



Warfield Church

## REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

2019

This leaflet will tell you what you need to know about the Electoral Roll and how to apply to be on the Roll.

### What is the Electoral Roll?

The Electoral Roll is the parish church's register of electors; it is the list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the elections take place for

- a) the Parochial Church Council,
- b) the parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod.

Any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting may raise any question of parochial or church interest.

### I've been on the Electoral Roll for years – why do I have to re-apply?

Every six years, the Electoral Roll in every parish in the Church of England is completely revised, and everyone must re-apply if they wish to be on the Roll in the coming year. 2019 is one of those years. If you apply to be entered onto the Roll this year, you will not need to apply again until 2025.

### GDPR and Data Protection

As you can imagine, the process of compiling the Electoral Roll must comply with GDPR, and if you follow this link to our website you will be able to see the full privacy notice in relation to the Electoral Roll.  
[www.warfield.org.uk/Groups/319161/Warfield\\_Church/church\\_life/APCM\\_2019/APCM\\_2019.aspx](http://www.warfield.org.uk/Groups/319161/Warfield_Church/church_life/APCM_2019/APCM_2019.aspx)

In accordance with the process set out by the Church of England, all names (but no further details) of those on the new Electoral Roll will be displayed for a period of not less than fourteen days in St Michael's Church.

Warfield Church  
Church Lane  
Warfield  
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### **Why should I be on the Electoral Roll?**

By enrolling you become a voting member of the Church of England and so help to ensure that all the synodical councils of the Church – the Parochial Church Council, the Deanery Synod, the Diocesan Synod, and the General Synod – are fully representative of its members.

Synodical government gives an opportunity for partnership between bishops, clergy and lay people in the life of the Church. The system is intended to enable church people at every level to be in touch with the wider church as a whole and to play their part in decision-making.

The system is also intended to ensure that lay people have their place in every aspect of church life, including its doctrine and services.

### **How do I qualify to be on the Electoral Roll?**

In order to be on the Electoral Roll of the (ecclesiastical) Parish of Warfield, you must either

- a) be resident in the Parish, or
- b) have habitually attended worship at one of the Warfield Church congregations during the six months prior to the revision of the Electoral Roll.

### **Does it cost anything to be on the Electoral Roll?**

There is no specific charge to you in order to be on the Electoral Roll. However, it is important to note that being on the Electoral Roll is not cost neutral to Warfield Church. As part of the wider Church of England, we pay something called the Parish Share, which covers the cost of mission and ministry

in the Diocese, including the provision of clergy to parishes and support for mission, both now and in the future. The allocation of Parish Share to each Parish is calculated using several factors, one of which is how many people are on the Electoral Roll of the parish – so the more people we have, the more we pay. (But this is not a reason not to be on the Electoral Roll!)

Parish Share is, of course, only one of the costs involved in running all the amazing ministries which we have in Warfield Church, reaching children and families, young people, older people and everyone in between. There is a cost involved in many of the things that we do, and in order to resource all that we believe God is calling us to do here in Warfield, we would like everyone who is on the Electoral Roll to be giving regularly towards the mission and ministry of the church.

If you are not already signed up to give via the Parish Giving Scheme, please do consider joining, and setting up a monthly direct debit. Further information about the Giving Scheme can be found in the enclosed leaflet.

### **How do I apply to be on the Electoral Roll?**

There is a simple form to complete and sign. It must be returned to the Church Office no later than Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

### **How can I find out more?**

If you have further questions about the Electoral Roll, you can email [electoralroll@warfield.org.uk](mailto:electoralroll@warfield.org.uk) or phone the Church Office on 01344 886900