



Welcome to our church.



FAMILY WORSHIP on the 4th Sunday of every month at 10.45am. A celebration of God's love in a simple and fun way for children, young people and adults

MOTHERS' UNION

Our Mothers' Union meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.15pm. We promote a stable family life through prayer and positive support to families.



MEN's BREAKFAST on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the White Hart, Horsebridge. £7.95 a head for a slap up breakfast and entertaining talk it's a must



MUSIC for MINIs on Wednesdays during term time from 2pm to 3pm for children from birth up to school age to come and make beautiful music together.

Each November, we invite the children and families who have been baptised to join us at our advent party – and great fun is had by all.

And to find out about all our activities

Visit our church website at www.hellinglychurch.org.uk

See us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/hellinglychurch/>



St Peter and St Paul , Hellingly , Church Road, Hellingly, BN27 4EZ
Holy Trinity Church, Coldharbour Road, Upper Dicker, BN27 3QB

The Rev David Farey

Give thanks to God for your child and promise to share His teaching with them, so they may grow in Christian faith.

We are open to any parents who wish to christen their child(ren) and encourage them in Christ's teachings

What do we need to consider?

As a parent or godparent you should ask yourself:

1. Are you prepared to the best of your ability to give the child a Christian upbringing within the family of Christ's Church?
2. Will you help the child by being regular in public worship and private prayer, not only by your teaching but also by your example and your prayers?
3. Will you encourage the child in due time to come to Confirmation and Communion?

The Services

We hold our baptism services on Sunday afternoons at 1pm.

You, your children and godparents will then be invited to the first Family Worship service following the baptism for your child(ren) to be welcomed into the church and receive the baptism candle.

Family services are usually held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 10.45am at Hellingly Church.

Sometimes, where a particular Sunday is popular, we may combine your service with that of another family, dependent on the number of guests expected or offer a later time dependent on clergy availability.

What about godparents /godfathers and godmothers

Church law requires three godparents – two of the same sex as the child and one of the opposite sex. (although one godfather and one godmother is sufficient)

Parents can be godparents to their own children, provided that the child has at least one other godparent who has been baptised or christened.

Godparents must have been baptised or christened, as they make serious promises to do what they can to bring the child up as a Christian and so to have been baptised themselves is the least expectation, even if parents haven't, oddly enough!

Someone not baptised can be a 'sponsor' if they have the heart and intention to fulfil the promises. They make the same promises as a godparent, but cannot technically be a godparent and therefore you would have to find someone else baptised to fulfil the role.

Sometimes, adults request baptism in order to be a godparent to your child. It is important that this decision is made because they believe in God and wish to follow the life and teaching of Christ in order to support their Godchild.

Adults requesting baptism are to contact our vicar Rev. David Farey on 01323 440450, email vicar.hellingly@gmail.com

Where the vicar agrees to the adult baptism request, this must take place before the child's baptism if they are to be a godparent.

How much does it cost?

There is no charge for the baptism service, but you and your guests can leave a donation to the church if you wish to do so.

There is a standard fee set by the Church Commissioners if you require a baptism certificate. The cost in 2017 is £13.

How is it booked

When you have booked a date, we will make sure a minister is available to lead the service and pass the details to one of our baptism visitors.

A copy of the booking form is emailed to you and a week or two before the baptism Sunday, your visitor will meet you to discuss the service and confirm all the details.

It is important we know who your godparents/sponsors are so that we can contact them and let them know about the service and the promises they will be making. They can ask any questions they might have before the baptism day.

Christening or Baptism

We use both words – there is no difference.

The Church of England website about Christenings has lots of information to help you prepare for your baptism service.
www.churchofenglandchristenings.org