

St Edmundsbury Cathedral

A beacon of faith, hope and love in Suffolk



February 2019

Preparation of the new Electoral Roll

Across the whole Church of England a brand new Electoral Roll is being completed in every parish this month. For us here at the Cathedral, the new Roll is a powerful way of expressing our belonging in Christ to our common life, either as a regular worshipping member here or a resident of the Cathedral parish. Membership of the Roll is a way to feel included and be involved in many different ways in Cathedral life. It also assists the Cathedral in supporting its members. The Electoral Roll in practice comprises many of those who consider themselves to be the congregation of the Cathedral.

It is a great privilege to welcome newcomers who will be joining the Roll for the first time this year as well as welcoming back existing Electoral Roll members who are renewing their membership.

May the Lord bless us as we each continue our pilgrimage together in service to Him, one another and the wider community.

Joe Hawes

The Very Revd Joe Hawes
on behalf of the Cathedral Chapter



Please detach here:
Keep this part. Return the completed part (the application form) to a Warden or the Cathedral Office.

Why should I join the Cathedral Electoral Roll?

- **As an act of my commitment to the Cathedral**
- **As a sign of my belonging to an inclusive church**
- **As a statement of witness to my faith in Christ**
- **To widen participation and diversity**
- **To strengthen networking and staying in touch**
- **So I can vote in church elections**
- **Because I can from my 16th birthday!**
- **It is also one of the permitted ways couples use to be married at the Cathedral**

A growing Electoral Roll shows we are growing in strength as a church family.

Timetable for the new Electoral Roll

- 9 – 25 February – Application forms completed.
- 23 March – New Roll is published in hard copy and available in the Cathedral Office (until 6 April) for any errors to be corrected. Names cannot be added or deleted to the Electoral Roll after publication until after the APCM (which will be held on 9 April).
- 9 April - New Roll is presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Any questions regarding the new Roll should be directed to David Eaton, the Cathedral Electoral Roll Officer. Contact: davidaeaton@lineone.net 07841 215182 and David will be pleased to help you.

If you are new to the Cathedral and you would like us to keep you informed of news, events and other information of interest, please go to our website stedscathedral.org/consent.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL

PLEASE RETURN BY 25 FEBRUARY 2019 TO A WARDEN OR THE CATHEDRAL OFFICE

Full Name

Full Address

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Post Code

Email

Phone

I declare that

1 I am baptised, am a lay person and am aged 16 or over, (or, become 16* on

.....)

2 Please tick **one** of the following boxes (usually A or B. Box C is rarely applicable)

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 at the Cathedral 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 at the Cathedral during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

NB – PTO to sign the form!

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

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.

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 Electoral Roll is prepared and those on the previous Roll are informed so that they can re-apply. 2019 is just such a year when a new Roll is prepared. 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 ask the clergy or David Eaton, the Cathedral Electoral Roll Officer davidaeaton@lineone.net 07841 215182 who will be pleased to help you.
5. With regard to the Cathedral holding your personal information, you will find a copy of our Privacy Notice on our website stedscathedral.org/privacy.