



# DIOCESE OF OXFORD

Serving Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF BARKHAM

Full Name .....

Full Address .....

..... Post Code .....

I declare that

1 I am baptised and am aged 16 or over (or become 16\* on .....

2† 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 .....

\* 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.

† Tick one only of boxes A, B or C.

### **Additional Information (This is optional and is not part of the statutory form)**

We encourage everyone completing this form to be listed in the Church Directory. It would be very helpful if you would tick one of the following statements

- I am already in the church directory and my details are up to date
- I am already in the church directory but my details need revising (please provide details separately)
- I am not in the church directory but would like to be (you will be given an application form)
- I do not wish to appear in the church directory

## 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.

- *The information collected on this form will be retained by your parish's Electoral Roll Officer. Information other than name and postal address falls beyond the scope of the Church Electoral Roll.*
- *The Church Electoral Roll is your parish's record of those qualified to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to vote in elections to the parochial church council (PCC) and the deanery synod.*
- *Any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting may also raise any question of parochial or general church interest.*
- *If you enrol on the Church Electoral Roll you become a voting member of the Church of England and so help to ensure that the PCC, your deanery synod, the Oxford Diocesan Synod and the General Synod are fully representative of the Church's members.*
- *Anyone wishing to stand for election to the parochial church council or deanery synod must have had his or her name entered on the Church Electoral Roll for not less than six months prior to the election (except in the case of those under the age of eighteen). He or she must also be at least sixteen years of age and an 'actual communicant' as defined in rule 54(1) of the Church Representation Rules.*

### **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.*