

Baptism at St Peter and St Paul, Seal of those who live outside the parish

Thank you for asking about baptism at Seal. As you live in another parish there are some questions to be explored and steps to be taken before we can book the baptism.

The Church of England works on a parish system. This means that each local area has its own church, which serves the people of that area. We encourage people to be baptised in their own parish church wherever possible because it is likely to be the easiest place for them to take their children, and for them to attend themselves. We want you to build up relationships with the priests and people of your local church as they are the ones who can best support you and your family in the future.

However, we recognise that there may be very good reasons why you would prefer a baptism at Seal. For example, you may have been married here, have strong family connections here or have moved away for what you expect will only be a short time.

If you feel strongly that you would like to explore the possibility of baptism at Seal your first step will be to talk to the priest in charge (The Revd. Anne Le Bas. Tel 01732 762955 email annelebas@dsl.pipex.com) about the reasons why you want to arrange a baptism at Seal. If she gives her agreement to the baptism, you will then need to contact your own parish priest. Please take this letter with you and ask the parish priest to sign it if he or she is happy to do so. This decision is entirely at the discretion of the parish priest concerned and he or she is entitled to refuse.

He or she may also ask you to fulfil certain requirements before signing the form – for example, to meet you, or to ask that you attend Sunday worship a number of times. These are ways of helping you to get to know your own parish church, so that you can build up links there. Each parish is different and we will abide by the wishes of the parish concerned in this matter.

If you have any questions, or you would like to talk to someone before taking things further, please do not hesitate to contact Anne who will be happy to help.

Please return the form below, when completed, to the parish priest at Seal.

Letter of permission for baptism at St Peter and St Paul, Seal

I, of the parish of
give my permission for to be
baptised at St Peter and St Paul, Seal.

Signed.....

Note to those seeking baptism: Please return the form below, when completed, to the priest in charge at Seal.