**BAPTISM INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORM**

Here in our two parishes of St Michael’s, Tonge-cum-Alkrington and also All Saints, Rhodes we aim to make each baptism a special and memorable occasion that celebrates the first step of an amazing journey with God, parents, godparents, friends, family and the church. During the service the baptism candidate will be baptized with water. It is the start of a wonderful journey of faith for the newly baptized and a special day for friends and family. Please note the time of the baptism service will be 12.45p.m. on the first and third Sunday of the Month. If you are thinking of booking a Baptism, you will be expected to meet with Rev Jenni on the first Thursday of the month t 6.30p.m. (a date will then be confirmed) and you will be asked to come back again (6.30p.m. first Thursday of the month) with your godparents, where Rev Jenni will go through the service so that there are no surprises on the day. We look forward to receiving your completed application and if you need any assistance or have any questions about how you might prepare for the baptism, choosing godparents or anything else, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

**PART ONE -**

*Please complete the sections appropriate to this application, then sign (both parents) and return as directed*.

***1. Name of Church – place baptism is taking place:*** *(please delete as appropriate)*

St Michael’s, Tonge-cum-Alkrington OR All Saints, Rhodes

***2. Who is making this application?*** *(please delete as appropriate)*

Mother / Father / Both parents / Self / Other (*please provide details*)

***3. Date agreed for the service:*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 ***Time agreed* 12.45p.m. (First / Third) Sunday of the month)**

***4. Details of the child / adult to be baptised: (PLEASE PRINT)***

Forenames: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***5.1 Details – Parent***

Full name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: Home \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Are you Baptised Yes / No (Delete as appropriate)

***5.2 Details - Parent***

Full name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Are you Baptised Yes / No (Delete as appropriate)

***6. Godparents and Supporters: [At least three ‘adults’ are needed – see point (a)]***

During the baptism service, godparents say some very important things, making promises that will last a lifetime. Choosing the right people as godparents for your child is a big decision.

Here are some key things that might help you decide:

1. Every child should have **at least** three adult godparents, two of the same sex to your child and at least one of the opposite. You can have more than three godparents if you wish.
2. Parents who are baptized may be godparents for their own children, providing the child has at least one other godparent.
3. **Because of the very special role godparents have in supporting your child’s faith journey, they must be baptized themselves and must be of an adult age. No exceptions can be made.**
4. Godparents will be people who’ll be in touch with your family for many years to come. They may be relatives or friends of the family. Once again they must be of an adult age.
5. They’ll be people who you know you can trust and who’ll be there for your child to talk about the bigger questions in life; questions about faith, hope and love. They should also be people who pray.
6. They should feel ready to make some big promises about faith for your child in church.

Whether you are still thinking or have already asked some special friends, discover more about what it means to be or have godparents by talking to Rev Jenni about choosing godparents and involving them in the preparation too. Once you have decided please complete their details below.

*NB Where the baptism is for an adult, it is normal for the person to nominate two or more supporters who will be with them at the service and beyond into their Christian life.*

1. Full name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(delete as appropriate) Baptised Yes / No

2. Full name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(delete as appropriate) Baptised Yes / No

3. Full name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(delete as appropriate) Baptised Yes / No

4. Full name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(delete as appropriate) Baptised Yes / No

5. Full name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(delete as appropriate) Baptised Yes / No

6. Full name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(delete as appropriate) Baptised Yes / No

***7. Permission and Signature***

The permission requested is to meet the requirements of Legal Advisory Commission of the General Synod (Church of England) which states that:

***The presentation of a child for baptism is without doubt an exercise of parental responsibility and, if one person holding parental responsibility objects to another such person presenting the child, he or she may seek a “specific issue order” restraining the latter from making such presentation.***

Therefore: We confirm the details in this application.

Parent 1 signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed application form to **Rev Jenni Beaumont**

**Benefice of Tonge, Rhodes & Alkrington, The New Vicarage, Boardman Lane, Middleton**

Manchester, Lancashire  M24 4TU

*Alternatively, please bring the completed application with you to any of the services*

**PART TWO**

Finally, please retain a copy of the data protection statement, which can be downloaded from the Church Website regarding usage and storage of personal details.

**PART THREE**

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

 **DATE**

Application received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parish? - St. Michael’s / All Saints

Added to vicar’s diary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Entered in church diary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Baptism co-ordinator’s diary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Time confirmed as: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pm

Verger arranged: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Photograph received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of guests expected? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of charity nominated for donations: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact with family by: 1) Baptism co-ordinator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2) Vicar \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other Information: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_