



The Honourable Society of
Lincoln's Inn

BAPTISM IN LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL

Initial Important Information



Welcome - we are delighted that you are considering a Baptism (also known as a Christening) at Lincoln's Inn Chapel. It is an important step for your child or yourself and we want to be of as much help as we can.

This pack provides information on making an application, the choice of godparents and the service itself. Please do be in touch with the Preacher, The Venerable Sheila Watson (preacher@lincolnsinn.org.uk) as soon as you wish to set a date. The Preacher will arrange to meet with you to discuss the Baptism and make preparations for the big day.

You may also like to view the Church of England's general information on Baptisms (Christenings):

<https://churchofenglandchristenings.org/>

Date and Time

Baptisms normally take place on Sunday mornings during the legal term. Parents, godparents and guests – including children – are invited to attend the regular Sunday service at 11.30 am, the Baptism following immediately afterwards around 12.30 pm to finish by 1 pm.

Parents and Godparents

Parents are not required to be baptized or confirmed. Godparents must be baptized and should normally be full members of their own Christian denomination, to reflect the promises made for the spiritual welfare of the child. The usual number for godparents is three. Please discuss the choice of godparents with the Preacher.

Fees

There is no fee charged for Baptisms, but you and your guests may wish to contribute to the collection for the Sunday, which will be donated to a designated charity.

Lincoln's Inn Chapel

Application for Baptism



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Please complete this Application Form once you have had a discussion with the Preacher.

Preferred Dates for Baptism		
Connection with Lincoln's Inn		
Forenames of Candidate		
Date of Birth		
Father's Name		
Mother's Name		
Address		
Email		
Telephone		
Godparents	Name	Baptised and /or Confirmed
Godparent 1		
Godparent 2		
Godparent 3		
Godparent 4		
Additional Information		



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THE BAPTISM OF

(FORENAMES AND SURNAME)

Sunday (Date)

following 11.30 am (Sunday Service)

Treasurer

(Treasurer's Name)

Dean of the Chapel

(Dean of the Chapel's Name)

Preacher

The Ven Sheila Watson

BAPTISM

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism. And as a sign of that new life, there may be a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

*After the service, there will be a retiring collection for **this month's charity**.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand.

As we prepare for the baptism of **name** and give thanks for **his/her** birth and for our own, we pray:

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people
new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit.

THE READING

St Mark 10. 13 – 16

People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

THE BAPTISM

The Preacher says:

Jesus said, “Let the children come to me and do not stop them.”

(If there are to be Sponsors in addition to Godparents, the following form of words is used; if not, it is omitted:)

(Supporters’ names), as Supporters of (Candidate’s name),
(Parents’ names),

Do you receive this child as a gift from God?

I do.

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek God’s blessing?

I do.

Will you do all that you can to help and support (Parents’
names) in the bringing up of (Candidate’s name)?

With the help of God I will.

(Parents’ names); (Godparents’ names); you have brought
(Candidate’s name) to baptism and speak for him/her today.

As we trust God for his/her growth in faith, will you promise
to care for him/her, pray for him/her, and help him/her to
follow Christ?

We will.

The Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life in him. Therefore I ask the parents and godparents:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

The Signing with the Cross

(Candidate's name), Christ claims you for his/her own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your lives.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Water

Water is poured into the font.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
was baptized in the river Jordan,
we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.

Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.

Saving God, give us life.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son,
and raised him to life in triumph.

Saving God, give us life.

Bless this water, that your servant who is washed in it
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his
resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Saving God, give us life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon **him/her**,
bring **him/her** to new birth in the household of faith
and raise **him/her** with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Saving God, give us life.

The Profession of Faith

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

The Baptism

(Candidate's forenames), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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. **Amen.**

The Prayers

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for (Candidate's name) and pour upon him/her your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil.

We pray for all parents and godparents, especially those who care for (Candidate's name), grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith to guide their relationships and oversight of (Candidate's name) as he/she grows up.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray too for all young people who are ill or unhappy or mistreated; and for all families who struggle or who find life difficult.

Lord hear our prayer.

All say the Lord's Prayer together:

**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.**

The Giving of a Lighted 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.

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

THE BLESSING

*There will be a retiring collection for **the charity of the month**.*