Every member of the Church of Ireland who is at least 18 years old and lives in the parish, or who attends the parish church, is entitled to be registered as a member of that parish. The registered members of the parish, along with the officiating member(s) of the clergy, constitute the general vestry. In order to vote in parish elections, a parishioner must be a member of the general vestry.

In order to become a registered member of the general vestry, the Constitution of the Church of Ireland requires that the individual must sign a form of declaration in the following format.

1. FORM OF DECLARATION BY A RESIDENT:

I, [INSERT NAME], of [INSERT TOWN LAND/TOWN], do hereby solemnly declare that I am a member of the Church of Ireland, and that I am usually resident at [INSERT STREET ADDRESS], in the parish or district of [INSERT PARISH], in the diocese of [INSERT DIOCESE], and that I am not registered as a vestry member in any church or chapel or church hall within the same parish or district as an accustomed member of the congregation.

Signed.......................................................

Name (in block capitals)...................................................

Address.............................................................................

Date.............................................................................

2. FORM OF DECLARATION BY AN ACCUSTOMED MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION:

I, [INSERT NAME], of [INSERT TOWN LAND/TOWN] do hereby solemnly declare that I am a member of the Church of Ireland, and that I have for three calendar months last past been, and now am, an accustomed member of the congregation attending the church or chapel or church hall of [INSERT PARISH], in the diocese of [INSERT DIOCESE], and that I am not registered as a vestry member in any church or chapel or church hall in Ireland as an accustomed member of the congregation.

Signed.............................................................................

Name (in block capitals)...................................................

Address.............................................................................

Date.............................................................................

Chapter III of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland sets out the detail of the required declaration.

Please note that membership may also be subject to a diocesan council requirement to make a minimum annual contribution to church funds.