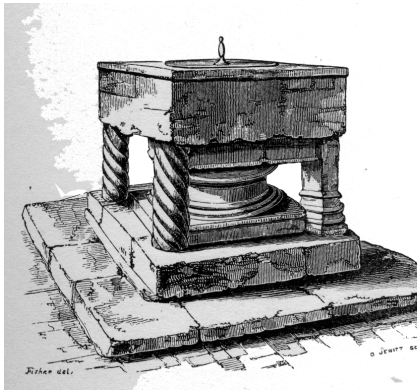


## Did You Know? An Anglican Glossary



### Baptismal Font

In the early day of the church baptism was performed by immersion in running water. Where this was impractical, a large tub was used as seen in the image of the baptism by immersion of Clovis (below left.)

The custom of baptizing by pouring or sprinkling came later when fonts replaced the baptismal tubs. The font (above left) is from Iffley Church, Oxfordshire, and is dated ca. 1140



After the Reformation a custom arose in Royal and wealthy families to baptize an infant at home by holding the infant over a silver basin.