



*"As you are baptised today, we wish for a life filled with blessings and love.  
We look forward to seeing the wonders the future holds for you."*

## **Helpful hints to make a memorable baptismal day: please share with those joining you on the day.**

- **Getting to Church** - Tube instructions are on our [website](#) - free parking is available on street nearby but be beware of special restrictions i.e. in Christmas season. If required, please let us know in advance to be ready to facilitate wheelchair access, or other specific requirements
- **Timings** - Please arrive in good time - we suggest a good 20 minutes before the service. We know that it is an exciting event and that many conversations will spark up. Please be seated by 1055 at the latest. The front rows will be reserved for the baptismal party and family/friends
- **Photography** - No photography or filming during the service please – but take as much footage as you like before and after the service
- **No food or Drink** - Please don't bring your Starbucks into the Sanctuary (yes - people have done that)! Refreshments are available in the Upper Hall after the service. A microwave is available if a baby's bottle needs warming: just ask an Elder.
- **Toilets** - lower floor of the building: changing facilities available [in the Disabled Toilet]
- **Support for parents during Service** - we are an inclusive church which welcomes families and acknowledges the needs of the wider congregation. No-one expects golden silence! We have created a number of options to help make sure everyone enjoys the day:
  - **Sunday School** Children age three and over are welcome to attend Sunday School for storytelling, crafts and play-based learning. We meet in the Lower Hall after the hymn following the baptismal ceremony. Sunday School teachers will show the way. Parents please drop off and collect their children; alternatively, parents are welcome to stay with them throughout.
  - **Children's Quiet Corner** We also offer a quiet corner at the back of the main sanctuary for those who wish to remain in the church with their children during the service. An adult must supervise any child using this area please. If the noise level isn't manageable (one of our Elders may nudge you on this!) then please use your judgement and remove your child from the Sanctuary - both the Upper and Lower Halls have more space for them to let off steam.
- **Elders** - all our badged Elders are ready to welcome and guide you. Please follow their instructions, not least as they also have safety responsibilities. We hope you will have a very happy and blessed day.