

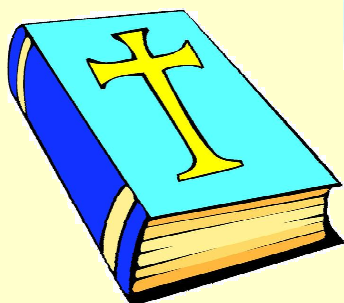


**THE UNITED PARISH**

*Journeying together,  
we worship God and serve the community*

The United Parish of Newnham with Nately Scures with Mapledurwell with Up Nately with Greywell

# A CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM



**Sunday 5th June 2016 3.00pm**  
**St Stephen's Church Up Nately**

Please say the words in **bold type**.

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Today we remember the day that our children were baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We also remember our own baptism which may have been many years ago now. At our baptism we were welcomed as Christians into the family of the Church and blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We were signed with the sign of the cross on our foreheads, our invisible Christian badge, and sent out in the light of Christ to love him and serve him throughout our lives.

Let us pray:

Father God, thank you for calling us all to be here today as we celebrate our baptism into the family of your church. Bless us as we worship you and reawaken within each one of us a longing to know you better and to follow your way. **Amen.**

## **SONG**

- 1. If you're happy and you know it clap your hands,  
if you're happy and you know it clap your hands,  
if you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it,  
if you're happy and you know it clap your hands.**
- 2. If you're happy and you know it nod your head...**
- 3. If you're happy and you know it stamp your feet...**
- 4. If you're happy and you know it shout 'Amen'...**

## **BIBLE STORY**

### **TALK**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made all things?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in His Son Jesus Christ who redeemed the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in His Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

**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.  
Amen.**

## **A REMINDER OF OUR BAPTISM**

*As a bowl of Holy Water is passed around the church parents are invited to dip their finger in the water and sign their children - and each other - with the sign of the cross, using the words 'the sign of Christ' as they do so.*

## **PRAYERS**

Lord Jesus Christ we are sorry for the many times that we have been tempted away from your way, when we have said and done wrong things and had other priorities in our lives. Please forgive us and help us to live as you would have us do, showing our children the wonder of your love. **Amen.**

God our creator, we thank you for the gift of these children, entrusted to our care. May we be patient and understanding, ready to guide and to forgive, so that through our love they may come to know your love: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **SONG**

Jesus' love is very wonderful  
Jesus' love is very wonderful,  
Jesus' love is very wonderful,  
oh, wonderful love!  
So high you can't get over it,  
so low you can't get under it,  
so wide you can't get round it,  
oh, wonderful love!

## **THE BLESSING**

*Please stay for refreshments after the service*

*There will be a retiring collection in aid of The Children's Society*

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**Our Mission is to:**

- ✝ work together to grow God's kingdom**
- ✝ reach out to the whole community to share His love**
- ✝ be inclusive, relevant and Christlike**

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