**Baptisms at St Oswald’s Church, Winwick**

We are delighted that you are considering a Baptism Service at St Oswald’s church.

You may be wanting baptism (christening) for your child or you may be an adult wanting to be baptised yourself; in both cases we are delighted that you are considering Baptism.

You and your child are precious to God; baptism is a visible sign of God’s love and one way in which we respond to this love.

**Who can be baptised at St Oswald’s?**

Anyone who lives in the parish of St Oswald, Winwick, Warrington or who lives outside the parish but attends the church, can be baptised or bring a child to be baptised.

If you are unsure of the name of your parish church, follow this link and enter your postcode:

www.achurchnearyou.com

**When will the Service take place?**

Baptisms usually take place on the first and second Sunday of the month at 12 noon.

**How much does the Service cost?**

Baptism is free, celebrating the free gift of God’s love and grace. However we ask that you make a donation to the church on the day, it will gladly be received and help to keep the church open.

**What happens at the Service?**

The Rector will arrange to meet you and go through the service with you. If you would like to read through the service, we can email it to you. Parents and godparents make promises to bring up the child within the Christian faith and one of the best ways to do this is to come to church for the special celebrations, including Christmas, Easter, Mothering Sunday, Harvest and the anniversary of the Baptism Service.

**Godparents**

Godparents make the same promises as parents to help raise a child in the Christian faith as part of the Church family. It is an important and responsible role and godparents must have been baptised themselves. The Church asks that there are three godparents – two of the same sex as the child and one of the opposite; you may have a total of four godparents.

**Photographs and Video**

We ask that photographs are not taken during the service. However, after the service you are very welcome to stay and take photographs in and outside of the church.

**How to book a Baptism**

Please contact the Churchwarden, Christine Melia, on 01925 633102 or email meliafamily@btinternet.com