

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF MINCHINHAMPTON WITH BOX

Title **Surname**

First Names

Full Address **Post Code**

Tel. No. **e-mail address**

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 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.

Please tick the box if you DO NOT wish your details to be held on the Electoral Roll database

Please tick the box if you DO NOT wish your details to be held on the Parish Directory

If you are under 18, your details are NEVER available to others. Please enter your date of birth if you are under 18.

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 2A, B or C.

OR Please remove my name from the Electoral Roll for the following reason(s):

1 I have moved from the area

2 I now worship within the Parish of and wish to transfer to the Electoral Roll of that Parish

3 Other

Signed Date

Please return to: Mrs Jackie Natt, Windyat, Cirencester Road, Minchinhampton, GL6 9EQ

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 the 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.

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.

Should I be on the Electoral Roll?

If you are a regular worshipping member of Holy Trinity Church, Minchinhampton or St. Barnabas, Box you should seriously consider saying "Yes" – and fill in the form!