

These items are not of any particular significance to St. John's except they are good examples of items produced during and after the Second World War when good materials were extremely hard to come by.

The first gown and jacket was hand-made, embroidered and smocked, for David Garton by his Aunt Kathleen for his baptism in 1939. We have always been told that it was made from parachute silk, but are a little sceptical about this! The gown was worn by Kate for her baptism at St. John's in November 1978.

The second Christening gown was made for Bridget in 1946. All items of clothing were purchased with the aid of coupons at this time, so the material was recovered from a wedding dress which had been found in a jumble sale! Sarah wore this gown at her baptism in St. Paul's, Hills Road, in November 1976.

The shawl, made for Bridget but used also by both Sarah and Kate, was made for her by Bridget's grandmother in 1946.

Sarah with her Godmother Margaret,
November 1976.



Kate, wearing David's Christening Gown,
November 1978

