

St. Aidan's

St. Joseph's

St. Philip's



REACHING WIDER....

*With the compassion of
Jesus*

REACHING DEEPER....
Into the heart of God

“Count on me”

A user-friendly guide to joining the Electoral Roll 2024

St Aidan's, Penn — St Joseph's, Merry Hill — St. Philip's, Bradmore.

“What is the electoral roll....? Why do you need one....? How do I join it....? Should I join it....? Who can be on it...? Should I be on it....?”

These questions, and many more, often crop up each year around the Annual General Meeting. With good reason too! Combine the complexity of Church of England law with a number of new people with little or no experience of church, let alone the Church of England, and you'll see why.

The bottom line is this. If you attend one of the churches in Penn Fields Parish regularly, and would like to declare and grow in your commitment to God's work in this part of Wolverhampton, then you may like to join the electoral roll.

Please turn over for more...

“I belong....”

Electoral Rolls should provide a true indication of the real membership and strength of the church both locally and nationally. Putting your name on the roll is a way of saying "I belong"; it is an act of commitment to your local church and to the church as a whole. It is also 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 the parish, the city, and the diocese.

“I serve....”

Joining the electoral roll opens up the way for greater involvement in the life of the church, at deanery, diocesan and national levels. You become entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting, and become eligible to join the church committees and PCC.

“I support....”

Joining the electoral roll is also a statement of active and ongoing support for the church. This may mean different things for different people, but includes aspiring towards our desire to pursue the Christian life outlined in our core values as a parish.

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Ephesians 3:14-21

So please consider joining the roll this year. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me or the church wardens. Join us and work with us as we seek to grow the kingdom here in the parish of Penn Fields

Peter Smith
Vicar, Penn Fields

**APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL
ROLL OF THE PARISH OF PENN FIELDS**

*Tick **one only** of boxes 2(a), (b) or (c).*

Please PRINT clearly

Surname:

Christian Names:

Address:

..... **Postcode:**

Email address :

Tele:

Mobile:

I declare that:

1A I am baptised and am aged 16 or over. **Please circle: 18-39 40-69 70+**

1B (or, become 16* on __ / __ / ____) *Those who became 16 in the next 12 months may complete the form and become eligible to be entered on the roll on their sixteenth birthday

2.(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**

(2.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**

(2.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.

To which church in the parish do you primarily belong?

St Aidan's

St Joseph's

St Philip's

(please tick one box, if applicable)

I have been confirmed in:

Church of England

Methodist Church

Roman Catholic Church

Please tick this box if you DO NOT want to be included in a church prayer diary and address list

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the Parish of Penn Fields

The information on this flyer is strictly confidential and will not be shared with a third party other than limited personnel at Penn Fields Parish. The data will be kept securely and will be disposed of after six years.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Notes

- 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.

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 reapply. 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.

Please complete the form and return either to a church warden in the parish or send to: Penn Fields Parish Office, Church Road, Bradmore, Wolverhampton, WV3 7EN.

*For inclusion on the electoral roll of the 2023 Annual General Meeting this form must be completed and returned to the office by **Sunday, 5th April** at the latest.*