

New Church Electoral roll in 2025

Notice is given that under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment **not later than 23rd April 2025**

The new Roll will take effect on **4th May 2025**

The new Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council at the back of St. Dunstan's Church for at least 14 days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.

Under the Church Representation Rules, a lay person is entitled to have his or her name entered on the roll, if the person –

- a. is baptised,
- b. is aged 16 or over, and
- c. has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Church Electoral Roll Officer. In order to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, you must return the Application Form for enrolment by the earlier of the dates given above.

Any error discovered in the roll should at once be reported to the Church Electoral Roll Officer.

Dated this 2nd day of March 2025

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In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Revision of Church Electoral Roll for St Dunstan's (2nd March – 23rd April 2025):

New parish electoral rolls are prepared for all Church of England parishes this year. This happens every six years and everyone who wishes to have their name on the roll for St Dunstan's, whether it was entered on the previous roll or not, needs to apply for enrolment not later than **23rd April 2025**

Application forms are available now.

Why is it important to re-join/join the roll?

Why re-join/join

Re-joining/joining the electoral roll is an important way of confirming your commitment to St Dunstan's Church and to the future life of the Church. Re-joining/joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and if you wish, stand to be elected to serve on the PCC or Hounslow Deanery Synod and the General Synod. Being on the Electoral Roll does not make you a "member" of the Church; simply regarding St Dunstan's Church as your spiritual home does that. Joining the roll is an important statement of witness and a step along the path of discipleship. With your name on the electoral roll, the strength of the Church can be seen in our local area, and across the Diocese. If you are part of St Dunstan's you should be on the electoral roll! (The church parish electoral roll has no connection with the civic electoral roll for local and parliamentary elections.)

But I don't live in the Parish of Feltham

If you live outside the parish, being on the Electoral Roll gives you all the rights and privileges that go with being resident in the parish (for example, baptisms and weddings). However, if you live outside the parish and want to join the Electoral Roll, you have to have been worshipping at St Dunstan's for a minimum period of six months

What does the Electoral Roll affect?

The maximum number of PCC lay members: if the Roll is not representative this means that the PCC is too small for the workload involved, putting heavy strain on the members. Representation on the governing bodies of the Church (PCC, Deanery Synod, Diocesan and General Synod) is also affected. The Church of England is governed by a synodical system which joins with the Bishops to make decisions. Being on the Electoral Roll is the entry point and Christians share an individual responsibility to be part of the "Body of Christ" and to participate fully in our part of His Church at every level. The Electoral Roll does not have a direct bearing in the way the Parish Share is assessed – it is based on estimated membership and socio-economic factors.

Do I qualify for the Roll?

To apply for the Electoral Roll you must meet the conditions on the form.

How do I re-join/join?

Application forms can be downloaded here, are available at the back of the Church or can be obtained from the Parish Office. Please note that only names will appear on the published Roll. Please deliver the completed hard copy forms to the Parish Office or put in labelled box at back of the church.

How can I find out the results of the Renewal?

The Electoral Roll Officer gives a report at the APCM. Also, a copy of the new Roll will be available in the church foyer.