



Church of the Holy Redeemer

Boroughbridge Road
York YO26 6AB

Electoral Roll Application – 2010/2011

Thank you for asking for an application to join our electoral roll. Our electoral roll is a record of everyone who is happy to consider themselves to be a member of the Church of England, and in particular of Holy Redeemer.

Before you sign the application and return it, we hope that you will take this opportunity to consider your involvement at Holy Redeemer and how together we can bring to life our Vision for Holy Redeemer as:

**‘A Place to Connect’
Finding, exploring, sharing and celebrating together God’s love
as seen in Jesus Christ.**

If you are unsure of what it means to be on the roll, please read the ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ below that will help you to understand what the roll is for.

I hope that you will find that belonging to Holy Redeemer will be a great help and encouragement to you in your life as a Christian. Belonging to a church is described in the bible in many ways. It is a family to belong to (see Galatians 6.10), a body to be part of (see 1Cor 12.12-13), a building in which Jesus is the foundation (see Ephesians 2.20-22) and a partnership of people united in their love for God (see 1Peter 2.9). As you join the roll I hope that these will be true for you.

on Behalf of the Parochial Church Council

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What are the qualifications to be on the roll? The roll is open to anyone living in our parish who is happy to consider themselves a member of the Church of England and to those living outside of the parish who make Holy Redeemer their home by worshipping with us on a regular basis.

Why is the roll important? Apart from demonstrating your commitment to the Church those on the roll are able to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (the PCC), to vote for those offering to stand and to be included on our list of sidesmen/women.

What happens if I change my mind? If your circumstances change and you feel that it is no longer appropriate to have your name on the roll you can ask for it to be removed.

Each year we review the roll and in some circumstances you might be removed from the roll and we would try to contact you to let you know before we did – you might for example move out of the parish and decide to join another church.

Who keeps the roll? The church appoints an Electoral Roll Officer who is responsible for keeping the roll and making sure that it is up to date. In the Church of England, the electoral roll is a legal document and the only information that is required is your name and address. While the roll is a public document we would only make the information available to those who have a legal right to this.

How is the roll used? The roll helps us to keep in touch with everyone who supports our work. We ask for a phone number and an email address to help us keep in touch with you. This information will only be used by the Electoral Roll Officer, the PCC and our staff to keep you in touch with news about life at Holy Redeemer.

We also use the information from the roll to produce a Church Address Book which is distributed to everyone listed. **If you don't want to be included, please tick the relevant box on the application form to let us know.**

The Small Print – the Diocesan office have provided the following notes and guidance to help you complete the application form.

1 - 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. You must be over the age of 16 on the date of the AGM (and therefore be recorded on the roll) to be eligible to vote.

2A - The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches in Britain and abroad, and certain other foreign Churches.

2B - If you do not live within the boundaries of this parish you must have habitually attended public worship at this church for the last six months before you can be entered on the Electoral Roll (see below for exclusions from this rule).

2C - 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. Such denominations would include the Methodist, Baptist, Roman Catholic and URC churches.

What happens if I have been unable to attend through illness? If you are not resident in the parish but have previously been on the roll as a 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.

I'm still not sure whether I am eligible to apply for membership of the electoral roll.

If you need more information or help to complete your application please contact the Electoral Roll officer – Alan Wands 01904 782770 or Rev'd Tony Hand 01904 798593 email tony@holyredeemeryork.co.uk.



Diocese of York
APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT
ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL
Parish of the Church of the Holy Redeemer

Name

_____ (full name and title)

Address

(Full postal address must be given) Postcode _____

Giving a phone number and an email address will help the PCC to keep in touch with you.

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

We encourage everyone to be included in our Church Address Book. If you don't wish to be included please tick here.....

I declare that **I am baptised and am aged 16 or over** (or, become 16 on _____) **AND Tick one only of boxes 2A, 2B or 2C.**

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) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in this parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

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 this 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 this parish.

Signed _____

Date: _____

When completed this form should be returned to the **Electoral Roll Officer C/O the Vicarage 108 Boroughbridge Road York YO26 6AB.**