

Notes to Electoral Roll Form

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 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 a habitual worshipper and have been prevented by sickness or absence or other essential reason from worshipping for the last 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.

What is the Church Electoral Roll?**Why have one?**

It is your parish church's register of electors; it is the list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the elections take place for:

- a) the parochial church council;
- b) the parish's representatives on the deanery synod.

Your name must also be on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish for you to be eligible to serve on its parochial church council or as one of its representatives on the deanery synod or to be appointed a 'sidesman'.

Any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting may raise any question of parochial or general church interest.

Renewal of the electoral roll takes place in 2019 and every six years thereafter. In a year of renewal, no names are carried over from the old roll and everyone must make a new application to be included on the new roll.

What difference does it make?

By enrolling you become a voting member of the Church of England and so help to ensure that all the synodical councils of the Church – the parochial church council, the deanery synod, the diocesan synod and the General Synod – are fully representative of its members.

Synodical government gives an opportunity for partnership between bishops, clergy and laity in the life of the Church.

First, the system is intended to enable church people at every level to be in touch with the Church as a whole and to play their part in decision-making. Secondly, the system is intended to ensure that the laity have their place in every aspect of church life, including its doctrine and services.

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

Full Name: _____

Preferred title (if any): _____

Full Address: _____

Postcode: _____

1: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A or B)1A I am baptised, am a lay person, and am aged 16 or over1B I am baptised, am a lay person, and become 16 * on _____

* Those who become 16 in the next twelve months may complete the form, and become eligible to be entered on the roll on their sixteenth birthday.

2: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A, B or C)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.2B I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, **not** being a resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.2C 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: _____

Optional information

The information in the box on the front page is a statutory requirement: you *must* complete and sign it if you want your name to be on the Electoral Roll of the parish.

We would like your help to keep our parish records accurate. These pages refer to additional information about you and your household. You are not obliged to provide any of it, but by doing so you consent to our holding it. It will not be used for any purpose other than those of the Parish of Esher, and will not be disclosed to any third party. Please do not include any information you do not want the Parish to hold.

Information about you:-

Known As:

(the familiar name which you prefer to be used – for example, your first or second forename or a shortened name or nickname)

Title:

House name:

Number:

(if your house has both a name and a number, but both are not shown on the Electoral Roll form overleaf, please give both here)

email address:

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

Occupation:

Information about other members of your household who live at the same address and are *not* applying to be on the Electoral Roll. Only one member of the household needs to provide this: if it has been supplied by another member on their own form, you do not need to give it again, but please tell us who did supply it.

Provided by:

Other adults (18 or over) living at the same address:-

Full Name:

Known As:

Title:

email address:

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

Occupation:

Full Name:

Known As:

Title:

email address:

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

Occupation:

Full Name:

Known As:

Title:

email address:

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

Occupation:

Children in your household (under 18):-

Full Name:

Known As:

Date of birth:

Full Name:

Known As:

Date of birth:

Full Name:

Known As:

Date of birth:

Full Name:

Known As:

Date of birth:

Full Name:

Known As:

Date of birth:

Full Name:

Known As:

Date of birth:

If there is not enough space for all the members of your household, please continue on a blank form or attach a separate note of them.

Thank you for your help in making our records accurate