



To register your interest in baptism, please complete a Connection Card and hand in through the offering bags or the Information desk in the church foyer

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# BAPTISM

Jesus— our Lord and Saviour— was baptised, and it is His example that we follow. He has called us to follow Him and one of the first steps HE calls us to take in the Christian life is to be baptised— to declare before the Church, our friends, and family, that we are wholly devoted to Him.

In the book of Acts, when the Church began, the apostles and the believers understood that to accept the Gospel of Jesus, a person needed to *repent and be baptised*.

## REPENT

To turn around/change direction

- To agree with God that we have failed to love and obey Him and have instead ignored Him and gone our own way
- To turn to God and choose to follow Jesus for the rest of our life

## BE BAPTISED

- This is an external, public declaration that a person makes after they have internally, by faith, chosen to follow Jesus.

Acts 2:36-41 Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

When a person believed the message that Jesus died and rose from the dead, making way for them to have a relationship with God, it was declared in baptism. Baptism let others know that the person was a believer and follower of Jesus. It wasn't an indication of being mature, or a “good” Christian. It was often an immediate external response to an internal decision they had made. (See Matt 28:10, Mark 16:16, Acts 3:37-39, Acts 8:12, Acts 8:36-38, Acts 19:5)

## What Now?

**If you have personally chosen to place your trust in Jesus as your Saviour and Lord, we would encourage you to be baptised as a public declaration of your faith and as an act of obedience to Him.**

**If you would like to be baptised:**

**Please tick the ‘I want to be baptised’ on the Connection Card and hand in through the offering bags or the slot at the Information Desk.**

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