

Do you see PPT as 'your church'?



If you worship regularly at PPT and want to see the work of the gospel to flourish, we encourage you to stand up and be counted! Joining the Electoral Roll is a way of showing your commitment to the church. Joining does not mean that you agree with everything the Church of England does or says nationally. It just shows your commitment to Christ's people here.

Every six years the Church of England requires us to make a new list, or 'Electoral Roll' of its active members. Members may vote in the election of the Parochial Church Council, and the number of members also affects the number of representatives to Deanery Synod, which is the next tier of the governance of the Church of England. The Diocese does not use the Electoral Roll to determine the level of Common Fund, so there is no financial benefit to 'keeping numbers down'. It just means we are under-represented in church decision-making.

The Church of England has a rather fuzzy definition of 'membership'. If you are confused by the 3 categories on the form, remember that the Church of England officially regards everyone who has been baptised or confirmed in the C of E as a member. But what matters is that you have been baptised somewhere, are over 16 (or will be 16 this year) and worship with us regularly, whether you think of yourself as 'C of E', Methodist, Baptist or no particular denomination - just a Christian! If you see yourself as an active and committed Christian in this church, then you should complete this form.

If you filled in this form last year, you do not need to fill it again this year! If you wish to join for the first time, you must complete Part A of the enclosed form. You must provide your name and address, but when the Electoral Roll is published, only names will be included. **This form must be returned by 7 May.**

If you wish to receive a copy of PPT's ***Church Family Roll***, with phone and email details of other church members, please complete part B. These details are for personal use only and must not be shared outside the congregation. It will help the PCC greatly if you also complete the statistical details in part C, which will be held securely on the office computer.

As we prepare for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Saturday 29 May we will be publishing reports of our progress over the last year and plans for the future. The season of Lent is a good time to review how you show your commitment to Christ and his church in practical ways of praying, serving and giving.

yours in Christ

Graham



NOTES

General matters

1. The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches, as listed in the Supplementary Material to the Canons (but note Rule 83(3) of the Church Representation Rules, which provides for any question as to whether a particular Church is in communion with the Church of England to be decided by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York acting jointly).
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 a habitual worshipper and have been prevented by illness or other sufficient cause from worshipping for the past six months, you should complete declaration 2B or 2C as follows—
 - (a) delete the first set of words in square brackets, and
 - (b) at the end of the second set of words in square brackets, briefly state the reason for not having worshipped as mentioned.
4. If you have any problems with 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.

Use of email addresses and other personal data

6. You do not have to provide an email address on this Form. If you do provide one, the Parochial Church Council and the electoral roll officer are entitled to use that email address to communicate with you in connection with the maintenance or revision of the Roll or the preparation of a new Roll or with elections to or membership of the Council.
7. The Church Representation Rules impose certain requirements for your name and address to be given to a third party, such as the diocesan electoral registration officer, in connection with elections to or membership of a deanery synod, diocesan synod or the House of Laity of the General Synod. If you provide an email address on this Form, it will be given to the third party along with your postal address.
8. A third party to whom your name and address have been given under the Church Representation Rules is in certain cases required by the Rules to pass them on to another person, such as the presiding officer in a synodical election. If you provide an email address on this Form, that email address will be given to the other person along with your postal address.
9. Any person to whom your email address or other personal data is given under the Church Representation Rules is required by those Rules to hold the data securely. Furthermore, if you do provide an email address on this Form, that does not give anybody the right to use it for any purpose other than those permitted by the Rules; so it cannot, for example, be used for social matters or fund-raising.
10. The roll is published after each annual revision and after the preparation of a new roll. The published roll will include your name (as well as the name of every other person on the roll) but none of your other personal data (as defined by the Data Protection Act 2018) will be made public as a result of your inclusion on the roll.

Please note that the Electoral Roll of the Parish Church has no connection with your rights to vote in Local or General Elections, nor does it confer any right or privilege regarding burial in the Churchyard.



PART A (must be completed and returned by 7 May 2021)

Application for enrolment on the church electoral roll of the parish of St Peter, Paul and Thomas of Canterbury, Bovey Tracey.

Preferred Title:

Full Name:

Address:

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Postcode:

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.

2B. I am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England, am not resident in the parish, [but have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months] [and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because

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OR

2C. I am a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, am also a member of the Church of England [and have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months] [and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because

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I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

I consent to my data being retained by PPT in accordance with the GDPR and PPT's GDPR Privacy Notice 2018 (a copy of which can be found on the church website pptbovey.org.uk).

Signed

Dated

* 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.

