



CHILD

Christian name/s

Surname

Male Female Age

Date of birth (dd/mm/yy)

Date of Baptism (dd/mm/yy)
(Please submit a copy of Certificate)

Residential Address

FATHER

Christian name/s

Surname

Baptized Yes No Denomination

Tel: home

Tel: office

Cell

Email address

MOTHER

Christian name/s

Surname

Baptized Yes No Denomination

Tel: home

Tel: office

Cell

E-mail address

Godparents:

Name	Denomination

It is traditional for boys to have two godfathers and one godmother, and girls to have two godmothers and one godfather, but this is not essential.

I agree to attend the prescribed preparation classes held prior to Admission to Holy Communion.

Signed _____ Date: _____

Father

Mother

Information on Admission to Holy Communion

WHAT IS HOLY COMMUNION?

- ✚ Holy Communion or the Eucharistic Feast, is the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and is acknowledged by the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. By receiving this Sacrament members of God's Church are fed spiritually and sustained in their Christian journey.
- ✚ Holy Communion is the Sacrament by which we regularly receive new life in the Holy Spirit. After confessing our sins and being forgiven, we are brought closer to God by being fed with the very Body and Blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We do this in remembrance of his death and resurrection, just as he commanded.
- ✚ Receiving Holy Communion regularly is an act of belonging to the Christian faith.

WHY ARE CHILDREN PERMITTED TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

- ✚ Baptized children of Christians are permitted to receive Holy Communion because:
 - God welcomes children into the Church (Body of Christ) on the basis of their parents' faith and obedience, and the children's understanding and acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice for them.
 - Jesus welcomes and blessed the little children (Mark 10: 13 – 16)
 - Our salvation depends entirely on what God has done for us, not on our own merit.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARENTS?

- ✚ Parents must themselves be Baptized members of God's family
- ✚ Parents are strongly encouraged to be members of the Church for at least 3 months prior to having their children admitted to Holy Communion in order to uphold the integrity of the Sacrament by sharing in the Body of Christ.
- ✚ Parents must attend preparation classes with their children prior to the children being admitted to Holy Communion.
- ✚ In the service of Admission, parents are asked to renew their own commitment to Christ, and the Baptismal promises made on behalf of their children.
- ✚ Parents are expected to pray for their children and encourage them to grow in their Christian faith, by the example of their own Christian lives.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GODPARENTS?

- ✚ Godparents must themselves be baptized members of God's family, and it is preferable that at least one be Anglican.
- ✚ Godparents should preferably attend preparation classes along with their godchildren.
- ✚ Godparents, who also made baptismal vows on behalf of their godchildren, are expected to continue to support those who are brought to Holy Communion by praying for them, and by the example of their own Christian lives.

WHAT MUST I DO TO ARRANGE FOR A BAPTIZED CHILD TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

- ✚ Complete the form on the reverse side and return it to the Parish Office.
- ✚ Provide a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate.
- ✚ Attend the prescribed preparation classes.

WHEN ARE BAPTISED MEMBERS ADMITTED TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

- ✚ Services of Admission take place during a normal Sunday service, on dates that are set in the parish calendar. These dates are available from the Parish Office.

WHAT COSTS ARE INVOLVED?

- ✚ There is no cost for the Sacraments of the Church.
- ✚ An OPTIONAL thank offering may be given to the church and/or the priest and/or the baptism preparation facilitator. This money is used to purchase vessels and vestments for the Church. (Suggested donation: R 250:00).