

St Mark's Church Gillingham

Preparation of a New Electoral Roll 2019

Every six years each parish is required to prepare a new electoral roll from scratch and 2019 is the year that we need to do this.

Preparation of the new ELECTORAL ROLL will begin on Sunday 17 February 2019.

Please note:

- if you were previously on the electoral roll of St Mark's Church Gillingham and you wish to be on the new roll you will need to fill in a new electoral roll form.
- If you were not previously on the electoral roll, you can fill in an electoral roll form provided you meet the criteria listed below.

The closing date for applying to be on the roll will be **Sunday 7 April** then the roll will be closed to new applications until after the Annual Parochial Church meeting on Sunday 26 April. Only those people who are on the roll will be able to

- vote at the Annual Parochial Church meeting
- stand for election or nominate a person to the Parochial Church Council
- stand for election to the position of Churchwarden

From Sunday 14 April the roll will be available in church until the Annual Parochial Church meeting on Sunday 26 April for any alterations i.e. how a name is spelt or amending the details of the address. No names can be added or removed during this period.

To apply to be on the church electoral roll, you must be:

- baptised, a lay person, and aged 16 or over
- am baptised, a lay person, become 16* on _____

**Those who become 16 in the next twelve months may complete the form and become eligible to be entered on the roll on their sixteenth birthday*

Also, one of the following:

- a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and a resident in the parish.
- a member of the Church of England (or 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.
- 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.

Application forms are available at the back of church and should be returned to Kelvin Summoogum, our Electoral Roll officer, by Sunday 7th April 2019 at the latest.