

St Ursula's Church, Berne

Notes for Completing the Electoral Roll Form

Full Name: Please enter your surname and first name. Please underline your surname.

Title: Please enter this – we need to know whether to call you Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Dr etc.

Email: is optional. As explained in note 5, if you provide an email address here it will only be used in connection with matters relating to the Electoral Roll.

Declaration 1: This is for you to declare that you are baptised, a lay person (i.e. not a member of the clergy) and either over 16 or that you become 16 within the next twelve months. Simply tick the relevant box – and, if under 16, give the date of your birthday.

Declaration 2: You must tick that **one** of the three statements applies. As these statements are somewhat confusing, the simple rule is:

1. If you are a confirmed Anglican **and** your name is currently on the Electoral Roll, tick the first box,
2. If you are a confirmed Anglican and your name is **not** currently on the Electoral Roll, tick the second box,
3. Everyone else, tick the third box.

Note: that, unless you have just moved from another Anglican parish or chaplaincy, you must have been worshipping at St Ursula's for at least six months.

Further Explanations

For those who want to know more, I have tried to explain some of the things that confuse people:

Church in communion with the Church of England: As stated in note 1 of the form, the only churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches. It is hard to find a complete list of these churches, so if you belong to one that you think is in communion with the Church of England, please speak to me and I'll find out. (You could try <https://anglicansonline.org/communion/infull.html>, or https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglican_Communion)

Provinces of Canterbury or York: There are two ecclesiastical provinces making up the Church of England, basically northern and southern England. The Diocese in Europe, of which St Ursula's is part, belongs to the Province of Canterbury.

habitually attended: There is no hard and fast definition. But one possibility is "attendance at least once a month". However, it is deliberately left unclear.