



Name-giving Ceremonies

There is an African saying “It takes a village to raise a child”....

Name giving ceremonies have been around for a very long time and (did you realize) pre-date Christianity (and Christening’s) by centuries.

A name giving ceremony is not a baptism or a Christening, both of these are religious ceremonies and many people choose to leave those decisions to the individual later in life.

A name-giving is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the family to participate particularly older children of the family providing a wonderful opportunity to affirm their self-esteem, creating a special sense of belonging and unity with the family and an unbreakable sibling connection to a new member of the family.

It is a special occasion for your child, and for the whole family.

Paul takes special delight in making a connection between the child’s chosen names and name meanings, for instance he recently conducted a name-giving for a little girl named Airlie, described by her parents as a ‘child of the water’, and created the following words...

***‘We wish you its power and strength, the power to conquer and achieve against all odds,
We wish you its unrelenting persistence, resourcefulness and energy,
We wish you its soft soothing gentleness to gently cares and patiently mould,
We wish you its bubbling effervescence and personality,
We wish you its quality of purity,
And we wish you its power of inspirational regeneration and reinvention,
May you always be inspired and protected by the waters of this world.***

***Airlie, you are a child of the water,
May you be water to all those that you touch in your life.”***