

THE CHURCH OF SAINT NICOLAS, OLD SHOREHAM

Applications for Baptism (Christening) at St Nicolas' Church,
St Nicolas' Lane, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex BN43 5NH

Thank you for your enquiry. We are delighted that you are interested in having your child baptised at our church. This paper sets out the position regarding Baptism at St Nicolas', which is a parish church of the Church of England.

If you reside within the ecclesiastical parish of Old Shoreham (see below) then you are entitled and very welcome to have your child baptised at St Nicolas', Shoreham-by-Sea, which is your parish church.

This parish covers all of Shoreham North of Ham Road—the Railway Station—the lower part of Buckingham Road (west side)—Mill Lane (south side)—Overmead—Freehold Street, but West of Eastern Avenue—Parkside—Trueleigh Way.

If you do not reside within the ecclesiastical parish of Old Shoreham, it may still be possible to have your child baptised at St Nicolas' if you believe you have some other 'qualifying connection' with this church. It might be, for example, that you were married at St Nicolas', or that you were baptised or confirmed there yourself, or that you grew up in the parish and, although you no longer live there yourself, your parents still do so. In such circumstances, we will be happy to consider baptising your child at St Nicolas', but since children should normally be baptised in the parish in which they live, we will have to discuss the matter with you and then, if it seems appropriate to hold the baptism at St Nicolas', to seek the goodwill of the Vicar of your home parish.

Baptisms normally take place during the 9.30 a.m. service on Sunday mornings, usually at the Family service on the third Sunday of the month, although it is sometimes possible to arrange for other Sundays or at other times on a Sunday.

Please contact us to discuss the arrangements, by phone or via the email link on the web page <http://www.saintnicolas.org.uk/baptisms.htm>
