

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

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- 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, or posted to the Electoral Roll Officer,
St George-in-the-East Church, Cannon Street Road, London E1 0BH (☎ 020 7481 1345)*