



# DIOCESE OF OXFORD

Serving Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF CAVERSHAM THAMESIDE AND MAPLEDURHAM

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.

I nominate the following as my main place of worship

A St John the Baptist

Or

B St Peter's

Or

C St Margaret's

## 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 Church Electoral Roll is your parish’s register of those qualified to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to vote in elections to the parochial church council 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 all the synodical councils of the Church – the Parochial Church Council, your Deanery Synod, the Oxford Diocesan Synod and the General Synod – are fully representative of its members.*
- *In 2013, and every six years thereafter, a new electoral roll will be prepared from scratch. In those years, no names are carried over from the old roll and everyone must apply for inclusion on the new roll.*

### **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.*