



The Parish of
St Clement
and **St James**

Please read the following information, and keep the first two pages. If you wish to be confirmed, please fill out the final sheet of this form and return it to the clergy of Parish Office, by **Monday 20 August**.

SHOULD I BE CONFIRMED?

The following Questions & Answers may help you to understand the confirmation service, but the clergy will be pleased to answer any other questions you may have; please contact the parish office (020 7221 3548).

What is confirmation?

Confirmation is the point at which you re-affirm your baptism vows. The bishop prays that you will be confirmed with the Holy Spirit. He lays hands on your head, and anoints you with holy oil. These two actions show that you have been set apart by God, to follow in the Way of Jesus Christ. Like baptism and holy communion, confirmation is a sacrament – a sign of God's grace. If you haven't already been prepared for holy communion at an earlier age, the confirmation service will be the first time when you will receive Christ in the bread and wine at the Eucharist.

What happens if I haven't already been baptised ('christened')?

You will be baptised during the confirmation service – on **3 November**.

How old do I have to be to be confirmed?

You have to be in Year 6, or older, *at the time of confirmation (November)*. This is the age at which we think that you are old enough to make this important decision for yourself. Of course, many adults are also confirmed.

What happens if I am not sure?

Talk to parents, friends or the parish clergy. If you are still not sure, it may be best to wait. Sometimes people find answers to their questions by doing the course.

Is there any preparation for confirmation?

Yes, there are weekly meetings – details on the next page.

When is the confirmation service?

5.00 pm on Saturday **3 November**, at St Paul's Cathedral.

By when do I have to decide?

You must let one of the clergy know personally, and return the last sheet of this form, by Monday **20 August**, either to the clergy or Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Children

Children in Year 6 at St Clement and St James CE Primary school are prepared for *the first two* sessions during the school day. They then join the other young people at St Clement for the rest of the course – on Tuesdays **2, 9, 16 and 30 October**.

Preparation sessions are on Tuesday evenings, from **7.00 – 7.45 pm** at St Clement's church, on the following dates:

18 and 25 September (*without children from St Clement and James School*).

All then attend:

Tuesdays **2, 9, 16 and 30 October**.

Adults

Preparation sessions will be arranged once it clear who wishes to be confirmed.

Adults who have already been confirmed are also welcome to attend the course as a 'refresher'.

***BAPTISM OF ANYONE WHO HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN BAPTISED:
During the Confirmation Service at St Paul's Cathedral***

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PRACTICE

3.30 – 4.30 pm on Saturday 3 November
at St Paul's Cathedral, immediately before the Service

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: TIME AND DATE

5.00 pm on Saturday 3 November
at St Paul's Cathedral

Yes, I would like to be enrolled for confirmation.

I will attend the classes, the practice and the service at St Paul's Cathedral on **3 November**.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Candidate's Christian name(s) and surname: _____
Candidate's date of birth: _____

Please tick the appropriate box:

I have been baptised ('christened')
I have *not* been baptised

If you have been baptised, please bring details to the first class.

If you have not been baptised, your baptism will be during the Confirmation Service at St Paul's Cathedral.

Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Young candidates

School: _____
Mother's Name: _____
Father's Name: _____

Children under 16 must have the consent of at least one parent or carer.

Parents/carers, please fill out the section below:

Yes, I would like my child to be enrolled for confirmation.

I will ensure that s/he comes to the classes, the practice and the service at St Paul's Cathedral on **3 November**. S/he will be accompanied by at least one adult at this service.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Does your child have any learning difficulty/ illness/ allergy or regular medication?

Please give your child details of where and when s/he was baptised, to bring to the first class. If s/he has not been baptised, the baptism will be during the Confirmation Service. Thank you.

Prebendary Dr Alan Everett, Vicar

Please complete and return this form to: **The Parish of St Clement and St James, 95 Sirdar Road, London, W11 4EQ** Or email: reception@clementjames.org