

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.

When completed please return this form to

Church Electoral Roll Officer

Margaret Nicholas

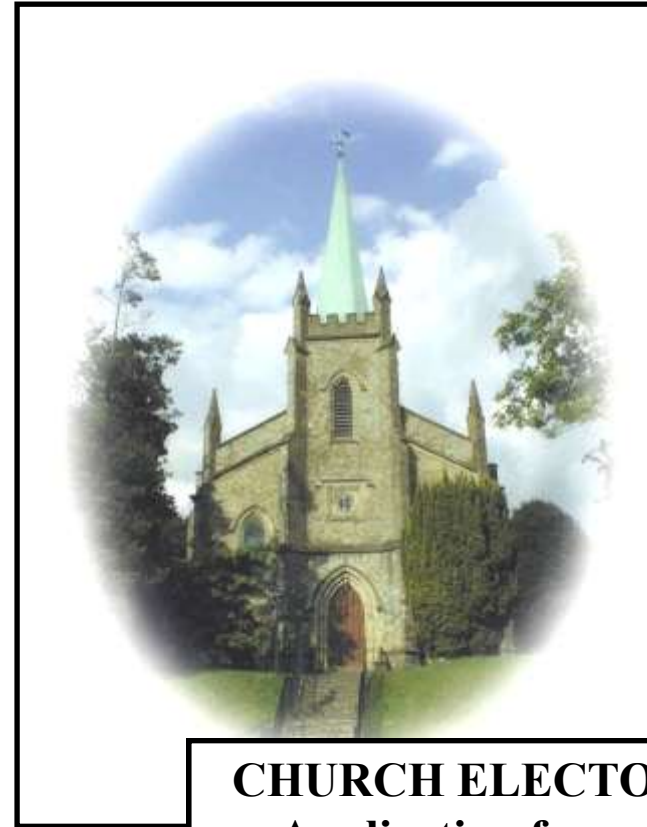
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CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL **Application for membership**

Renewal of the Church Electoral Roll takes place every six years. In years 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. Please read the notes overleaf and if you wish to be counted as a member of your parish, please complete the form.

What it means to be a Church Member

This cannot be reduced to a set of rules, because there are bound to be diversities of individual calling to say nothing of our own blindness and sin - but within the corporate life of the one Body of Christ we can set down guidelines if we are to acknowledge the Church as a many-splendoured organism.

Within the life of the Body of Christ, Christians in general accept:

- * A commitment to belonging in love, unity and forgiveness to all other Christians, beginning with the members of their own local congregation.
- * A commitment to regular, corporate, renewing worship.
- * A commitment to learning the Christian faith so that there is deepening confidence in what they believe and why.
- * A commitment to putting Christian faith into action both in general and in the particular circumstances of their own life and work.
- * A commitment to service within the Church and in the wider community.
- * A commitment to take a responsible share in resourcing the Church and through regular and generous giving, support its work, understood in the widest sense.
- * A commitment to growth in holiness.

The Electoral Roll

This is the official membership list of the Church of England and anyone baptised and over the age of sixteen is entitled to be included if they live in the parish or attend the church. It gives the right to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the elections take place for the parochial church council and for the parish's representatives on the deanery synod.

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

Please complete, and sign, the simple form opposite - then return it to your Church Electoral Roll Officer whose name is on the reverse.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF RIVERHEAD WITH DUNTON GREEN

NAME.....

FULL ADDRESS.....

.....POST CODE.....

TEL. NO.....

I declare that

1 I am baptised 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.

2b 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.

2c I am a member of good standing (*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 birthday.

Tick **one only** of boxes 2a,b,c.