

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH  
ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF:**

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Full Name .....

Preferred title (if any) .....

Postal Address .....

..... Postcode .....

Email address (optional) .....

Telephone (optional) .....

I declare that -

1.  I am baptised, am a lay person and am aged 16 or over (or  
become 16\* on .....

\*\*2A.  I am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion  
with the Church of England and am resident in the parish.

**OR**

2B.  I am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion  
with the Church of England, am not resident in the parish, [but have habitually  
attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months] [and  
would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the  
preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because  
.....]\*\*\*

**OR**

2C.  I am a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion  
with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity,  
am also a member of the Church of England [and have habitually attended  
public worship in the parish during the preceding six months] [and would have  
habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six  
months but was prevented from doing so because  
.....]\*\*\*

**I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.**

Signed ..... Date .....

\*A person who is going to become 16 during the next 12 months may complete this Form, and will then be eligible to have his or her name entered on the Roll on his or her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

\*\*Tick only one of 2A, 2B or 2C

\*\*\*If you tick 2B or 2C in circumstances where a new Roll is being prepared, you must delete either the first set of words in square brackets or the second set. If you delete the first set, you must complete the second set by filling in the space at the end. See Note 3 for further information.

## **Notes**

### ***General Matters***

- 1 The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches, as listed in the Supplementary Material to the Canons (but note Rule 83(3) of Church Representation Rules, which provides for any question as to whether a particular Church is in communion with the Church of England to be decided by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York acting jointly).
- 2 Membership of the electoral roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
- 3 Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can reapply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as a habitual worshipper and have been prevented by illness or other sufficient cause from worshipping for the past six months, you should complete declaration 2B or 2C as follows -
  - (a) delete the first set of words in square brackets and
  - (b) at the end of the second set of words in square brackets, briefly state the reason for not having worshipped as mentioned.
- 4 If you have any problems with this Form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
- 5 In this Form 'parish' means ecclesiastical parish.

### *Use of email addresses and other personal data*

- 6 You do not have to provide an email address or telephone number on this Form. If you do provide either of these, the Parochial Church Council and the electoral roll officer are entitled to use that email address, and your telephone number, to communicate with you in connection with the maintenance or revision of the Roll or the preparation of a new Roll or with elections to or membership of the Council.
- 7 The Church Representation Rules impose certain requirements for your name and address to be given to a third party, such as the diocesan electoral registration officer, in connection with elections or to membership of a deanery synod, diocesan synod or the House of Laity of the General Synod. If you provide an email address on this Form, it will be given to the third party along with your postal address.
- 8 A third party to whom your name and address have been given under the Church Representation Rules is in certain cases required by the Rules to pass them on to another person, such as the presiding officer in a synodical election. If you provide an email address on this Form, that email address will be given to the other person along with your postal address.
- 9 Any person to whom your email address or other personal data is given under the Church Representation Rules is required by those Rules to hold the data securely. Furthermore, if you do provide an email address on this Form, that does not give anybody the right to use it for any purpose other than those permitted by the Rules; so it cannot, for example, be used for social matters or fund-raising.
- 10 The roll is published after each annual revision and after the preparation of a new roll. The published roll will include your name (as well as the name of every other person on the roll) but none of your other personal data (as defined by the Data Protection Act 2018) will be made public as a result of your inclusion on the roll.

## One body, the church

*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it 1 Cor 12:27*

We are the body of Christ. We become part of this body at our baptism, when we are welcomed into the family of faith. This is our being in Christ, which underpins everything else.

But being in Christ has consequences. Baptism happens just once, but being in Christ is ongoing. Openness to his promptings in the Spirit leads us to be active in our faith, in prayer, witness, giving and service. We live what we are.

Attending church and joining in worship feeds us and helps us grow as Christians. Giving money, time and talents contributes to the life of the Church.

Joining the Electoral Roll is a practical symbol of your commitment to your church and the common life of the Christians within it. Being on the roll allows you to take part in decisions that affect the church and parish, to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to stand for the Parochial Church Council.

If you have joined your church in the last year, your name will not be on your parish's Electoral Roll. We now invite you to join as a sign of your belonging.

Thank you.

Please return this form to the Electoral Roll Officer

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By ..... Thank you.

**Note:** This form may, if desired, be completed & signed electronically and submitted by email where the PCC has proved an email address (see CRR 76)