

■ GENERATIONS: Claire Davies holds her baby daughter Francesca as her mother Carole Newman looks on

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'Without mum I couldn't have dreamed of this'

AFTER years of illness and infertility, Claire Davies poses proudly with the child the doctors said she would never have — and her mother, who made it possible.

Mrs Davies, 38, of Wheatley, gave birth to Francesca last Thursday. And one of the first people on hand to congratulate her and her husband Mark, 38, was her mother, Carole Newman, 63, who gave her daughter a life-saving kidney in 1998.

Mrs Davies said: "Without the kidney my mum gave me I could not have dreamed of this day."

Doctors had said that years of disease

made it unlikely Mrs Davies would conceive, after unsuccessful IVF treatment and seven years of trying to conceive.

She said: "We've given Francesca the middle name Patience simply because of all the patience we've had to have in waiting for her."