

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF HORSHAM

Full name

Preferred Title (if any)

Full Address and Post Code

E-mail address

Telephone Number.....

The Church I attend is

I declare that

1 I am baptized 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.....

* 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

‡Tick one only of boxes A B or C

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 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.

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

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 2014 and ever 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.