



## Application for Holy Baptism (Christening)

Child's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F (circle)

Child's date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Town of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Father's full name & occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the father been baptised (Christened)? YES / NO

Has the father been confirmed into the Church of England? YES / NO

Mother's full name & occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the mother been baptised (Christened)? YES / NO

Has the mother been confirmed into the Church of England? YES / NO

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Godparents:	Baptised	Confirmed
1) _____	YES / NO	YES / NO
2) _____	YES / NO	YES / NO
3) _____	YES / NO	YES / NO
4) _____	YES / NO	YES / NO

When are you hoping this will take place? Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In which Church?     St Peter's, East Blatchington   or St Andrew's Bishopstone

We are happy for this christening to go ahead and for the church to keep in touch with us as a family and member of the church.

Signatures of both parents:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

At a christening we welcome you into the church family. We will keep in touch with you to invite you to events Please return this form to The Rector at the details below

The Rectory, 86 Belgrave Rd, Seaford, BN25 2HE / [rectoryebb@gmail.com](mailto:rectoryebb@gmail.com) / 01323 892964

*Before the Christening (also known as 'Baptism') the Rector or officiating priest will have a conversation with you about the service, the promises being made, and other logistics. In the meantime here is a little more information for you as you fill out the form and make the booking.*

## **About Christenings**

Having your child Christened is something that we celebrate and welcome at both our churches. A Christening is when we come together to celebrate and give thanks for your child being born in this world and we pray for their future and the future of their family. It is a beautiful event and your child will be welcomed into the church as a child of God. There are many different reasons that parents decide to christen their babies and we understand that faith comes in all different shapes, sizes and expressions!

On one level the Christening is a moment when we will ask God to bless and know your child, to guide and love your child, and to help your child to make all the good choices in life, choose the paths that lead to blessedness. We talk a lot about light and dark, sin and goodness, cleansing because these are all metaphors for the choices and struggles that human life often presents us with. We believe that your child receives the light of Christ (God's love) in his/her baptism and with that an invitation to see how faith and prayer can help them in the years to follow.

On another level, a Christening is when the door and heart of the church is opened for your child/ren – and indeed for you all as a family. Please know that you are all invited and welcomed. The Church door remains open for rest of their life to explore what the Christian faith means, maybe to learn to pray, maybe to rely on God in good times and bad, and to learn more about the finest example of love human beings have known – the person of Jesus Christ.

The service contains promise and vows, prayers and statements that make reference to all the things described above. You can look at these words in more detail and learn more about the symbols used in the service by visiting: <https://churchofenglandchristenings.org>

As the Rector of St Peter's and St Andrew's, I am delighted that you have invited us to Christen your child/ren. I would like you to invite you to come to either of our churches at any time and we would love to keep in touch with you as your child grows up. It would be really lovely to see you at Christmas or Easter, or at any other time and as your parish priest, if ever you find you are struggling, need a prayer said, or simply in need of a cup of tea, please do get in touch.

The details for me and both the churches are all below and you can also keep in the loop on our Facebook pages. [www.facebook.com/stpetersEB](http://www.facebook.com/stpetersEB) [www.facebook.com/bishopstonechurch](http://www.facebook.com/bishopstonechurch)

I look forward to hearing from you.

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