

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO HOLY COMMUNION



CHECKLIST FOR PARISHES

This checklist is designed to assist parishes that are considering admitting children to Communion before Confirmation.

1. Has there been a period of preparation and discussion with the congregation? Has there been adequate time and opportunity for questions, concerns and pastoral issues to be addressed?
2. Has the issue been fully discussed by the PCC and a formal resolution passed and minuted?
3. How will the preparation of the children for Holy Communion be organised?
4. Who will be responsible for the preparation?
5. What teaching materials will be used?
6. How will parents be involved in the preparation of their children for Holy Communion?
7. What strategy do you have for children who come to church without their parents?
8. Will children be given a Certificate of Admission or amended Baptism Certificate?
9. Who will be responsible for maintaining the register of people admitted to Communion before Confirmation?

If these questions have been addressed and you are ready to seek the approval of the Bishop of Derby please contact Sara Brown for an application form to fill in.

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Further information from Sara or use the following books:

- **Children and Holy Communion** by Steve Pearce and Diana Murrie (National Society and Church House Publishing, 1997)
- **Welcome to the Lord's Table** by Margaret Withers (Bible Reading Fellowship, 1999)
- **Share Communion Preparation Course** by Nick Harding (Kevin Mayhew, 2002)
- **Let the Children Come to Communion** – Stephen Lake (SPCK 2006)
- For the children to use – **My Communion Book** by Diana Murrie