

**Celebrating Baptism**  
**Waikato-Waiariki Synod Training Day**  
**London Street, 26 November 2011**

- 9.30am      Tea/coffee
- 10.00am     Welcome (Susan)
- Re-introductions around the circle
- Name & parish/congregation
  - Why you have been given authority to celebrate Baptism
  - Hopes & expectations for today
- Group conversation: Sharing our experiences and questions
- What kind of baptism services have you been asked to lead? (infant, adult, naming, thanksgiving, bedside services...)
  - What are some of the difficult situations you've faced?
  - What kind of curly questions do you get asked about baptism? (write on whiteboard)
- 11.00am     Theology of Baptism (David Poultney)
- 12.00pm     Shared Lunch
- 12.45pm     Group conversation: Finding answers to the curly questions
- Do people need to be baptised to be saved?
  - What do we say when people want to be re-baptised?
  - Can we baptise people in their own homes?
  - Why do we need to use the Trinitarian Formula when we baptise?
  - What do we do if we are leading a baptism service in a Maori, Tongan, Samoan or Fijian context?
- 1.30pm      The 'how-tos' of celebrating Baptism (Maureen Calman)
- How do we arrange the church for a baptism?
  - Where does the font go?
  - What do we do with the water?
  - What happens if the baby cries?
  - What do we do with our hands, arms, bodies when we are leading the Baptism service?
- 2.30pm      Handout: Baptism resources to take back to our parishes
- 3.00pm      Closing Liturgy (David)