

## Baptism...

Congratulations on taking this important step in your journey of faith. Being baptised is a beautiful and important moment in the life of every Christian.

I hope you find this information helpful but please just get in touch if you have any further questions,

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The reason Baptism is important to Silver City Church is because it is important to Jesus!

Baptising people was so important to Jesus that he instructed his followers to go and do it. Not long after he was resurrected, he told his followers to...

'Go into all the nations, make them my disciples and baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit'.

Matthew 28:19

One of our HEART values at Silver City Church is 'Adoration' ... showing our love towards God through our worship.

One of the key ways we demonstrate our love for God is by being obedient to what he asks us to do.

By being baptised, you are demonstrating and communicating a deep love and heart of adoration and worship for God!

# What baptism?

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Baptism is something that has been described as a

'physical event with a spiritual effect'

#### Physical...

The word Baptism comes from a Greek word 'baptiso' which was used to describe when something was immersed, submerged, or dipped repeatedly.

That is what happens physically when you are baptised ... you will be fully immersed under water.



### There are 3 ways to describe what happens spiritually when you are baptised...

Baptism is ...

a bath a burial

a resurrection

#### A bath...

What are you waiting for? Get up! Be baptised, and wash away your sins by praying to the Lord." Acts 22:16

Baptism is a way that God washes away our sins. It's a way that God cleans us. But it's not the outside that God is cleaning, it's the inside (cleaning us from sinful thoughts, sinful habits, sinful actions). Those things belong to the old you. God wants to clean you from all of that! His heart is for you to be pure.

#### A burial...

And when you were baptised, it was the same as being buried with Christ. Colossians 2:12

When someone is baptised they are uniting themselves with the death of Jesus Christ.

Just like how someone is lowered down into their grave, being lowered down into the water is the moment where the person being baptised unites themseves with the death of Jesus.

#### A resurrection...

The good news is that the person being baptised doesn't stay under the water! They are pulled back up out of the water, and this shows that they have been raised to new life! Just as baptism unites us with the death of Jesus, so it unites us with his resurrection too!

Don't you know that all who share in Christ Jesus by being baptised also share in his death? When we were baptised, we died and were buried with Christ. We were baptised, so that we would live a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.

Romans 6: 3-4

#### Summary...

As you respond to God through repentance and faith in Jesus, you take the step of being baptised. In doing so God, working through his Holy Spirit brings you into a new life where you can be free from the dirt and grime of Sin. You are restored into a pure creator. All made possible thanks to Jesus dying on a cross for you!

So Baptism... it is a bath, it is a burial and it is a resurrection! And we are delighted to support you in taking this step.





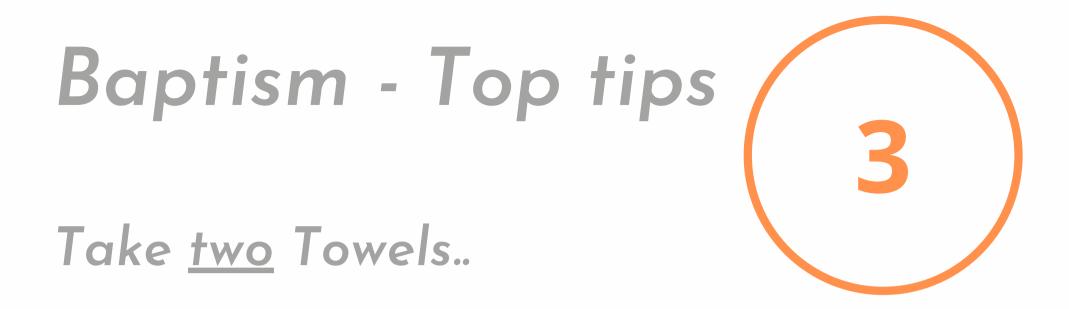
Prepare a short testimony...

A testimony is a re-telling of how you came to know that you were a sinner and how you came to know that Jesus Christ was the only one who could save you from your sins through his death and resurrection.



Please wear loose fitting <u>black/dark</u> coloured T-shirt and leggings, trousers or shorts. It's best to avoid wearing anything heavy (jeans, heavy fabric etc)

Please do not wear white as this fabric can be see through when wet.



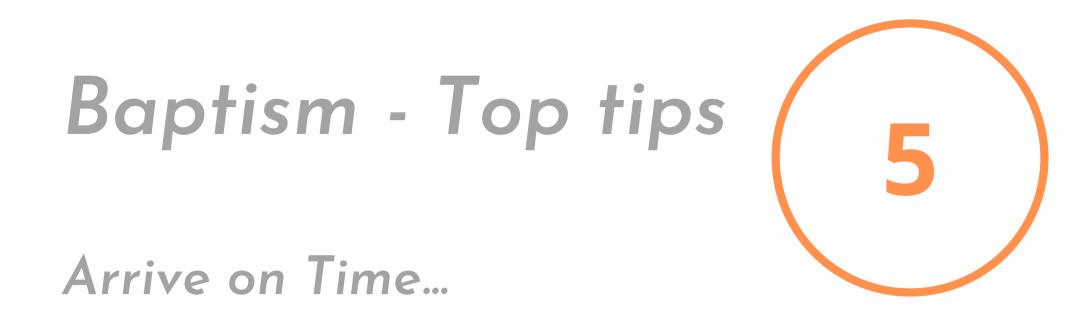
One to put round you when you come out the tank (you will be soaking wet)

And another one to dry youself with when you are getting changed.



You may wish to nominate a 'supporter' who can wait next to the baptisimal tank when you come out to pass you your towel etc

People often ask a close friend or a family member to do this.



Please arrive at the church building by 10:30am.

This will allow you to put your belongings in the changing area and ask any last minute questions.

#### **Baptism - Online Content**

Please be aware that the Baptism service will be digitally recorded and made publicly available on the Silver City YouTube channel shortly after the service.

If you have any concerns or queries about this then please contact admin@silvercitychurch.uk For any further questions or queries related to your baptism please contact:

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