

RENEWAL OF ELECTORAL ROLL



WHAT is the Electoral Roll?

- Register of those eligible to vote for Wardens & Council; and eligible to stand for such posts.
- Sign of worshipping membership of congregation.

*WHO is eligible? (see more details overleaf)

- Regular (attending in person normally monthly) worshipping members of the congregation aged 16 or over, and who will have been attending for six months before AGM (i.e. before ??/??/25); you are baptised.

WHY join?

Advantages to you:

- Right to elect or be elected.
- Sign of membership of congregation and community.

Advantages to church:

- Most accurate record of active worshipping members of church.
- Feeds into Diocesan/C of E statistics, recording growth and decline in numbers.
- Contributes indirectly to possibility of receiving central funding.

WHAT am I committing to?

- By signing the roll – NOTHING!

WHY do I have to sign/register again?

- Part of a central Church of England (C of E) requirement every six years to ensure electoral rolls remain relatively up to date and accurate.

HOW do I join/rejoin?

Standard form provided by C of E (e-mail/website and at back of church); Name, address, signature, confirmation you have been baptised.

E-mail optional – **but** extremely helpful for CHW Churches'; we confirm data will only be used for church communication purposes.

Church affiliation – see details on back.

Leave or send signed form – see details on back.

WHO can I approach with questions?

- Electoral Roll Officer –
- Wardens

PLEASE JOIN and ENCOURAGE eligible FAMILY MEMBERS! (see below)

*ELIGIBILITY

- There are special arrangements for people who cannot attend a service in person for unavoidable reasons – most commonly ill health. We will be in touch individually with those whom we know.
- The application form is standard across the C of E and inevitably tailored towards the 40 English dioceses.

You are requested to tick one of three boxes describing your church affiliation. If you have been attending St Thomas Colnbrook, St Michaels Horton or St Andrews Wraysbury for several years, and providing you feel comfortable with ticking this box, you are de facto 'Church of England' - for people currently on the roll, normally (2.b);

if you have come recently from a different church tradition, the important factor is that it recognises the TRINITY (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit), and you are comfortable considering your worship in one of the three churches in the United Benefice of CHW Churches as being part of the Church of England.

If completing by hand – please write in CAPS, underline your family name, add name by which you are commonly known, if different.

If filling in online, please note form must be signed.

Please complete one form per person, not by family.

CONTACT DETAILS/DATA PROTECTION

- The Electoral Roll with **names only** and in hard copy is required to be displayed once a year before each AGM.
- All other contact details will be kept securely on the church data base and accessed only by authorized church 'officers' for purposes of communication directly with you on behalf of the church.
- It is very **helpful** for the church to have your **e-mail** address, if you are prepared to provide it, as this reduces the administrative time and cost in sending mandatory information to you, for example the notice of AGM meetings and the statutory documents.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH COMPLETED FORMS?

- Give hard copy signed to one of the people mentioned overleaf, or put in labelled box at the back of the church; (this will be removed after each service for security).
- E-mail **signed** completed copy to: Office@CHWChurches.org

DEADLINE

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