



St. Leonard's Church, Chesham Bois

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APPLICATION for ENROLMENT on the CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Full Name			
Address			
Post Code		Phone	

I declare that

- I am baptized and am aged over 16** (or become 16¹ on
- Tick **ONE** of the following 3 options:
 - 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.
 - I am a member of the Church of England (or a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish², I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.
 - 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 the 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 the parish.

Signed		Date	
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The following questions are not part of the Electoral Roll application, but are included as we are currently updating our records. You do not have to complete them, but it will help us if you do:

Email Address	
Which service(s) do you regularly attend?	

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.

² In this form 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Notification is hereby given, pursuant to the Data Protection Act 1994, that the details given above will be kept on record in a computer database.

Notes

- The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches.
- 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.
- Every 6 years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can re-apply. 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
- If you have any problems over this form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
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The Church Electoral Roll

- The information collected on this form will be retained by you parish's Electoral Roll Officer. Information other than name and postal address falls beyond the scope of the Church Electoral Roll.
- The Church Electoral Roll is your parish's record of those qualified to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to vote in elections to the parochial church council (PCC) and the deanery synod.
- Any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting may also raise any questions of parochial or general church interest.
- If you enrol on the Church Electoral Roll you become a voting member of the Church of England and so help to ensure that the PCC, your deanery synod, the Oxford Diocesan Synod and the General Synod are fully representative of the Church's members.
- Anyone wishing to stand for election to the parochial church council or deanery synod must have had his or her name entered on the Church Electoral Roll for not less than six months prior to the election (except in the case of those under the age of 18). He or she must also be at least 16 years of age and an 'actual communicant' as defined in rule 54(1) of the Church Representation Rules.

Synodical Government

- Gives an opportunity for partnership and collaboration between bishops, clergy and laity in the life of the Church.
- Enables church people at every level to be in touch with the Church as a whole and to play their part in decision-making.
- Ensures that the laity have their place in every aspect of church life.

The PCC sees a responsible member of St Leonard's as...

- Embracing the principles and values of St. Leonard's Church;
- Belonging and relating to a small group in the church, if possible;
- Worshipping with God's people each week whenever possible;
- Endeavouring to be disciplined in daily prayer and Bible study;
- Using the gifts God has given us in active Christian ministry or service;
- Contributing to the financial needs of the church in a responsible and carefully considered way;
- Upholding St Leonard's, and especially the leaders, in prayer.