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ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

APPLICATION FOR HOLY BAPTISM

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism, which was commanded by our Lord (St. Matthew xxviii, 19) and practised by the Apostles (Acts ii, 38-41; 1 Cor. i, 13; Acts x, 47; Acts xix, 3; Rom. vi, 3), is the New Birth, or Regeneration, the beginning of life in grace (St. John iii, 5) and admission into the Church of God. No one can enter into the Kingdom of God unless he be born again of water and the Spirit. Baptism makes a person a Member of Christ, the Child of God, and an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

WHEN SHOULD A CHILD BE BAPTISED?

A child should be baptised as soon as possible after birth. The normal time is four or five weeks. It should take place on a Sunday or other Holy Day at the Holy Communion or during the Morning or Evening Prayer. Under special circumstances, Baptisms are permitted at other times by arrangement with the Parish Priest. Should the child be seriously ill, the priest will baptise the child in hospital or at home, but when the child is well, he or she must be brought to be received into the Church.

WHO SHOULD BE THERE?

Both parents of the child, such Godparents as the Church requires, and as many relatives and friends as possible should attend the Baptism.

GODPARENTS

Relatives or friends who are loyal and active members of the Anglican Church, and are sincerely interested in the child's spiritual welfare should be chosen as Godparents. "There shall be, for every Male child to be baptised, two Godfathers and one Godmother; and for every Female, one Godfather and two Godmothers," but additional Godparents, over and above this number, may be appointed.

Where distance or sickness prevents attendance at the Baptism, a Godparent may promise by proxy, the permission of the Godparent having previously been obtained.

THE DUTY OF PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

- 1 To see that the child is taught to say prayers, morning and evening, and to worship God in Church.
- 2 To see that the child is taught the Christian Faith and brought up as a member of the Anglican Church and sent to Sunday School at his or her Parish Church.
- 3 To take care that the child is brought to the Bishop to be confirmed when the time comes.
- 4 To pray for the child.

IS THERE A FEE FOR BAPTISM?

There is no fee for Holy Baptism, but it is customary for the parents to make a Thank Offering. This may be given to the Priest.

PLACE OF BAPTISM

If you desire your child to be baptised in a Church other than the Church of the Parish or District in which you reside or the Church in which you normally worship, you will greatly assist your Parish Priest in his pastoral work if you inform him of this and seek his approval.

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PROVINCE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Application for Holy Baptism

I desire to apply for the administration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

on

on behalf of

Child's Christian Name

Child's Surname

Date of Child's Birth

Father's Name in Full

Mother's Name in Full

Address of Parents

..... Postcode

Father's Occupation

Contact: Phone Number..... Mobile

Names of Godparents in Full:

(1)

(2)

(3)

Is the *Service of Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child* desired? **YES/NO**

I undertake, by God's help, to provide that this child be instructed in the Christian Faith according to the teaching of the Anglican Church and be brought to the Bishop to be Confirmed by him.

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(Signature of Parent/s or Guardian/s)

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