

## The Blessing of the Child

*The minister takes the child and says:*

*The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.*

*The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you his peace.*

*The Lord deliver you from the powers of darkness,*

*banish all evil from around you, preserve you from all harm,  
defend you on every side, and lead you into the light and obedience of Christ.*

*The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.***

## Closing song

1. Give my oil in my lamp,  
keep me burning,  
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray,  
Give my oil in my lamp,  
keep me burning,  
Keep me burning  
'till the break of day.

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna  
to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna  
Sing hosanna to the King.**

2. Give me joy in my heart,  
keep me praising,  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray,  
Give me joy in my heart,  
keep me praising,  
Keep me praising  
'till the break of day. *Chorus*

3. Give me love in my heart,  
Keep me serving  
Give me love in my heart I pray  
Give me love in my heart  
Keep me serving  
Keep me serving  
'till the break of day. *Chorus*

4. Give me peace in my heart,  
keep me resting,  
Give me peace in my heart I pray  
Give me peace in my heart,  
keep me resting,  
Keep me resting  
'till the break of day. *Chorus*

## The Final Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



**The Parish of Peasedown with Wellow  
The Parish of Foxcote with Shoscombe**

A Christening Service for

*Elijah William Veale*



Saturday 19th September 2015 at 3.30pm.  
in St John's Church, Peasedown St John

## Welcome and introduction - Rev. Matthew Street

### Poem - A Baby Is A Miracle

*This little tiny baby,  
Was sent from God above,  
To fill our hearts with happiness,  
And touch our lives with love,  
He must have known,  
We'd give our all,  
And always do our best.  
To give our precious baby love,  
And be grateful and so blessed*

### Hymn

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings. *refrain*

2. The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky. *refrain*

3. The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one. *refrain*

4. He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well. *refrain*

### Reading – Psalm 139:13-16

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.

*The parents say this prayer*

**O Lord God, Maker of all that is living, we praise You for the wonder and joy of creation. We thank You from our hearts for Elijah's life, for a safe delivery, and for the privilege of parenthood. In giving us Elijah You have shown us Your love. Help us to be trustworthy parents. Make us patient and understanding. May Elijah always be sure of our love and grow up to be responsible and loving. Amen.**

## The Naming

*The minister says to one of the child's parents*

Will you name this child?

**Elijah William Veale**

## The Declaration

*The minister says to the Parents and Godparents*

*Darren, Kamara, Charlotte, Lauren, Sharon, Roxanne, Kieran, Erica, Jordan, Marvin and Lee, Elijah* depends chiefly on you for the help and encouragement he needs to grow. He needs help to understand and to know the God who made him, and to take his place as a responsible, caring and loving member of the community.

Are you willing to give it to him by your example and by your teaching?

**I am willing, God being my helper.**

Are you willing to support Elijah as he grows through your prayers?

**I am willing, God being my helper.**

Are you willing to bear witness to Elijah of your own faith in God?

**I am willing, God being my helper.**

*The minister prays for the parents, Godparents and family*

Heavenly Father, Your Son Jesus Christ shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home; bless Elijah and help all the family to live together in Your love. Teach them to serve You and each other. Guide with Your Holy Spirit the godparents and all who will care for Elijah, that they may bring him up in the ways of truth and love. Through their care enable him to grow in grace and come to know you as his God through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## The Giving of a Gospel

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path” (Psalm 119.105)

*The minister gives a copy of one of the gospels to the parents, saying*

This book contains the Good News of God's love. Read it, for it tells how you and your family can share in eternal life, through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, who says ‘I have come, that you may have life in all its fullness’.