

Baptism and Confirmation: We welcome you!

Welcome

What have you read/listened to or watched recently? Fun? Interesting?
Recommend to others.....



Worship

Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-13.

Use this is to shape a time of prayer and worship.



Word

Those who are baptised and confirmed are welcomed into the church family 'as children of the same heavenly Father' (Baptism Service). Together we are the people of God, the church, following the pattern of Acts 2:42. In this week's study we will think about what that means and the different ways the bible talks about God's people.



1. Begin by sharing with one another your first experience of church or the different kinds of church you have been part of.
2. What do you most value about being part of a church family?
3. How would you describe church to someone who has never been?
4. Read the following passages a) 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 b) Ephesians 5:25-27 c) 1 Peter 2:4-10.

The early church had no buildings—it was a collection of people, not a place of worship. You did not just 'go' to church. You belonged to the church and you were the church.

5. What does each one tell us about the character, nature and purpose of what it means to be church together?
6. What do you find a) encouraging and b) challenging about these verses?
7. What would you say to the person who says 'You don't have to go to church to be a Christian?' (see Hebrews 10:23-35 and Acts 2:42)

Witness

As we approach Festival Teesside set aside time this week to pray for the Festival—for those speaking, performing, volunteering.



Pray for good weather! And most importantly pray that many would come to faith, finding life and hope in Jesus.