

New Electoral Roll for the Parish of St Mary the Great with St Michael, Cambridge

Dear friends,

I am the Electoral Roll Officer, writing to give information about the compilation of a new Electoral Roll for our Parish. Every six years, we have to assemble an entirely new electoral roll, in accordance with Church Representation Rules. 2025 is such a year. Everybody who wishes to have their name on the new roll must **apply to be enrolled**.

Joining the Electoral Roll is also a way of showing your support for Great St Mary's. It enables you to participate in the governance structures of the parish, if you wish to do so, as it is the register of lay persons who are eligible to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and to stand for election to the PCC.

This year's APCM will be held on Sunday 18 May, and the new roll must be completed by then.

Church Rules require us to follow a very specific timetable, which will start with the display of a formal Notice in Great St Mary's and in Michaelhouse on Tuesday 11 March 2025. Applications, which can be made on paper or electronically, must be in the form specified. A copy of that form can be accessed via a button on the home page of our website www.greatstmarys.org and paper forms are available in GSM and in Michaelhouse.

Completed forms should be returned to the GSM church office, either by hand (or post) or by email (office@gsm.cam.ac.uk), by 30 April 2025 at the latest.

The new Electoral Roll will be published on Friday 02 May, online and in hard copy in Great St Mary's and Michaelhouse. It will show names, but no other information, and must remain on display for at least 14 days prior to the APCM. **Only those whose names are included in this new Electoral Roll will be entitled to stand for election or to vote at the APCM.**

The final section of the application form covers use of email addresses and personal data in relation to the Electoral Roll. In addition the GSM Privacy Notice can be found at the bottom of the Home page of the GSM website.

We hope, that you will renew your membership of our Electoral Roll, or join for the first time. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or speak to the clergy, if you have any questions. It is really important that we gather together on the new Electoral Roll the names of all those who wish to exercise their rights in the Parish.

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