



THE PARISH OF JARROW

Application to arrange a service of Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child

please read the notes below before completing this form

CHILD'S DETAILS:

Christian Name(s): _____
Surname: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____

Date requested for service: _____ (we'll make every effort to meet your request)

Father:

Mother:

Christian name(s):	_____	_____
Surname:	_____	_____
Occupation:	_____	_____
Address:	_____	_____
Telephone:	_____	_____
Email:	_____	_____

NOTES: Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child

The birth or adoption of a child is a cause for celebration. Many people are overcome by a sense of awe at the creation of new life and want to express their thanks to God. This service provides an opportunity for parents and families to give thanks for the birth or adoption of a child and to pray for family life. It may be a private celebration at home or in hospital, or it may be a public celebration in church, sometimes with a number of children.

This service is not the same as Baptism (sometimes called Christening), which is the sacrament of initiation into membership of the Church, the Body of Christ. If you are interested in exploring the Christian faith, or finding out more about preparation for Baptism, do contact the parish clergy (via the parish office - details below – or in person at a service, etc).

The service of *Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child* is provided for a number of different occasions:

- † the private celebration of birth or adoption, at home or in church with only family and close friends present;
- † the public celebration of birth or adoption, in church (*either as a separate service, or as part of a main Sunday service*).

It is designed as:

- † a preliminary to baptism; or
- † an alternative service for those who do not wish their children to be baptized immediately, or at all, but who recognize that something has happened for which they wish to give thanks to God.

Please complete this form, and hand it in to the Parish Office at

St Peter's Church Centre, York Avenue, Jarrow NE32 5LP

Tel (0191) 489 1925

email: jarrowparish@supanet.com

(The Office is open Mon-Thur 10am – 12.30pm and Thur 6.30pm-7.30pm)

You will then be contacted to discuss your requested date, etc.

Fr Bill Braviner, Team Rector of Jarrow