

Application for enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll

Joining the St Ebbe's Electoral Roll is a sign of your commitment to be a member of the St Ebbe's family. It also brings entitlement to certain legal benefits, including the opportunity to speak and vote at our annual meetings (and to get married at St Ebbe's).

According to the structures of the Church of England, the greater the number on our Roll, the greater our democratic influence over decisions. So, at a time like this with many challenges, it is perhaps never more important that our voice be heard. We encourage everyone who regularly attends St Ebbe's to be on the Roll.

Deciding whether to join the roll also gives an opportunity to think through what it means to belong to St Ebbe's.

Following Christ demands real commitment, and that commitment in part is to his people. Being part of the St Ebbe's Church family involves a two-way commitment. We as a church commit:

- to help you grow in Christ,
- to support you in need,
- to encourage you in your service of Christ.

The commitment we ask from individuals includes:

A commitment to regular attendance: Ideally both to a particular congregation (or possibly two congregations), and some kind of small group where you can get to know a few people, be supported by them and encourage them. Obviously there will be exceptional times when it's not possible to attend regularly.

A commitment to pray: For the church leadership, for small group members, and the wider work of the Church. We would strongly encourage you to make a priority of the monthly prayer meeting.

A commitment to serve: The body grows as each part does its work (Eph.4:16). If you are unsure what part you might play, do speak to a congregation leader.

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A commitment to give: In a planned and prayerful way. If you have any questions about giving or our finances pick up a copy of our booklet “Giving to Support Gospel Work at St Ebbe’s” or find out more on the website: www.stebbes.org.

Having your name on our Church Electoral Roll is one of the ways by which individuals indicate their commitment to this particular church.

So, if you regard St Ebbe’s as your church family (even if only during term time), are baptised* and meet one of the other eligibility requirements in the form opposite, then we warmly encourage you to join our new Church Electoral Roll. Please complete the Electoral Roll Application Form today, returning it ASAP (via the means detailed below).

**If you believe and trust in Jesus as your only Lord and Saviour but are not already baptised, please speak to your congregation leader about making this public confession of your faith. Also, please speak to them if you do not yet believe but would like to learn more about Jesus.*

Please return this application form to:

The Electoral Roll Officer
c/o St Ebbe’s Church Office,
2 Roger Bacon Lane,
Oxford, OX1 1QE.

Or
c/o St Ebbe’s Headington Church
Office, 21 Latimer Road,
Headington, OX3 7PG.

Or put it in one of the collection boxes at a service

To be eligible to vote at the next Annual Meeting your application must be received by the date published in notices around St Ebbe’s in March and April each year.

Please see displayed notices for closing date for applications before the next Annual Meeting



PARISH OF ST EBBE with HOLY TRINITY and ST PETER LE BAILEY, OXFORD

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Full Name _____
Preferred title (if any) _____
Full Address _____
Post Code _____

1: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A or B)

1A [] I am baptised and am aged 16 or over
1B [] I am baptised and become 16* on _____
*Those who become 16 in the next twelve months may complete the form and become eligible to be entered on the roll on their sixteenth birthday.

2: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A, B or C)

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.

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

Signed Date

Please see overleaf

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 a 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 an ecclesiastical parish.