



Electoral Roll Renewal

Dear members of St Stephens Church

This year we are required by the Church of England to renew our Electoral Roll.

Why be on the Electoral Roll?

Being on the Electoral Roll is a way of saying 'I belong' to St Stephen's Church; a sign of commitment to the church family and to God's mission amongst us. Being on the Electoral Roll entitles you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and to stand for election to the PCC - the church's governing body - and roles such as churchwarden. Your personal data for the Electoral Roll is processed according to GDPR; you can find more information about this and read our Privacy Notice on the 'More' page of the church website (www.saintstephensoundwell.org)

Who can be on the Electoral Roll?

Any lay person who is baptised and over 16 years old can be on the Electoral Roll, provided that they live in the parish or have worshipped at the church regularly for at least six months. To have your name included on the Electoral Roll for St Stephen's Church, please complete the form available at the back of Church and return it to Julia Merrifield (our Electoral Roll officer) or myself by Sunday 17th March. If your name is currently on the Electoral Roll you must re-apply as you will not be automatically transferred to the new roll.

The St Stephens Church family

One of the special things about St Stephen's is the sense of family we find here, a family of very different people who are drawn together by Jesus' love for us and our desire to follow him. I hope that you will not only want to be on the Electoral Roll, but will also be prayerfully asking God how else he is calling you to be part of the body of Christ here.

This means thinking about how you can get more involved in taking part in our worship and mission and reflecting on how you can use your gifts and talents to serve God in Soundwell.

I would also encourage you to pray about your financial giving: if you have not signed up to a regular giving scheme, please consider if God is calling you to do this. If you are a regular giver, please consider if God is asking you to increase your giving.

Lin Cooper (our regular giving officer) or Lorraine Sanderson (our treasurer) would be delighted to speak to you if you have any questions about giving to St Stephens.

This is an exciting time in the life of St Stephens Church and we have much to thank God for. I look forward to continuing to work with you as we seek to discover who God is calling us to be and what he is calling us to do as his church in this season, as 'We Follow Jesus!'

With love and prayers

Lisa

Rev Lisa Wigmore