

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL
OF THE PARISH OF:
TARPORLEY (0515)**

Title.....Full NameKnown As.....

Full Home Address

.....Postcode.....

Home Phone Number+..... Mobile Number+.....

Email address+

I declare that:

1. I am baptised and am aged 16 or over (or become 16 on)
2. *(Tick only one of boxes A, B or C)*
 - A I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and I am resident in the parish.
 - B I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, **not** being a resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.
 - 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

+ *Phone numbers and email address are not required, but would be helpful for contacting you.*
^ *Those who become 16 during the next twelve months may complete the form, and will become eligible to be entered on the roll on their sixteenth birthday.*

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 last 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 contact the Electoral Roll Officer, who will be pleased to help you.
5. In this form, 'parish' means ecclesiastical parish.

What is the Church Electoral Roll?

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 (APCM) may raise any question of parochial or general church interest. Renewal of the electoral roll takes place every six years (2013, 2019 etc). 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, the diocesan synod and the General Synod – are fully representative of 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. Church regulations require all parishes to keep a Church Electoral Roll, which the church's register of electors qualified to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

How do I get on the Electoral Roll?

If you wish to be included, please fill in an electoral roll form (a separate one for each person) as soon as possible, and return it to the Electoral Roll Officer.

How do I get off the Electoral Roll?

You may join or leave the roll at any time (except for the two weeks preceding an APCM). When completing the form, it would be most helpful if you could include your post code, telephone number, and if you would like to be contacted electronically, an email address.

How safe is my information?

The information on the form will be stored in a computer system under the provisions of the 1998 Data Protection Act. We may use this information to contact you from time to time about church matters, but it will not be made available to any third party. If you do NOT wish to be on the Parish mailing list, please inform the Electoral Roll Officer.

We believe it is important that everyone who values their connection with Tarporley Parish, and fulfils the qualifications shown on the form, should be on the roll, and we look forward to receiving your completed form.