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PADDINGTON GREEN

Application for Baptism/Christening

Please complete in **BLOCK LETTERS**

Child's FULL Name:

Date of Birth:

Father's Name: Baptised? ☐ Confirmed? ☐

Occupation:

Mother's Name: Baptised? ☐ Confirmed? ☐

Occupation:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

Godparents (Name and Address):

1. Baptised? ☐ Confirmed? ☐

2. Baptised? ☐ Confirmed? ☐

3. Baptised? ☐ Confirmed? ☐

4. Baptised? ☐ Confirmed? ☐

*Godparents **must** be Baptised, and preferably Confirmed. Please see notes overleaf.*

Preferred Date of Baptism:

Baptism

Your child is precious to you and precious to God. You want the very best for them, and so does God.

Baptism marks the beginning of the journey through life as a Christian. Over the years to come, it is a journey you will share together with your child by:

- **Being there for your child** to talk to them about the bigger questions of life – questions about hope, faith and love
- **Praying for your child** through the ups and downs of their life
- **Showing them practically** how to make good choices in life
- **Helping them to learn more about their Christian faith**, through their church and in other ways

So, Baptism is a commitment to start as you mean to go on.

Godparents

Choosing the right people as godparents for your child is a big decision. Here are some key things which might help you decide:

- Because of the very special role godparents have in supporting your child's faith journey, they must be baptised themselves. Ideally, they should be confirmed too.
- If the people who you'd like to be godparents aren't baptised, they can still be involved in the Baptism service and in your child's life as they grow up.
- Godparents will be people who will be in touch with your family for many years to come. They may be relatives or friends of the family.
- Godparents will be people who you know and trust and who will be there for your child to talk about the bigger questions in life.
- Godparents should feel ready to make some big promises about faith for your child in church.
- Ideally, your child should have at least three godparents, two of the same sex and at least one of the opposite sex to your child. Although there is no official maximum number of godparents, three or four is usual.
- Parents may be godparents for their own children, providing they have at least one other godparent.
- There's no minimum age for godparents, but they must be mature enough to understand the responsibilities they are taking on.