



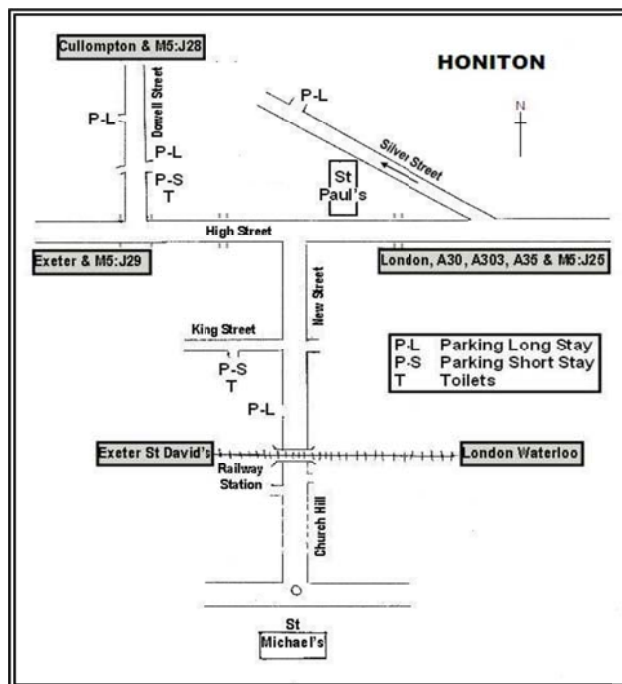
Charges

There is no charge for Baptism, Christening and Thanksgiving services..

However, our church costs a great deal to maintain and heat, so donations will always be greatly appreciated.

Gift Aid increases the value of donations made, so please use a yellow envelope where appropriate.

There will be a collection plate on the way out for any gifts your guests may wish to give.



Parking

Please note there are no public parking spaces on the Church premises.

There are, however, short- (3 hours max) and long-stay car parks near to St Paul's (in King Street, New Street, Silver Street, and Dowell Street) and as indicated on the High Street.

Parking is free on Sundays.

Bookings

Please request an application form from the Parish Office (telephone 01404 44035) on Monday to Friday mornings 9am to 1pm and return it here.

Alternatively by post to: St Paul's Parish Office,

99 High Street, HONITON EX14 1PG

Baptism, Christening & Thanksgiving for Children



The Parish of St Paul's, Honiton

Baptism, Christening and Thanksgiving at St Paul's

St Paul's, Honiton

The building of St Paul's began in 1835 on the site of the old Allhallows School Chapel. It was dedicated by Henry Philpotts, Bishop of Exeter, in 1838, the year after Queen Victoria came to the throne.

The building was designed by Charles Fowler, a Devon architect who chose a Norman-Romanesque style with rounded arches built from local chert and Beer stone. The tower is a conspicuous landmark both in the town and the Otter Valley. It is 104 feet high and houses a clock made in 1851.

St Paul's is kept open and staffed whenever possible. The Crypt and the adjacent Mackarness Hall mean that the church has very flexible spaces available for hire for any after-service gathering you may wish to plan.



We are delighted that you are interested in having your child baptised at St Paul's and look forward to welcoming you and your child to our worship.

Baptisms normally take place on the first Sunday of each month, the service beginning at 11.15am. Other times may be available on request.



Preparation for Baptism

Once you have returned your application form (see overleaf) you will be invited to attend an "Exploring and Preparation" session so that you can choose the right type of service for you. This is an occasion when you can discuss the meaning of baptism and the commitment that you, and the prospective godparents, are thinking of making.

These normally take place at 11.00am on the second Sunday of the month.

At the preparation (or afterwards if you prefer) you will be able to book a specific date for your chosen service.

On the Wednesday evening before your service, you will meet with the clergy to discuss any questions you may have and to run through what will happen "on the day".

On the day

We ask you and your guests to arrive at the church by 11.00am if at all possible. You will be greeted by the priest who is conducting the service, and some members of the church community, who will ensure that you have everything you need in order to follow the service.



Follow up

We have a range of services and activities suitable for children of all ages. Details are available from the Parish Office.



Church Services for children

We encourage you to bring your child to church before and after the baptism.

Children are always welcome at the 9.30am Parish Eucharist, so please feel free to bring your child on any Sunday. On the Third Sunday of each month the service is less formal.