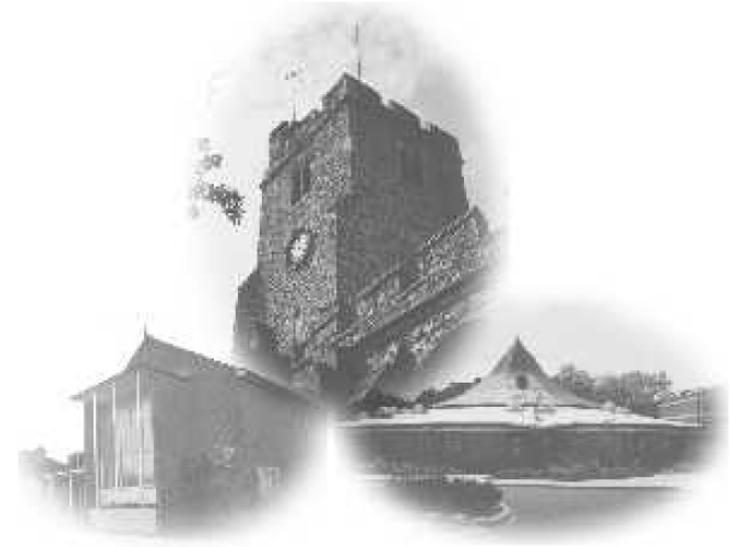


Notes

1. The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches.
2. Membership of the electoral roll is also open to lay 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 re-apply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as an habitual worshipper and have been prevented by sickness or absence or other essential reason from worshipping for the past six months, you may write 'would' before 'have habitually attended' on the form and add 'but was prevented from doing so because.....' and then state the reason.
4. If you have any problems over 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.



Church Electoral Roll

Application Form

Please retain

Welcome!

We are delighted that you are considering joining the Church Electoral Roll of your parish and extend a warm welcome to you.

Every Church of England Parish maintains a Church Electoral Roll, which amounts to a list of those who wish to be regarded as its local members. Broadly, you can join the Church Electoral Roll of a parish if you are a regular worshipper there or if you live in that parish; for further details see the form itself. (The Church Electoral Roll is NOT the same as the Register of Voters maintained by local government.)

Note for Previous Members: if you have been a Church Electoral Roll member before 2007, you will know some of the advantages to a parish and to yourself that membership bring. But you may perhaps be unclear why having already joined in the past, you are being asked to sign a new form now. This is because every six years the Roll has to be thrown away and a completely new Roll prepared - no enrolments can be "carried over" to the new Roll. 2007 is such a year; enrolments made from now on will apply until 2013.

We ask you to give careful consideration to the significance of being a member of the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

By completing the Application Form you will be signifying firstly a commitment to the Church of England, and secondly a Commitment to the work of God in your local parish. We hope you will accept the implications of that commitment: -

- i. By completing the Application Form, you signify an UNDERTAKING to the church in the parish.
- ii. This undertaking should indicate a willingness to make a CONTRIBUTION to the life of the church.
- iii. Such a contribution does not just mean "giving money", although our church naturally needs such a resource, but ideally the giving of YOURSELF.
- iv. We have all been blessed with differing abilities, differing skills, and differing talents These were given to us by God to enable us to serve Him and one another, extending the mission of the church and helping others. By giving a little of YOUR TIME, you could use YOUR ABILITY, YOUR SKILL, and YOUR TALENTS for the benefit of YOUR CHURCH.
- v. We each have a duty to follow the example of Christ in home and daily life and to bear witness to Him.

The Church of England touches the lives of vast numbers and seeks to build in every area communities of worship, love and care for all.

Please give much thought and prayer when completing and returning the Application Form, as to how you can CONTRIBUTE to the life of YOUR CHURCH; speak to one of the Clergy or Churchwardens if you have any questions.

To The Electoral Roll Officer, Rayleigh Team Ministry

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL IN THE RAYLEIGH TEAM MINISTRY

2007 - 2013 Roll

No:
Zone:
a/d/r:
Date

SURNAME			TITLE
CHRISTIAN NAMES IN FULL			
USUAL CHRISTIAN NAME			
FULL ADDRESS			POSTCODE
TELEPHONE NUMBER	Do you agree to have your details published in the CER directory? (tick one box)		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
E-MAIL ADDRESS			
WHICH SECTION OF THE ROLL?	I wish to join the HOLY TRINITY section <input type="checkbox"/> St MICHAEL'S section <input type="checkbox"/> GROVEWOOD section <input type="checkbox"/>		(tick one box)

The information you have supplied will be held on church files for use and administration of the Church Electoral Roll, within our Church. It will **not** be passed onto any organisation outside of the church

I declare that

- 1) I am baptised and am aged 16 or over (or become 16 on
- 2)
 - A. 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
 - B. I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.
 OR
 - C. I am a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the Church of England and I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

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

Signed Date

- 1 Those who become 16 during the next 12 months may complete the form and become eligible to be entered on the Roll on their sixteenth birthday.
- 2 Tick only one of the boxes 2A, B or C.

A NEW ROLL IS NEEDED EVERY 6 YEARS - YOU SHOULD RE-APPLY IN EARLY 2013.

