



Baptisms

Littleover Methodist Church

A vibrant Christ centred church at the heart of our community

Baptism is the sign that people have decided to follow Jesus and want to be part of the Christian Church. At LMC the Minister is usually responsible for baptisms.

At LMC we offer two types of baptism:

Believers Baptism (Adult Baptism)

- It is the expectation that Baptism will be administered to those who make a personal profession of Christian faith
- Believers Baptism will be administered by immersion except in exceptional circumstances
- Before a candidate can be baptised they must have held a pastoral conversation with the Minister in Pastoral Charge and completed an appropriate period of instruction and preparation
- Those baptised by believers baptism will be offered the privilege of Church Membership - but it will not be assumed

Infant Baptism

- The children of church members or regular attendees are welcome to be baptised by infant baptism at LMC, however, it is the expectation that services of thanksgiving and/or dedication will be the most appropriate rite of passage for infants and their parents and this will be offered (more information below)
- For infants to be baptised at LMC they or their family must be regularly attending worship for a minimum of 3 months
- Services of infant baptism are arranged by conversation between the parents/guardian of the infant and the Minister in Pastoral Charge
- The Minister in Pastoral Charge will make a minimum of two visits prior to the service to discuss arrangements and to prepare the family for baptism
- The Cradle Roll Secretary will make a visit to each family prior to the service to enable a link to be formed prior to the service

Thanksgiving/blessing/dedication

- Many people want to mark the birth of their child but feel that baptism is not for them or their family at this stage
- Services of thanksgiving & blessing or dedication are all offered by the church and the minister will help you to decide which is right for you
- Thanksgiving & blessing and dedications both take place within our morning worship on Sunday and provide an occasion for the whole family to celebrate
- In most instances the services will be very similar, godparents are still present and included but a service of thanksgiving & blessing or dedication allows your child to grow up to make their own decision about Christian faith when they are older

There is no charge for baptism, thanksgivings or dedications at LMC.

For more information or to ask any questions, please contact the church office 01332 365045 or Rev Gareth Higgs (Senior Pastor) at gareth.higgs@methodist.org.uk