



# The Diocese of St Albans

## THE ADMISSION OF BAPTIZED CHILDREN TO COMMUNION BEFORE CONFIRMATION

After the Parochial Church Council(s) have agreed that the benefice/Parish wish to proceed with a policy of admitting baptized children to Communion before Confirmation, this form is to be completed by the incumbent and sent to the Diocesan Bishop for his signature. The original will be returned to the incumbent and a photocopy retained for the Bishop's records.

The \*Parish/Benefice of: ..... wishes to admit baptized children to Communion before Confirmation. *\*delete as applicable*

We confirm that the policy of admitting baptized children to Communion before Confirmation has been:

- presented at open parish meetings
- discussed fully with the Parochial Church Council
- gained favourable support from the Parochial Church Council(s) to proceed with this policy
- discussed fully with our local ecumenical partners *\* delete if not applicable*

The Parochial Church Council is aware of, and agrees to abide by, the diocesan regulations relating to Admission. We enclose:

- a copy of our Parish policy on the admission of baptised children to Communion before Confirmation
- a description of the teaching and the courses devised to explore our Anglican understanding of the theology of Baptism, the Eucharist, Confirmation and the nature of the Church.
- a full description of the programme of teaching and learning for children and their families.
- an abstract of the relevant Minutes concerning the formal vote taken at a legally constituted meeting of the PCC, indicating a simple majority of those present in favour of the changes requested.
- evidence of consultation with the congregation and other interested parties

*In a united Benefice this form is to be signed by the Incumbent and one Churchwarden from each Parish. In a single Parish the Incumbent and both Churchwardens should sign the form.*

**Incumbent:** ..... **Churchwardens:** .....

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**Date:** .....

**PERMISSION IS GIVEN BY THE BISHOP OF ST ALBANS**  
to the above Benefice/Parish to admit children to Communion before Confirmation

**Bishop of St Albans:** ..... **Date:** .....