

**What is your ethnic group?**

Choose one section from (a) to (e) then tick the appropriate box to indicate your cultural background

- (a) **White**
  - British
  - Irish
  - Any other White background

*please write in below*

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- (b) **Mixed**
  - White and Black Caribbean
  - White and Black African
  - White and Asian
  - Any other Mixed background

*please write in below*

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- (c) **Asian or Asian British**
  - Indian
  - Pakistani
  - Bangladeshi
  - Any other Asian background

*please write in below*

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- (d) **Black or Black British**
  - Caribbean
  - African
  - Any other Black background

*please write in below*

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- (e) **Chinese or other ethnic group**
  - Chinese
  - Any other

*please write in below*

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**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH  
ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF  
ST. ANNE, CHINGFORD**

Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Full address \_\_\_\_\_

Post code \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that

1  I am baptised and am aged 16 or over,  
(or, become 16\* on \_\_\_\_\_ )

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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 2A, B or C.

## 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 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 ecclesiastical parish.

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## What is the Church Electoral Roll?

### Why have one?

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 may raise any question of parochial or general church interest.

Renewal of the electoral roll takes place in 2007 and every six years thereafter. 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.

## Collection of Statistics on Ethnic Origin

Following a motion passed by General Synod, the Church of England undertook a survey of the ethnicity of its members in 2002 at the same time that the electoral roll was being completely revised. We are repeating the survey in 2007 in order to see how representative our electoral rolls have become five years on. We also wish to establish how ethnically inclusive our church councils, churchwardens, deanery synod representatives and other leadership structures have become.

In order to collect the information about ethnicity we are using a detachable form included with the application form for enrolment on the church electoral roll at the same time as the preparation of the electoral roll for 2007. The form can be found on the reverse of this note. It is set out in exactly the same way as the question on ethnic origins included in the national government 2001 census.

For the purpose of complying with the Data Protection Act 1998 the diocese declares that this form will only be used to compile statistics on the ethnic origins of the Electoral Roll across the diocese. It will not be used to identify the ethnic origin of any individual and your ethnic origin will not be marked against your name on the electoral roll. No other information will be compiled using this form. You need not write your name on this part of the form and are asked only to complete the relevant section. The form will then be detached, to protect your anonymity, and used only to compile the statistics. Statistics relating to membership of church councils, churchwardens, deanery synod representatives and clergy will be collected separately.

The diocese hopes that you will be able to contribute to this important exercise by completing the form. Nevertheless you are under no obligation to do so and your application for enrolment is not dependent on its completion. If you have completed the form you may either pass it on with the electoral roll application form or detach it and submit the two forms separately to the electoral roll officer.

Thank you very much for your co-operation in this matter which is important to our church.