

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE
CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF
THE PARISH OF SAFFRON WALDEN**

Please tick the church(es) in which you habitually worship ^{Note 1:}:

St Mary's
Saffron Walden

St John's
Little Walden

St James
Sewards End

Full name: _____

Title, Christian name(s) and surname

Full address: _____

_____ Postcode _____

I declare that

1. I am baptized and am aged 16 or over
(or become 16 ^{Note 2} on _____)

2. ^{Note 3}

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 _____

Your completed form should be returned by 10th March 2019

in the envelope provided

or to a warden or sidesman at church

or directly to the Parish Electoral Roll Officer:

Clifford Want, St Mary's Parish Office, Church Path,

Saffron Walden, CB10 1JP

Notes:

- 1 Those whose name is on the electoral roll of the Parish of Saffron Walden, who live in Sewards End or Little Walden and/or habitually worship in St James or St John's will have additional rights to attend and vote at meetings in those churches.
- 2 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.
- 3 Tick one only of boxes 2A, B or C
- 4 Additional optional contact information: it will help us to keep in contact if you also complete the enclosed Consent Form
- 5 The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign churches.
- 6 Membership of the electoral roll is also open to members of 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 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.
- 9 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. This year's meeting is on 7th April 2019.

Renewal of the electoral roll takes place in 2019 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 church council, the deanery synod, and the General Synod - are fully representative of its members.

Synodical Government

- gives an opportunity for partnership and collaboration between bishops, clergy and laity in the life of the Church:
- enables church people at every level to be in touch with the Church as a whole and to play their part in decision- making.
- ensures that the laity have their place in every aspect of church life, including its doctrine and services.