



# The Diocese of Canterbury St. Michael the Archangel Smarden

## ELECTORAL ROLL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*If you regularly join us for services in the church, then we very much encourage you to join the Electoral Roll, it is effectively our Membership list.*

### ***What is the Electoral Roll?***

The Electoral Roll is the church's register of those able to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. At this meeting elections take place for

- a) the Parochial Church Council,
- b) our church's representatives on the Romney and Tenterden Deanery Synod (Who in turn elect representatives on Diocesan Synod, and General Synod)

### ***What difference does it make?***

By enrolling you become a voting member of the Church of England and so help to ensure that the councils of the Church - our local PCC and Deanery Synod, the Canterbury Diocesan Synod and the General Synod - are fully representative of its members.

The system is intended to enable all church members, at every level, to be in touch with the Church as whole and enable them to take their part in decision-making.

### ***Expectations of being on the Electoral Roll?***

This Diocese has a vision, that within every local community, there should be a worshipping, welcoming and serving congregation, working alongside other people of goodwill, witnessing to the transforming power of the love of God as seen in Jesus Christ.

Being a member of the Electoral Roll links you not only with your local congregation but also with the Anglican Church throughout the world, together with churches of many other traditions who make up God's world-wide family and share in His mission.

By being on the Electoral Roll of your Parish, you will be saying that you:

- Support the Church of England and its work;
- Are committed to taking a responsible share in supporting and developing the mission and ministry of the Church;
- Will prayerfully consider what you can offer, your money, your time and your skills to God, in service both within the Church and in the wider community.

### ***Our vision at St. Michael's is that:***

We will grow a Church that is **open** to all.

We will develop and display **confidence** as Christians.

We will seek to **serve** the community

### **Notes**

- Those who become 16 during the next 12 months may complete the form, and become eligible to be entered in the Roll on their sixteenth birthday
- Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can re-apply.
- If you have any problems over this form, please approach the Church Electoral Roll Officer, one of the Churchwardens, or a member of the clergy team.



# Electoral Roll application

## All Saints Biddenden

Full name .....

Full Address .....

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Post code.....

Telephone number.....

Email .....

*We are required to publish a list of members of the electoral roll each year in advance of the annual meeting; address, phone, and emails addresses are omitted. Your details will be held securely by the parish and retained for as long as required. They will not be used for any other purpose or disclosed to third parties*

**I declare that I am baptised and am aged over 16.**

Signed.....Date.....

*To be eligible for the electoral roll you must be:*

- *Baptised within the Church of England or in a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. AND*
- *Live within the ecclesiastical parish, or have regularly come to this church for at least six months.*

***Please return this form to: Electoral Roll Officer,  
The Benefice Office, 36 High Street, Biddenden, TN27 8AH.***