



For all those who have recently joined us, or those who did not quite get round to filling in the form in 2016.

"Count me in"

A user-friendly guide to the electoral roll

Tell us you belong,
tell us you serve,
Tell us you support,
and....

Living for Jesus

Loving one another

Setting a table for the world

"What is the electoral roll....? Why do you need one....? How do I join it....? Should I join it....? Who can be on it...? Should I be on it....?"

These questions, and many more, often crop up each year around the Annual Parish Church Meeting. With good reason too! Combine the complexity of Church of England law with a number of new people with little or no experience of church, let alone the Church of England, and you'll see why.

The bottom line is this. If you attend Trinity Churches regularly, and would like to declare and grow in your commitment to God's work here, then you may like to join the electoral roll.

“I belong....”

Electoral Rolls should provide a true indication of the real membership and strength of the church both locally and nationally. Putting your name on the roll is a way of saying "I belong"; it is an act of commitment to your local church and to the church as a whole. It is also an important statement of witness, and a step along the path of discipleship. With your name on the electoral roll the strength of the church can be seen in the parish, the town, and the diocese. We are a church growing in numbers and the electoral roll also allows us to demonstrate this to the world.

“I serve....”

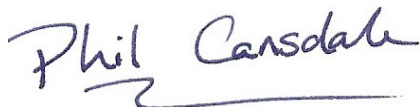
Joining the electoral roll opens up the way for greater involvement in the life of the church, at deanery, diocesan and national levels. You become entitled to vote at the Annual Parish Church Meeting, and become eligible to join the church committees and PCC.

“I support....”

Joining the electoral roll is also a statement of active and ongoing support for the church. This may mean different things for different people, but includes getting involved in the purpose we share across the parish of “living for Jesus, loving one another, and setting a table for the world.”

If you filled in this form in 2016 there is no need to do so again as you are already on the electoral roll . If you are not sure whether your name appears, or have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me, or the Acting Electoral Roll Officer, William Small via the Church Office on 01743 362 399.

Lastly some **Data Protection** reassurance. We will hold the information you give us on a secure, password protected church database, but we will not pass it onto anyone else.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Cansdale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath the name.

Phil Cansdale, Vicar

P.S. What's in a name? We often use the name “Trinity Churches” for the many different areas of ministry and mission in the parish, but the form uses our longer legal parish name— don't worry, they are one and the same place!

ONE FORM PER PERSON PLEASE

Church Representation Rules 1(2) (Appendix 1)

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL
OF THE PARISH OF MEOLE BRACE** (including the churches of Holy Trinity Meole
Brace, Christ the King Radbrook Green and the Church in the Meet Place, Meole Estate).

Title: _____ First name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Tel. _____ Email _____

I declare that:

1. I am baptised and am aged 16 or over

(or, become 16 on.....)

AND

2a. 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 2b. 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 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.

Tick **one only** of boxes 2(a), (b) or (c).



Which church in the parish do you primarily belong to (*please tick one*)?

Holy Trinity

Christ the King

For members of Holy Trinity only (including the Church in the Meet Place), which congregation do you primarily attend? (*please tick one or more*)

CMP

9 am

10.45 am

6.30 pm

Thurs10am

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the Parish of Holy Trinity Meole Brace with Christ the King Radbrook Green

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Notes

* 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.

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 reapply. 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 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.

*Please complete the form and return to the Church Office or send it to:
**The Church Office,
Trinity Centre, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury SY3 9HF***

To ensure inclusion on the new electoral roll for the 2017 Annual Parish Church Meeting this form must be completed by 15th April 2017 at the latest.