

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.



PARISH OF
St Mary's, Goudhurst

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every Parish Church has to have an *Electoral Roll* - a list of the people who consider themselves to be part of that Church community. Any baptised member of the Church of England who is over 16 and who lives in the parish has a right to be on the Roll. Anyone living outside the parish can join the Electoral Roll if they have worshipped in the church for 6 months.

Being on the Electoral Roll gives you a right to attend the Annual Parochial Council Meeting and to elect the Church Wardens and other Church Officers. More importantly than that, it is a way of expressing your belonging to the Church community.

If you would like more information about the Electoral Roll, or what it means to join it, please speak to Rev Hugh Nelson on 01580 211739 or hugh.nelson@ymail.com

Please leave your completed form in the box at the back of church or post it to **Becky Addis, The Church Office, The Vicarage, Back Lane, Goudhurst, TN17 1AN**

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the church electoral roll of the parish.

To be on the Electoral Roll, you must meet one of the following criteria.

Please tick the appropriate box

Full name _____

Preferred title (if any) _____

Full address _____

Postcode _____

Email _____

1 I am baptized 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 a resident in the parish.

2B I am a member of the Church of England (or 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 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.

Signed: _____

Date: _____