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Dear Friends

Parish Electoral Roll 2010 – 2015

Every five years, the *Constitution of the Church in Wales* requires that we create a new Parish Electoral Roll. Many of you will have filled in an application form for entry on the roll in the past.

What is the Electoral Roll?

It is important to state that we all become fully part of the church by virtue of our baptism. Some people, however, will say that they are ‘members’ of a particular church – like Bethel or Tabernacle or Holy Trinity. Anglican churches **do not** have members as such – they exist, as parish churches, to include and serve all. We do, however, have a list of those who are entitled to vote at meetings and elect / be elected for churchwardens / church council etc. It must be said that this list does act as an unofficial list of those who are worshippers at St Mary’s or Holy Trinity. Basically if you are not ordained; over 18 and a communicant of the Church in Wales (actual criteria listed on the form) you are entitled to have your name on the Electoral Roll and I encourage you to do so.

Please complete your form (one each) and return it to Glyndon Roberts (People’s Warden) in Burry Port or Christine Wheeler Jones (People’s Warden) in Pwll by 1 MARCH.

Standing Orders

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking you all heartily for your financial generosity to the parish over the past year. It is an expression of the deep commitment and faith of people in our parish. I am aware that more and more people are now giving by standing order to the parish (we ourselves are reverting to this method this year). Please be encouraged to give by standing order if you are so inclined. It helps the church to budget and it can prevent scrambling around to find collection on a Sunday morning. For people who give by standing order, there are small tokens available at the back of the churches which you can put on the plate at a service to represent your gift and indicate that you give by standing order. Standing order forms are available from the Nave in both Churches or from the Vicar or Churchwardens.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year