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The Parish Office  
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*S. Margaret's is a Christian Community of faith  
where all are welcome.*

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*Our aim is to be a worshipping community that  
shares God's love with everyone.*

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*We see this as an adventure of faith that  
touches every part of our lives and the  
world we live in.*

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For more information about our community  
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*THE PARISH OF S. MARGARET, HOLLINWOOD  
& S. CHAD, LIMESIDE*

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*'a worshipping community, sharing God's love with everyone.  
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**Baptism at**



*I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit*

**S. Margaret's**

*'A place to be. Come!'*

**Baptism at S. Margaret's:**  
*Some of your questions answered.*

*Thank you for enquiring  
about baptism at S. Margaret's.*

*The information that follows explains  
some of the very basic questions you may have.*

**What is baptism?**

Holy Baptism as it is known (sometimes called Christening) is a public event where you declare your faith in Jesus Christ and become part of God's family, the church - making promises to try and live as a Christian in the world. This isn't something you do on your own but with the help of the whole church family to pray for you and support you in this new life.

**Who can be baptized?**

Absolutely anyone at all! Traditionally many people are baptized when they are a baby - this is called Infant Baptism. For others, it happens when they are older and are able to answer the questions for themselves in front of the Bishop and this is Adult Baptism - usually adults being baptized would also be confirmed by the Bishop at the same time.

Here at S. Margaret's we are happy to baptize babies, children, young people and adults - but we do need to make sure this is the right step for you take. We do this in our first meeting with you.

Holy Baptism is a serious step of commitment and we want to ensure you understand exactly what is involved before making any arrangements. It is also a great celebration as it is a clear step in a new way of living.

**Is there any preparation?**

Everyone who wants to be baptized needs to be helped to understand what is going to happen and to get ready for the very special service. We organize sessions to suit the personal circumstances of the candidates and the preparation will vary depending if you are asking about baptism for a child or an adult.

We encourage everyone to consider joining our '**Credo**' course, a simple introduction to the Christian faith. Details of this will be given when we discuss the baptism.

**How much does it cost?**

There is no charge as such for the service, but there is an £11.00 fee for the 'Registration and Certification of the Baptism.' We would also hope you would wish to make a donation for the work of the church when the opportunity arises. The Canon George Community Hall is available for hire at competitive rates for a private celebration after the service. Please book the CGCH through the Parish Office (details overleaf). Making such a booking is of course dependent on whether the hall is available or not.

**What do I do now?**

To arrange a meeting with one of us here at S. Margaret's - please complete the form with this leaflet and return it to the address given. You will then be contacted and we will see what the next step will be.

***Please do not make any other arrangements until you have completed the form and we have contacted you. Thank you.***

We look forward to helping you.

**Please complete this form if you  
wish to find out more about  
baptism at S. Margaret's.  
Thank you.**

**APPLICATION for BAPTISM**

**About the Candidate:**

Date of birth of candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Christian name(s) of candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Surname of candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Address of candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**About the Parents:**

Mother's Christian name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's surname \_\_\_\_\_

I am baptised: YES [  ] NO [  ]

Mother's occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Christian name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's surname \_\_\_\_\_

I am baptised: YES [  ] NO [  ]

Father's occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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