

Parish Share

Parish Share is the sum of money contributed by each parish every year to the diocese to support local ministry. The Common Fund is the total of all 487 parish shares in Bath and Wells.

Every parish contributes to the Common Fund and every parish receives from the fund in the following ways:

- parish priest's monthly stipend
- clergy pension contributions
- housing costs
- clergy training
- the wide range of diocesan support services e.g. the Education Department, which supports local Church and community schools.

Parish Share is essential to the mission of the church in the diocese, without it clergy could not be supported. The Common Fund is the diocese's largest single income stream.

The total amount of Common Fund required each year is divided between the parishes in a way that seeks to recognise the need for some parishes to be financially supported by others. How much each parish contributes is based on church membership and the socio-economic category of the parish, determined by the parish itself. The required information is gathered each year in the Parish Share and Common Fund Survey.

Through Parish Share, each church is given the opportunity of contributing towards the financial cost of ministry in the entire diocese. Larger and wealthier parishes are asked to make greater contributions so stipendiary ministry can be provided to less wealthy areas that otherwise might not have been able to afford it.

As Paul the Apostle writes:

"Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what they need." (2 Corinthians 8vv13-14a, NIV)

Electoral Roll



Wivey and The Hills Churches

Dear Friends

February 2019

We are so glad you would like to express your commitment to St. Andrew's by joining the Electoral Roll.

The Electoral Roll is so-called because only those who are on it may elect the members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The Rolls have to undergo a complete revision every six years and 2019 is the year!

The Roll has other uses too. It helps me, as the minister of the Parish, and helps the PCC, to know who considers themselves as belonging to the Church. It enables us to produce an annual directory that helps know each other's names and to make contact with people when there is important news to share or an event to organize.

A. Please fill in the very simple form overleaf.

It is entirely free to join, although certain commitments are encouraged. These are:

- To worship God in Church each week whenever possible
- To give regularly to God's work in and through the Church
- To play an active part in the life of the Church
- To live out our faith consistently in our homes, community and places of work.

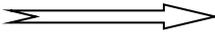
We are also enclosing a Standing Order Form, as this may be an opportunity to begin or review your regular giving, in the light of the fact that this year's contribution to the Diocesan Parish Share has increased by 15%, which raises our bill by £5,000 to a total of £42,000. A standing order leaves you in control and can be cancelled or altered by you at any time.

Martin Walker
Rector

Notes

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 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.*
5. *In this form, "parish" means ecclesiastical parish.*

Please give your completed Electoral Roll Form (and Standing Order Form) to one of the Church Wardens as soon as possible.



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

ST. ANDREW'S WIVELISCOMBE

Full name:

Full address:
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Post Code

Phone number

Email address

I declare that

1 I am baptised and am aged 16 or over (or, become 16 on)*

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

(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.

I declare that the above answers are true, and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish and my details to be included in the Church Directory so that I can be contact where necessary.

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.

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