



## St John's Church, Woking

Thanksgiving for  
Forename Surname  
DD<sup>th</sup> MM 20YY

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**Welcome** Rev Peter Chamberlin / Glyn Lucas

Let us thank God that in His goodness he has given you this son/daughter.

### **Act of Thanksgiving**

*Parents and any supporting friends stand at the front.*

*The Minister says:*

Do you receive this child as a gift from God?

**We do.**

Do you wish to give thanks to God and seek his blessing?

**We do.**

*The Minister says:*

God our Father,

Maker of all that is living

we praise you for the wonder and joy of creation.

We thank you from our hearts for the life of this child,  
for a safe delivery, and for the privilege of parenthood.

Accept our thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*The Parents say together:*

Lord God,

in giving us this child you have shown us your love

Help us to be trustworthy parents.

Make us patient and understanding,

That our child may always be sure of our love

and grow up to be happy and responsible

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Bible Reading: Mark 10:13-16**

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

## **Blessing**

*The Minister takes the child and says:*

As Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them, so now we ask God's blessing on CHILD'S NAME.

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the birth, health and growth of CHILD'S NAME;  
surround them with your blessing  
that they may know your love,  
be protected from evil,  
and experience your goodness all their days.

*The congregation say together:*

**All: May CHILD'S NAME learn to love all that is true,  
grow in wisdom and strength  
and, in due time, come through faith and baptism  
to the fullness of your grace;  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Giving of the Bible**

*A copy of one of the Gospels, and a children's Bible is presented by the Minister, with these words:*

This book contains the Good News of God's love. Read it, for it tells you how you and your family can share in eternal life, through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.