

# THE PARISH OF ST GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST WITH ST PAUL

## *Application for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll*

Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred title (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Full address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ ☎ [for clergy information only - not for publication] \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that

**1** I am baptized and aged 16 years or over (or, become 16 on \_\_\_\_\_) [see note 1]

**2** tick one only of boxes 2A, B or C

**A** I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) [see note 2] and am resident on the parish

or

**B** I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) [see note 2] 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. [see note 3]

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. [see note 3]

I declare the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

signed \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

### Notes

1. 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.
2. The only churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches. Members of other denominations may enrol if they can make declaration 2C.
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. (See overleaf for details.)
5. In this form, "parish" means ecclesiastical parish. ▶▶

## What is the Church Electoral Roll?

### Why have one?

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

- the parochial church council
- the parish's representatives on the deanery synod.

Any person entitled to attend the Annual Meeting may raise questions of parochial or general church interest.

Renewal of the electoral roll takes place in 2007 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 council, the deanery synod, the diocesan synod and the General Synod – are fully representative of all 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.

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By including your name on the Electoral Roll, you are saying that:

- I support the Church of England and its work in my parish
- I am making a commitment to my parish church
- I will take a responsible share in supporting and developing the mission and ministry of the church in my parish through regular giving

*please tick here if you would like details of the envelope scheme or other methods of Gift Aid*

- I will give not just money, but MYSELF - my time and skills - to God, in service both within the church and in the wider community.

*Completed forms may given in after any service, emailed to <office@stgite.org.uk> or posted to the Electoral Roll Officer, St George-in-the-East Church, Cannon Street Road, London E1 0BH (☎ 020 7481 1345)*