



The Maghull & Melling  
Team Ministry

# St Peter, Maghull

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND



Diocese of Liverpool

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## ***BAPTISM & THANKSGIVING SERVICES***

**Congratulations on the birth of your child! We hope that we can help to celebrate the occasion with Thanksgiving and Baptism Services in church.**

At St Peter's we have both Thanksgiving and Baptism (Christening) services. These take place during one of our regular 11.15 am Sunday services, usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. There is a simple, short, informal section of the service where parents and child(ren) are invited to the front. It's important to know what happens at the service, so we will need to talk to you about it. Either the vicar will visit you, or you will be invited to attend a short evening session at the church. We will discuss what baptism is all about, and whether you would like a Thanksgiving or a Baptism service.

The difference between Baptism and Thanksgiving really depends on the level of commitment you are prepared to make. In the Baptism Service parents and godparents make a public commitment to follow Christ and promise to bring their children up in the family of the Church. In the Thanksgiving Service, the parents and godparents simply thank God for the safe arrival of the new baby. If you feel comfortable with the vows that you will make in the baptism service, you will be able to have your child baptized.

Your whole family together with your friends are welcome to attend the service. We ask that you don't take photographs or video during the service (for reasons of child protection and because of copyright restrictions), although there is plenty of photo-opportunity afterwards.

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**BAPTISM & THANKSGIVING SERVICE APPLICATION**

Date preferred .....

Child's full name .....

Boy/Girl .....

Date of birth .....

Father's full name .....

Occupation .....

Mother's full name .....

Occupation .....

Address .....

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Phone numbers .....

email address .....

Names of Godparents:  
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Normally two godfathers and one godmother for a boy;  
two godmothers and one godfather for a girl.  
Parents may also be godparents; *all godparents must themselves have been baptized.*

***Please return this form to St Peter's on Sunday morning***