

The Barbours' Play:

The Baptism of Christ

In the grounds of
Holy Trinity Church
Goodramgate

The performance
lasts 20 minutes



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Saturday 24th June 2023 • 2pm & 4pm
Sunday 25th June • 4.30pm

Tickets : Adults £5 / Under-15s £2
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About...

The Baptism of Christ

John the Baptist is annoyed that despite his impassioned preaching and baptising mission, the people carry on sinning as they have always done. Angels appear and tell him that Jesus is coming to be baptised by him. John says that since Jesus is sinless, he doesn't need to be baptised. Jesus says he has to be an example for the people to follow. Despite feeling unworthy, John baptises Jesus. A dove from heaven appears, showing God's approval.

Why that weekend?

In the church calendar, 23rd June is the festival of St John the Baptist – and that's why we are performing the Baptism. It's the only play in which the Baptist appears (excluding the *Harrowing of Hell* of course).



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