

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH
OF ST MARY'S WELWYN AND ST MICHAEL'S WOOLMER GREEN**

Registered Charity No. 1130415

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**not mandatory but would be helpful in relation to church planning*

This information will be kept securely and only used for church business. We will not share your data with third parties and you may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the ER Officer (details below). If you fall ill or require pastoral care it is important the clergy has contact details for you.

- I am happy to be contacted by email/telephone/post on church-related matters
(delete any that do not apply)

I declare that:

1 I am baptised and am aged 16 or over (or become 16 on _____)

and

2 Tick **one only** of the following boxes:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 this parish.

Signed _____ Date _____

What is the Electoral Roll?

It's the list of names and addresses of every person who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting (APCM). At St Mary's and St Michael's we also use it to help in planning, and for the clergy and others involved in running the church to have contact details of our parishioners at their fingertips. St Albans Diocese uses the numbers on our Electoral Roll to help determine our Parish Share (see below). *This is the Ecclesiastical Electoral Roll and not to be confused with the Civic Electoral Roll administered by the Council – they are two different things!*

Who can be on it?

Anyone who is baptised and over 16 provided they live in the parish or have worshipped at the church regularly for six months. Every six years a new Roll is prepared and those currently on it informed so 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, absence or other essential reason from worshipping for the past six months please indicate this on the form, together with the reason. There is no clear definition of 'Regular Worshipper' but as a guide it probably means at least once a month.

Does it commit me to anything?

No!

How can I be more involved in the church?

Being on the Electoral Roll gives you the right to be a sidesperson, be voted onto the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and vote at the APCM. For many people that will lead to a greater involvement and support for the week-to-week work of the church.

How can I show support for the church?

At its heart support for the church is our response to God's love. It is *spiritual* (through prayer and regular participation in worship services), *practical* (through the week to week activities which support the life and ministry of the church) and *financial* (in contributing to the financial resources for the parish).

What about financial support?

Such support is very much welcomed, although there is absolutely no church 'membership fee' and people may contribute whatever is within their means.

Where do church funds come from? What is the Parish Share?

There is no Government funding for the church nationally, so funds for the day-to-day running of the church to support its ministry, mission and buildings is provided by the local congregations. Annually each parish is asked to pay its Parish Share to the Diocese which goes towards the cost of clergy stipends, pensions and housing. In 2019 our Parish Share is £8,660 per month for St Mary's and £1,360 for St Michael's.

What is the best way of giving to the church

There are many ways you can give financially and details are given in a leaflet available in the churches – but do please ask if you would like to discuss this further. You may also like to consider giving your time to help with the wide range of church activities.