BAPTISM
Why?  Who?  How?
WHY GET BAPTISED?

Being baptised doesn't make you a Christian.

Baptism is a symbol.

Going under the water represents our old life being washed away.

Coming up out of the water shows that we are starting a new life with Jesus.

ARE YOU READY?

If you can answer yes to the following questions you are ready to be baptised.

1. Are you sorry for your sins?
   YES/NO

2. Do you trust in Jesus and want to follow him?
   YES/NO
WHO IS IT FOR?

Jesus told his disciples to baptise anyone who wants to follow Him 'in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit'.

Baptism is for anyone who has decided to follow Jesus.

AFTERWARDS

You get out of the water.

Your towel-holder puts the towel round you.

You change into your spare clothes in another room and then come back into the church.
If you want to be baptised, who do you tell?

It is important to tell someone you'd like to be baptised.

Tell a leader at church and tell your parents.

They will ask you why you want to be baptised and be able to make the arrangements for you.

The Baptist POOL

You get into the pool.

The Minister asks 2 questions:

1. 'Have you said sorry for your sins?'
   Answer: YES

2. Are you trusting Jesus as your Lord and Saviour?
   Answer: YES

The Minister and another person hold your arms in front of you and gently push you backwards under the water, then they quickly bring you up again.
HOW DO YOU PREPARE?
You will be given a date and time for your baptism.
You should ask a friend or someone in your family to be with you and hold your towel to wrap round you when come out of the water.
You can ask someone to help you write a few words about why you want to be baptised (your testimony) or you can do it yourself.
You can invite your friends and family.

ON THE DAY
You bring some clothes to change into.
You arrive in good time.
You make sure the Minister knows you are here.
Someone will tell you where to sit.
Your name will be called out.
You ask someone to read your testimony, or you read it yourself.