

# Joining the Church Electoral Roll (Chadbrook Benefice)

If you're a regular worshipper in Alpheton, Lawshall, Long Melford or Shimpling, or part of our 4 o'clock Community, please consider joining the Electoral Roll. Joining the Electoral Roll indicates your commitment to our church community and to the vision of the church. The Electoral Roll is one indicator of the strength of the church in our local area, and more widely.

## What is the Electoral Roll?

The Church Electoral Roll is the register of people who are entitled to vote in the annual elections and to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC), and Deanery Synod. It also acts informally as a 'membership list' for the church.

Every six years completely new Church Electoral Rolls are prepared, and this is due in 2025. This means that even if you have been on the electoral roll in previous years you will need to complete a **new form** or **respond to this online form** if you wish to remain on the roll. If you are not already on the roll, then this gives you an excellent opportunity to join!

There is no cost and we encourage everyone who regularly worships with us to join the electoral roll.

Just to avoid potential confusion ... The Church Electoral Roll is completely separate from the civic electoral rolls which are used for local and national government elections.

## Who is eligible?

Under the national rules of the Church of England, you are entitled to have their name included on the roll of our parish if:

- you are baptised ('christened'), and
- you are aged 16 or over, and
- you regularly attend worship in the parish or they live in the parish, and
- you declare themselves to be a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England

## Who do I ask if I need help?

Feel free to ask one of the clergy, our administrator Vicky (chadbrookoffice@gmail.com) or Mary MacDonald (mary5loudonc@gmail.com, 01787 828 102) who acts as our Electoral Roll Officer, for any help that you need.

## What will happen to the information that I provide and how can I find out more?

Your privacy matters to us. This information will be processed in accordance with our privacy policy and the notes which follow on the form.

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, the Electoral Roll (names only) is a public document and must be published on the church noticeboard of your parish for a period of time. For more details of how the information provided is used and about how the electoral roll works, see our website.

*Please scan this to Vicky Moakes at chadbrookoffice@gmail.com or send to 4 Skeifs Row, Benwick, Cambs, PE15 0XB, or hand to a church warden. All forms are to be submitted by 16th April 2025. If you have any questions or require help then please do not hesitate to contact Vicky either by email or on 07804 558160.*

\* Indicates required question

**Full Name\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your preferred name (if any)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your preferred title (if any)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your full address, including postcode\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your email address (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Which parish would you like to be on the Electoral Roll for?**

*Normally you enter the church where you worship, whether you live within the parish or outside it. If you mainly worship in the 4 o'clock community you are encouraged to select the church nearest your home.*

*In the unusual circumstance that you wish to be on the roll for more than one parish please submit this form twice and we will get in touch. \**

Alpheton & Shimplingthorne / Long Melford / Lawshall / /Other (please indicate)

**Have you been baptised ('Christened')?**

Yes

No or not sure

**Are you aged 16 or over?**

Yes

No

**Please choose one of the following\***

I am a member of the Church of England

I am a member of a Church in communion with the Church of England

I am an ordained Priest in the Church of England

**Have you habitually attended worship in Long Melford, Alpheton, Shimpling, or Lawshall during the last six months?**

Note that you also have the right to complete this form and be included on the electoral roll simply by living in one of the parishes

Yes

No

**Do you live in**

Alpheton & Shimplingthorne / Long Melford / Lawshall / None of the aforementioned

**I declare that the answers I have given are true, and I apply for my name to be included in the electoral roll of the parish selected.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_