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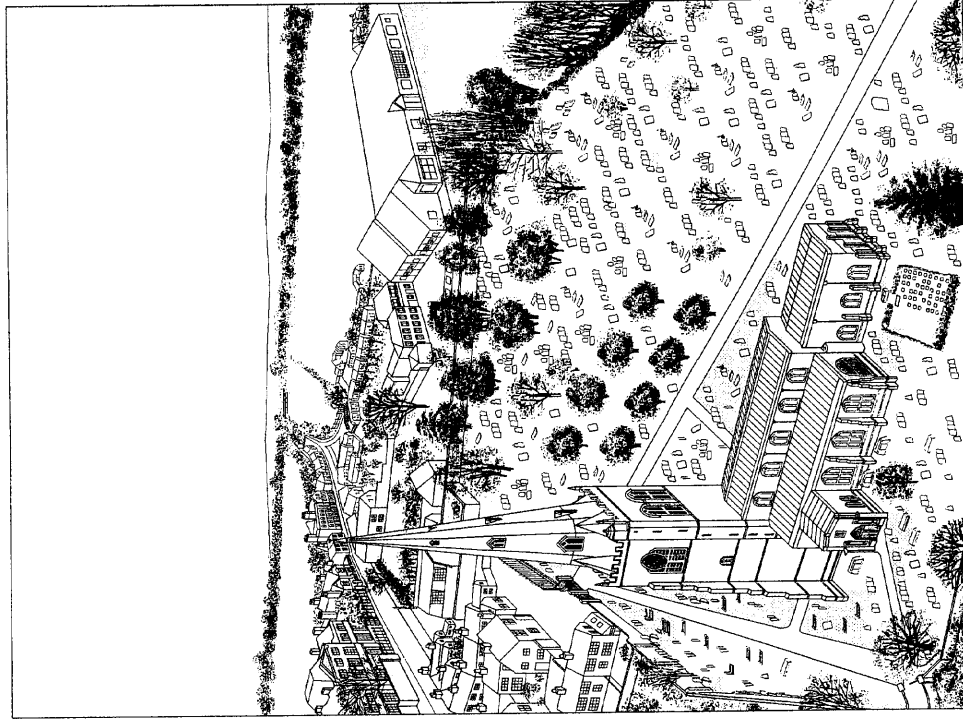
1. The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches.
 2. Membership of the electoral roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
 3. Every 6 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.
- *The information collected on this form will be retained by your parish's Electoral Roll Officer. Information other than name and postal address falls beyond the scope of the Church Electoral Roll.*
 - *The Church Electoral Roll is your parish's record of those qualified to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to vote in elections to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Deanery Synod.*
 - *Any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting may also raise any question of parochial or general church interest.*
 - *If you enrol on the Church Electoral Roll you become a voting member of the Church of England and so help to ensure that the PCC, your Deanery Synod, the Ely Diocesan Synod and the General Synod are fully representative of the Church's members.*
 - *Anyone wishing to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council or Deanery Synod must have had his or her name entered on the Church Electoral Roll for not less than six months prior to the election (except in the case of those under the age of eighteen). He or she must also be at least sixteen years of age and an 'actual communicant' as defined in rule 54(1) of the Church Representation Rules.*

Synodical government:

- *gives an opportunity for partnership and collaboration between bishops, clergy and laity in the life of the Church;*
- *enables church people at every level to be in touch with the Church as a whole and to play their part in decision-making;*
- *ensures that the laity have their place in every aspect of church life*

January 2013

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL OF THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, GODMANCHESTER



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Please complete in block capitals:

Title: Full Name:

Full Address

..... Post Code

Tel No: Mobile:

e-mail:

Please put a cross in the appropriate boxes above if you do not want the details to be included in the Parish Directory, which is available, on request, to members of the congregation and to the public. If you have an ex-directory number it will be held only on a confidential list, and **will not be generally released** or incorporated in any Parish List.

I declare that:

1. I am baptized and am aged 16 or over (or become 16* on
2. (Tick one only of boxes A, B or C.)

- 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. (see Note 3)

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Godmanchester.

I agree that my name and address and any unmarked information above may be included in the Parish Directory. (*Delete if you do not agree*)

Signed: Date:

* Those who become 16 during the next 12 months may complete the form, and become eligible to be entered on the roll on their sixteenth birthday.

** In this form 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

You are invited to have your name included on the Parish Electoral Roll by completing and signing the application form opposite and returning it to the box provided on the table by the south door, or to the Churchwardens.

Please give thought to the significance of being on the Electoral Roll of our Parish because, by doing this, you will be saying that:

- you support the work of the Church of England in its work in this Parish;
- you are making a commitment to your Parish Church;
- you will take a responsible share in supporting and developing the mission and ministry of your Parish Church through regular giving;
- you will give, not just money, but YOURSELF, your time and your skills to God in service within the Church and in the wider community.

