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Join In

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The 2023 Electoral Roll,
and keeping in touch





Life at Trinity Churches

We are a thriving community of Christians in Shrewsbury made up of Holy Trinity Meole Brace, Christ the King Radbrook and The Church in the Meet Place. Together we are a Church of England parish with a big heart for people and an even bigger heart for God



“Join Us”. The 2023 Electoral Roll

The Electoral roll is a really important way of saying “I belong” to the life of the church, both locally and nationally. It seeks to be an indication of the strength of church life, recording the amazing family of God who make up churches across England seeking to be a Christian presence in every community.



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



In 2019 we did a complete “reboot” of the electoral roll and started again. So this year we only need NEW people to join the roll.



“Join In” – 2023 keeping in touch

Alongside the Electoral Roll we want to be a local church where people can grow faith, belong with others, and use their gifts. To help us do that we want to be able to keep in touch with you, and have the most accurate contact details we can.

We'd love you to fill in the “Join in” form as well as the Electoral Roll form:



My contact details

Please let us have your contact details, plus telephone and email. You're also invited to tick the “email communication” box which will allow you to receive occasional emails from the church office about particular aspects of life at Trinity Churches.



My places of belonging

It's really helpful to know where some of the services and groups are which you link up with, or which you attend regularly.



My connecting with others

Along with many other churches we use an online church member system called “ChurchSuite.” Via a secure website this allows individuals to update their personal information, see customised events coming up, keep track of church communications, check rotas, share small group resources, and monitor aspects of their giving. It also allows you to see selected details of other church members who give permission for their contact details to be visible in a secure church directory.



My “next steps”

Hundreds of people are already involved in the life of Trinity Churches. Thankyou. Especially if you're new or still looking to belong more fully, how might we help you more? Let us know and one of the team will be in touch with you about particular aspects of the life of the church.

2023. Join Us. And Join In.



Please ALL fill in section 1 (Your details). Then complete either or both Section 2 (Electoral Roll) and Section 3 (Joining in)

Section 1. Your details

Title: First name(s):

Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Section 2. Electoral Roll of the parish of Meole Brace

I would like to join the Electoral Roll.

I declare that:

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

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 6 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.

Which church in the parish do you primarily belong to?

Holy Trinity Christ the King

Church in the Meet Place

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

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:

Section 3. Joining in at Trinity Churches

Further details so that we can keep in touch with you, and find ways to get you connected in with more of the life of the Church

My phone and email contact details



Landline:

Mobile:

Email:

- Yes please, I would like to receive occasional emails from the Church Office about the life of Trinity Churches, and recognise that I can opt out at any time I wish. *(please tick)*

My places of belonging



Which services or groups do you belong to – or attend regularly - across the life of Trinity Churches? *(please tick all that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 9am Holy Trinity | <input type="checkbox"/> Midweek service at Holy Trinity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 11am at Holy Trinity | <input type="checkbox"/> Midweek hospitality, incl Café Connect |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 6.30pm at Holy Trinity | <input type="checkbox"/> Messy Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 10.30am at Christ the King | <input type="checkbox"/> Toddler Groups and Midweek Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Meet Place, Meole Estate | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/> |

My connecting with others (ChurchSuite)



Along with many other churches we use an online church member system called "ChurchSuite."

- I would like you to email me a secure personalised login so I can access ChurchSuite for myself
- I give permission for my contact details to be visible to other agreed church members granted access to the secure church directory. *(Please tick all below you are happy to be made visible to other church members. Settings can be changed at any time via ChurchSuite)*

Name

Address

Phone

Mobile

Email:

My "next steps"



Hundreds of people are already involved in the life of Trinity Churches. How might we help you more? Let us know and one of the team will be in touch with you about particular aspects of the life of the church. *(please tick all that apply)*

- servicing** on a Sunday service team
- joining** a small group
- praying** for things that are going on
- giving** regularly to the church
- meeting up** with a member of the ministry team to discuss this further

My agreement



Signed:

Date:

The small print about the Electoral Roll



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 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 speak to the Electoral Roll Officer, a member of the staff team, or the Church Office who will be pleased to help you.
5. In this form, “parish” means ecclesiastical parish.

Your data which we keep



The security of your personal information is something we take very seriously, and we do our best to protect the privacy of anyone whose data is entrusted to us. Copies of our Data Privacy notice are available in church, as well as on our website. If you have any questions or queries then please contact the Church Office.

Please complete and return this form to:

**The Church Office, The Trinity Centre, Church Rd,
Meole Brace, Shrewsbury SY3 9HF.**

For more info please telephone: 01743 362399, or email: info@trinitychurches.org.

You can also download additional forms – and view other relevant paperwork – on our website at www.trinitychurches.org/ER



Frequently asked questions

Do I have to join the electoral roll – or complete the “keeping in touch” form – to come to church?

No, everyone is always welcome. But we do reckon that good pastoral work is supported by good administration, and so part of being a caring church and a growing church is to know “who belongs where”.

I’ve filled in the electoral roll form before. Do I have to complete it again?

No. If you completed the form since 2019 then you won’t need to do so again this year. To check whether you are on the roll – and that your details are up to date – you can contact the Church Office.

What do you do with any information I give you?

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You’ve got my email address. Does this mean I get bombarded with emails?

We do send out weekly emails to particular groups of people about the life of Trinity Churches. In addition to that are normally one-off emails about special events like Christmas and Easter. You can opt out at any time you wish. We will never pass your contact details on to anyone else.

What is this online “ChurchSuite” all about?

We fully recognise that ChurchSuite won’t be for everyone, and not everyone has email or internet access. That’s fine! But a number of churches have found it a helpful resource. A bit like signing in online to your BT or energy supplier, you can amend contact details, see what’s on, and if people have given permission see other church members in an online directory. For those on rotas in time you’ll be able to sort availability and rota commitments, and you can even upload a smiling picture of yourself! There’s also an app for mobile phone users.

I have children. Where do they fit into all of this?

Children and young people are an integral part of the life of the church. If you are over 16, or turning 16 over the course of this next year, you’re able to join the electoral roll. We have a number of other ways of recording info for children so there is no need to complete the “Join in – keeping in touch” form for them. Parents will be able to amend details of their own children within their ChurchSuite login, and for safeguarding reasons we won’t be making any contact details of children or young people publicly available.

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