Christening are used to mean the same thing)

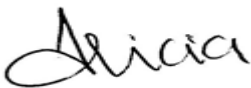
Firstly, thank you for your enquiry regarding the Baptism of your child please find set out in this letter and in the attached booklet, some of the details about our policy on the Baptism of children:

1. We begin by encouraging you to come along to church to see what we are all about. Please join us at the 10am Sunday service at St Peter's – at present with the COVID restrictions we ask that you remain in your family group – unfortunately no other children's groups are currently available. When you come to church, please introduce yourself to the clergy, so that we can put faces to names.
2. We then anticipate that you will continue to attend church for between six to eight weeks. The idea behind this is to give parents a chance to get to know how things work as well as meeting some of the church family, since we always do baptisms during our regular Sunday services. This helps you to then reflect on your commitment (as explained in the Baptism Service) regarding nurturing your child within the Christian faith community. We then arrange a meeting at your home.
3. At this meeting we:
  - Watch a DVD about the principles of Christian baptism
  - Go through the baptism service and the Christian commitment of the parents to bring the child up within the family of the church
  - And also look at the option of a Thanksgiving Service.
  - Some parents, at this stage, decide they need more time to think and reflect Some others make a decision there and then, and a date is agreed. Dates can only be made at this stage and not booked in advance.

\*NB - Please note that if you choose Baptism, then the Godparents must be baptised in order to participate.

I do hope this has been helpful to you in understanding our current practice. Thank you once again for your contact, and we look forward to meeting you very soon.

Yours sincerely



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*Please note: We only baptise children outside of the parish in exceptional circumstances and with the permission of your own local Vicar*

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