

Children's and Youth Practices



Children are precious to our church family and we want to support parents in their primary role to teach their child the Christian faith. In the Church of England, there are three helpful practices in place to help you do this biblically. As infants, children are to be baptised and officially welcomed as a member of the church family. The water visibly signals the spiritual realities of faith, which they are entitled to as they trust in Jesus themselves. They also receive the visible blessings of being brought up in a Christian community. As they grow up, we encourage parents to disciple their children, teaching them the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed and other Bible stories at all times and in all places. The church shall provide parents with the 39 Articles and Short Catechism, a call-and-response form of instruction, in child-friendly language to use as a family. Once they are older and can articulate a personal faith in Jesus as well as the aforementioned things, they should come to the vicar to prepare for confirmation. This is a special celebratory service which gives children from Christian homes the opportunity to tell their church family publicly they personally trust in Jesus as Lord, confirming the faith taught them as a child. Once confirmed, they can come to the Lord's table in communion with other believers and personally remember the death of Christ for themselves.

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