

St Peter's Wellesbourne

Baptism visitor

Role:

Role Outline: This pastoral role involves meeting parents who have requested baptism for their child/ren, welcoming them to the church family and assisting with arrangements for the baptism.

Appointed by/Responsible to: PCC/Vicar

Skills/Experience needed: The visitor will be confident in talking about the meaning of baptism and the different parts of the service, able to answer questions and familiar with the practical arrangements involved in the services.

Main tasks:

The Baptism visitor will be responsible for:

- Arranging to visit and getting to know the family, showing the DVD about Baptism as a way into discussion. If at any point the visitor is unsure of the right response, there is no problem in offering to find out and get back to the family.
- Offering families who are unsure if they can make the promises required the option of a thanksgiving service. Arrangements for this are made with the Minister.
- Providing the family with information leaflets and completing the baptism details form (which should be copied and given to the Minister) including details of the number of guests and any specific requests for the service.
- Arranging for the family to be introduced to the church family when they will also collect the baptism application, this is required prior to the baptism date. If possible the visitor is present and helps welcome the family.
- Contacting the family just before the baptism to answer any final questions and to assure them of a welcome on the day.
- Contacting the family two weeks after the baptism to ask for feedback about the baptism and to invite them to the next family friendly event and service.
- Contacting the family as opportunities arise through the next year to invite them to further events.
- Stand alone baptism services:
- Assisting the minister in setting up for the service and clearing away afterwards.
- Offering the candle/Bible to the newly baptised child at a mutually agreed service.

Additional Info: The visitor will require a DBS check.

The visitor is a guest in the house but needs to be mindful of personal safety.

Time Commitment: 1 hour per family for initial visit.

Each visitor works with about 5 families per year.

Review Date: January 2020