

Electoral Roll Application Form

Parish of St Mary's Longfleet



Full name: _____
Address: _____

Postcode: _____
Telephone: _____ (optional) **Email:** _____ (optional)

I declare that:

- I am baptised and am aged 16 or over (or become 16* on _____); and (please tick only one of the following three options):
- I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and am a resident in the parish, or
- I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being a resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the past six months prior to enrolment, or
- 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 of St Mary's Longfleet.

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.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL?

It is your parish church's register of electors, the list of those qualified to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) where elections take place for (a) the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and (b) the parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod. Any person entitled to attend the APCM may raise any question of parochial or general church interest. Renewal of the electoral roll takes place in 2019 and will occur every 6 years thereafter. In a year of renewal, no names are carried over from the old roll and everyone must make a new application to be included on the new roll.

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

If you enrol, you become a voting member of the Church of England (CofE) and so help to ensure that all the synod councils of the Church—the PCC, the Deanery Synod, the Diocesan Synod, and the General Synod—are fully representative of its members. Synod government gives an opportunity for partnership between bishops, clergy and laity in the life of the Church. First, the system is intended to enable church people at every level to feel that they are in touch with the Church as a whole and can play their part in decision making. Secondly, the laity now have their place in every aspect of church life, including its doctrine and services.

NOTES ON FILLING IN THE APPLICATION FORM

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 CofE which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the CofE.
3. 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 6 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 questions, please approach our Administrator and Electoral Roll Officer, Lesley Lockie, who will be pleased to help you.
5. In this form "parish" means ecclesiastical parish.

Your personal data held on ChurchSuite

This form is not part of the Electoral Roll Application Form (overleaf) and is optional

We are taking this opportunity to invite you to update your details on our secure database, ChurchSuite. If you have children under 18 you can also do this for them too.

Ways you can do this

- *My ChurchSuite* provides a way for you to log-in to, and directly edit, your profile held on ChurchSuite. If you have previously registered for a *My ChurchSuite* account, please log-in and complete or update your details.
- If you haven't previously registered for a *My ChurchSuite* account, and would like to, please either email admin@smlpoole.org.uk or contact the office, and we will send you a registration email.
- Alternatively, please complete the form below and return it to the office and we will update your details for you.

The above is entirely optional but will help us to communicate more effectively with you. Your information will be protected in line with our Data Protection Policy which can be viewed at www.smlpoole.org.uk or a copy is available from the church office on request.

It would be helpful if partners could both fill out a form - we have made provision for you not to have to repeat any children's details. Should you wish to include a photo we can scan this for you into your ChurchSuite profile.

YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

Title: _____ Home phone: _____
First name: _____ Mobile phone: _____
Last name: _____ Date of birth: _____
Address: _____
Postcode: _____ Email: _____

Are you in an SML Life Group? Yes No I would like to be

If you are new to SML, have you been to a Welcome Meal? Yes No I would like to be

Would you like to receive regular email updates (e-notices and Vicar's emails)? Yes No Already do

Are you a volunteer?

Yes, I volunteer as: _____

No

I would like to volunteer. If so, which area would you prefer, if any? _____

YOUR FAMILY DETAILS

Spouse's name: _____ 3. Child's name: _____

CHILDREN (please include all under 18's):

Date of birth: _____

See information on spouse's form

Children's Church group*: _____

Information provided below

4. Child's name: _____

1. Child's name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Date of birth: _____

Children's Church group*: _____

Children's Church group*: _____

*Groups: Sparklers/All Stars/Trailblazers/Comets/Youth

2. Child's name: _____

Date of birth: _____

If your child/ren are not in Children's Church and you would like more details of our activities for children and young people, please tick here

Children's Church group*: _____

We ask for consent to hold children's information. Please sign below *only* if you have provided children's information.

Signature: Date: