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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 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.
 3. Every six 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 ...' and then state the reason.
 4. 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.
 5. In this form 'parish' means ecclesiastical parish.
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What is the Church Electoral Roll?

Why have one?

It is your 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 general church interest.

Renewal of the electoral roll takes place in 2002 and every six 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.

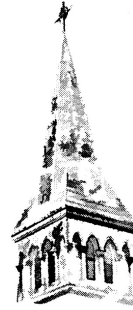
What difference does it make?

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 laity in the life of the Church:

First, the system is intended to enable church people at every level to be in touch with the Church as a whole and to play their part in decision-making. Secondly, the system is intended to ensure that the laity have their place in every aspect of church life, including its doctrine and services.

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Application for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll of the Parish of:

**St James with St Peter,
Prebend Street,
Islington N1 8PF**

*St James' Islington -
discovering how to live like Jesus in the 21st century*

JOINING ST JAMES' ELECTORAL ROLL

As we begin a new phase in our life - being expressed most clearly through the work of the MAPLE group as they prepare our new Mission Action Plan 2013-19, we are asking all those who would like to support St James' in the future to sign the official application form attached to this note.

On the back of the form you can read the rules about who is legally entitled to join the Electoral Roll. Here, as your parish priest, I am appealing for your help in a spiritual and pastoral capacity. As you consider whether or not to join, may I ask:

- Are you willing to commit yourself to the unity and growth of this parish, doing all in your power to support our mission, both inside and outside the walls of this Church?
- Are you willing to commit yourself to regular prayer for St James' and will you reflect that prayer by your willingness to come regularly to Mass and by being involved in the running and maintenance of our parish?
- Are you willing to commit yourself to regular financial support to St James' so that the Church can continue to offer its ministry as widely as possible to all those who seek God in this part of Islington?

These are not easy days for any Church community but we pray that by joining the Electoral Roll you will feel able to support the core values which St James' is trying to encourage. We have so much to gain as we pray and work alongside one another, sharing God's accepting love.

We do hope that you will accept our invitation to add your name to our Electoral Roll so that we can continue to explore the challenges of Christian living and witness here in the future. Thank you.
Fr John

Additional information requested by the Diocese:

(This is not part of the statutory application form)

It would be very helpful for pastoral and communication purposes to have your email address and telephone number, although this is optional.

This information, if given, will not appear on the published electoral roll. The information will be used only to facilitate communication with you within the Church, for example by your parish priest or bishop, and will not otherwise be shared with third parties.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF: St James w St Peter, Prebend Street, Islington N1 8PF

Full name _____

Preferred title (if any) _____

Full address _____ Postcode _____

Optional Additional information

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

I declare that

1 I am baptized and am aged 16 or over
(or, become 16* on _____)

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A 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.

or

B I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

or

C 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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