

Electoral Roll Renewal 2007

During the spring, you will be asked to renew your membership of the church's Electoral Roll.

What does this mean? And does it matter?



Well, several matters arise from the Electoral Roll.

At a basic level, it is a demonstration of the membership of our parish church, and taken across the whole country, it represents the active membership of the Church of England.

Membership of the Electoral Roll is an indicator that you are concerned about the Church, the Christian message, and the task of promoting the values of the Christian way of life.

It also involves you in supporting your local church, Holy Cross, in ways that are practical and purposeful.

This support is seen in offering your financial contributions to meeting the housekeeping bills, in making the life of the church your personal care, in participating in church activities of a social and educational nature, in pursuing a life of Christian discipleship, and working to share with God and his church in the task of building up the Kingdom of God in our parish and beyond.

For those who live outside the parish, membership of the Electoral Roll gives them the same rights as a person living within the parish. In simple terms, this may make a difference if you wish to get married in the church.

It is the wish of the Bishops that we try and make this Roll Renewal a good experience for members of the congregation. At Holy Cross, we will be using this renewal as part of our Lenten Stewardship programme, and I am very hopeful that many people not previously on the roll but part of Holy Cross church life will find themselves filling in the forms and joining.

This year we are hoping that our Lenten activities will lead us towards a refreshment of our love for each other and our commitment to God which we express through our participation in Holy Cross Church. Please try and give the activities a high priority so that we may grow together and move forward in our work as the Body of Christ.

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