

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

BERWICK



THE BAPTISM OF

RALPH MILES

SATURDAY 13 MAY 2023

## **The Oaths made by Congregation, Parents & Godparents**

*All answer the first question*

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Ralph and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

**All: With the help of God, we will.**

*The parents & godparents answer the following questions.*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Ralph with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

**Parents & Godparents: With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism Ralph begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

**Parents & Godparents: With the help of God, we will.**

## **The Confession of Faith By Parents & Godparents**

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask you parents and godparents:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**Parents & Godparents: I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.**

**Baby Mine by Frederick Locker-Lampson**

Baby mine, with the grave, grave face,  
Where did you get that royal calm,  
Too staid for joy, too still for grace?  
I bend as I kiss your pink, soft palm.  
Are you the first of a nobler race,  
Baby mine?

You come from the region of long ago,  
And gazing awhile where the seraphs dwell  
Has given your face a glory and glow.  
Of that brighter land have you aught to tell?  
I seem to have known it; I more would know  
Baby mine.

Your calm, blue eyes have a far-off reach.  
Look at me now with those wondrous eyes  
Why are we doomed to the gift of speech  
While you are silent and sweet and wise?  
You have much to learn; you have more to teach,  
Baby mine.

