



## Godparent's Promises

You have been given this leaflet because you are considering taking on the responsibility of being a godparent. It contains the promises that godparents make in a baptism service.

Baptism is the way Jesus gave us to mark someone's entry into the Christian faith. Clearly a baby cannot make that decision for themselves, and so children are baptised on the basis that parents and godparents declare their own Christian faith and that they promise to bring the child up within the family of the church. This is the reason that all the godparents must themselves have been baptised.

This leaflet shows you the promises that are made in the service. Please look at them carefully and decide if they are things that you can say with integrity and discuss it with the parents of the child. If you have any questions our clergy will be happy to help.

**The first promises you make are about praying for the child and by the example of your life helping them to grow up within the church family. They are as follows:**

Will you support these children as they begin their journey of faith?

**We will.**

Will you help them to live and grow within God's family?

**We will.**

Will you pray for *them*, and help *them* to follow Christ?

**We will.**

**The next promises are about your own faith – which you profess for yourself and on behalf of the child. They are about choosing to turn away from the world's ways and choosing to follow Jesus as Lord of your life.**

*The Minister addresses the candidates through their parent & godparents.*

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcome us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

**I do.**

Do you reject evil?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I do.**

Do you trust him as Lord?

**I do.**

**Finally, you join with the whole church in declaring the basic truths of the Christian Faith.**

Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptized, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Use this leaflet alongside the "Welcome to your Baby" leaflet.