



Welcomes you to our

Family Service

On Sunday 16th January 2022
At 12noon



Where we will be celebrating the Baptism
of Freddie William Gardner

WELCOME and INTRODUCTION

OPENING SONG - Give me Joy in my heart

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray;
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising till the break of day:
*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Give me peace in my heart, I pray;
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Keep me loving till the break of day:
*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Give me love in my heart, I pray;
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the break of day:
*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.*

GATHERING RESPONSE

We have come together to worship God,
who created the universe,
sending life-giving water to the earth, and who,
by his grace, gives us new life in Christ,
filling us with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said: 'Who ever drinks the water that
I will give them will never be thirsty again'.

Oh come let us sing out to the Lord:
Let us shout in triumph to the God of our salvation

The sea is his and he made it:
His hand moulded the dry land

Come let us worship and bow down:
And kneel before the Lord our maker.

**Heavenly Father, we thank you
That we can come and worship you.
Help us to sing your praise,
Confess our sins, hear your word
and bring our prayers to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God by the power of the Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
now and for ever.
Amen.

BIBLE STORY – A Special Promise
The Story Noah: Genesis 6-9

SHORT REFLECTION - by Skye

BAPTISM – THE PRESENTATION AND DECLARATIONS

Freddie, Everly his big sister, and his parents and godparents come to the front of the church.

The president addresses the whole congregation

Today we thank God for Freddie
who has come to be baptised.
Christ welcomes you into His Church.

Will you promise to support Freddie
as he begins his journey of faith
We will.

The president then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents of Freddie
As we trust God for Freddie's growth in faith,
Will you all promise to care for him,
pray for him,
and encourage and support him to follow Christ?
We will.

A large candle may be lit.

The president addresses Freddie, parents, godparents and the whole congregation

In baptism, God calls us to new life.
We die with Christ to all that destroys,
and rise to live with him for ever.

Therefore I ask:
Do you reject evil?
I reject evil.

And all its many forms?
And all its many forms.

And all its empty promises?
And all its empty promises.

The candidates, together with Freddie parents and godparents, may now turn to face the large 'Paschal' Candle.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I turn to Christ.

And put your trust in Him?
And put my trust in Him.

And promise to follow Him for ever?
And promise to follow Him for ever.

The minister makes the sign of the cross on Freddie's forehead, saying

*Freddie, Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of His cross.*

The minister invites parents, godparents to sign Freddie with the cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.
You are His for ever!
**Stand bravely with him.
Oppose the power of evil,
And remain his faithful disciple to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of His glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.
Amen.

We move to the Baptismal font

Prayer over the Water

The minister stands before the water of baptism and says

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.

On him you poured your Spirit
at his baptism in the River Jordan.

He sent his followers
to baptise all who turn to him.
And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that Freddie who is to be baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
filled with your Spirit
and know himself as your child,
safe in Christ for ever.
Amen.

Profession of Faith

The minister addresses the whole congregation

Let us affirm, together with Freddie who is being baptised, our common
faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Baptism

Freddie William Gardner

I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Freddie, May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

Everyone returns to their seats.

Parents, godparents, Everly and Freddie stay at the front of the church

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Freddie you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

Freddie by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Freddie's big sister Everly places a leaf on the Baptismal tree - symbolising his eternal place in God's home and church family

PRAYERS

We say the Lord's Prayer together

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Freddie, today God has touched you with his love
and given you a place among his people.
God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow,
to be your guide in life, and to bring you safely to heaven.

In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey.
Together with all God's people you must explore the way of Jesus
and grow in friendship with God,
in love for his people, and in serving others.
Amen

POEM: God Bless the Home by Tasso Corben

SONG: One more step along the world I go

One more step along the world I go
One more step along the world I go
From the old things to the new
Keep me traveling along with you
*And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

'Round the corners of the world I turn
More and more about the world I learn
And the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me
*And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

As I travel through the bad and good
Keep me traveling the way I should
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you

Give me courage when the world is rough
Keep me loving though the world is tough
Leap and sing in all I do
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you

You are older than the world can be
You are younger than the life in me
Ever old and ever new
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you

THE BLESSING

The light of God
Lead us
The power of God
Protect us
The joy of God
Heal us
The laughter of God
Bless us
The word of God
Love us

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and those you love,
today and always.

Amen

Go in the light and peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

