

Children who are Baptised are able with consent of their parents and agreement of the Kirk Session to participate in the Sacrament of Communion.

A leaflet explaining Infant Baptism is available from your Elder or the Minister.

More information at

[www.churchofscotland.org.uk/connect/life\\_events](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/connect/life_events)

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Membership of the Church of Scotland is open to all who believe in one God and acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Those who have been Baptised are required to follow a short course in preparation for membership, which is offered twice a year, and in conjunction with the Alpha Course. Participants are asked to attend the first six weeks of the Alpha Course, which is followed up with one more evening on the life, and work of the Church.

Those who wish to become members of the church and are not Baptised should speak to the Minister as soon as possible.

A leaflet of Membership of the Church and Adult Baptism is available

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Services for  
Infants & Children

*"Let the children come  
to me"*



## SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND INFANTS

One of the loveliest pictures given to us in the Bible is of the time when Jesus blessed the children. Parents brought their children to Jesus that he might bless them; some of the disciples felt Jesus had more important things to do, but Jesus insisted that the children come to him. Since that time the Church has welcomed children and still does in many different ways through its different groups and activities.

In line with every other Church of Scotland congregation we aim to welcome children into the fellowship or family of the Church here at Kemnay, whether their parents are members or not, and this is reflected in the Services we offer. We do not in any way hinder children coming to Jesus, rather we offer opportunities for children to be blessed by Him.

Baptism is a sacrament which requires a parent to state they believe in God and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. If someone can do this, there is no reason why they could not offer themselves for membership. If parents are already members of the Church of Scotland, then we can arrange the transfer of their membership to Kemnay or if they wish to retain their membership with another congregation, we would have to seek permission of the Minister of that Church to proceed.

For those parents who are not members of the Church but wish their child to be blessed then we can offer a Service of Blessing or the Service of Presentation. So long as you live within the Parish or have a family connection in the Parish these Services are available to you and we would welcome your enquiry.

## BLESSING OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN

This service is offered to parents who live within the Parish of Kemnay and are not members of the Christian Church, but, who recognizing that all of life is a gift from God wish to thank God for the gift of their child and declare their intention to bring their child up with love and care.

Parents are asked the following question:

‘By bringing your child to God, do you recognize your responsibility as parents to love and care for him, and do you promise to try to teach your child a good and true way of life?’

The service of Blessing will take place in Church during Morning Worship on a Sunday.

## PRESENTATION OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN

This service is offered to those parents who are members or adherents of the Church and wish an alternative to Baptism. When Jesus was presented at the Temple, Mary and Joseph recognized that he was not their property but belonged to God and as parents they had responsibilities before God.

During the Service parents are asked to respond to two questions:

Do you thank God for His gift of your child and do you accept the joys and duties of parenthood promising to give love and care to your child?

Do you promise to bring your child up within the Christian Community and to share your own faith with him/her?

This Service will take place in Church and during Morning Worship.

## SACRAMENT OF INFANT AND CHILD BAPTISM

Baptism is one of the two sacraments recognised by the Church of Scotland. In the case of infant baptism the Church expects at least one parent to be willing to become a member. In the baptismal service they profess their own faith and promise to give the child a Christian upbringing in such a way that they hope the child, when they come to an age of understanding, will come to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

- Do you present your child to be Baptised, earnestly desiring that he/she might be grafted into Christ as a member of His body the church?
- Do you believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and do you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour?
- Do you promise depending on the grace of God, to teach your child the truths and duties of the Christian Faith; and by prayer and example to bring him/her up in the life and worship of the Church?

This service takes place during Morning Worship in Church. The Minister signs the Birth certificate and the child's name is added to the Cradle Roll.