

# Cathedral Statistics 2022



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## Foreword

Cathedrals attract people for many different reasons: because of their liturgy, their music, their historical significance, their art and their architecture. They offer worship in intimate side-chapels and vast naves. They offer peace, prayer, and silence, and outpourings of joyful noise.

Like many people, in 2022 I attended cathedrals for a number of purposes: to take part in “normal” acts of worship; to sing; to listen to concerts; to find a bit of peace and quiet, and to visit the cafe. For me, though, the occasion that recalls the most joy was attending a diocesan service for the Admission and Licensing of Lay Ministers. Of the hundreds of people in the congregation, most of us were visitors, from dozens of churches across the diocese, there to support and cheer on family and friends as they took another step in their lives of ministry and service. The cathedral was our gracious host, offering a welcoming place where different communities could gather together and celebrate. That welcome was much appreciated.

The figures published in this report can, of course, only hope to cover a subset of the many and varied ways in which cathedrals serve their communities. They illustrate some of the scale and breadth of that service and highlight, as ever, the significance of cathedrals in the lives of many.

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## Summary

For the Church of England’s cathedrals, as for churches more generally, 2022 was another year of post-pandemic bounce-back. By most measures, levels of attendance and participation in 2022 were higher than in 2021 while remaining lower than in 2019.

As well as once again welcoming in-person worshippers, school groups, musicians, and visitors, cathedrals continued to offer “Church at Home” services – those services offered online, by phone, post, email, and other means – in 2022. Cathedrals’ ability and willingness to offer a wide variety of forms of worship has, once again, been appreciated by many.

This report presents information about worship and other activities taking place in Church of England cathedrals from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Data were sought from all 42 mainland Church of England cathedrals and from Westminster Abbey, through the annual cathedral statistics survey. Among other things, the survey asked about attendance at Sunday and midweek services; Easter and Christmas services; school visits; baptisms, marriages, and funerals; musical activities and volunteering. The survey form and guidance notes can be found in Appendix 4.

This report contains information provided by Head Vergers, Chief Operating Officers, and Deans, to whom we are very grateful.

## Recent trends in cathedral attendance and participation

The COVID-19 pandemic that began in 2020 had a huge effect on the worshipping life of cathedrals, as it did on so many aspects of life. As expected, many measures of cathedral attendance and participation fell sharply in 2020, recovering somewhat in 2021. Most measures further recovered in 2022, while remaining below their 2019 levels (Table 1). For example, Adult usual Sunday attendance rose by 60% from 2021 to 2022, but was 20% below its 2019 level.

The Community Roll and funerals numbers are exceptions to the general pattern, both remaining much more stable over the course of the pandemic than other measures. These exceptions are unsurprising: Community Roll is not a measure of attendance, and funeral services were able to continue, albeit with restrictions, during the pandemic. Marriages are another exception, being in 2022 9% above their 2019 level; this suggests that some marriages that were not able to take place in cathedrals during the pandemic have subsequently been rescheduled.

Patterns of cathedral attendance and participation are, in general, similar to those seen in other Church of England churches, as described in detail in the 2022 Statistics for Mission report<sup>1</sup>.

Further details and longer-term trends can be seen in the figures and tables in the remainder of this report.

Table 1: Changes in cathedral attendance and participation from 2019 to 2020, from 2019 to 2021, from 2019 to 2022 and from 2021 to 2022

	Estimated change, 2019 to 2020	Estimated change, 2019 to 2021	Estimated change, 2019 to 2022		Estimated change, 2021 to 2022
Adult usual Sunday attendance	-52%	-50%	-20%		60%
Child usual Sunday attendance	-61%	-51%	-28%		48%
Adult usual midweek attendance	-77%	-62%	-24%		99%
Child usual midweek attendance	-77%	-73%	-38%		129%
Community Roll	-1%	-2%	-4%		-2%
Easter attendance	Not available	-76%	-20%		235%
Christmas attendance	-84%	-50%	-22%		58%
Baptisms and thanksgivings	-87%	-57%	-20%		87%
Marriages and services of prayer & dedication	-73%	-11%	9%		22%
Funerals in cathedrals, crematoria, & cemeteries	-17%	-7%	-5%		3%
Visitors	-67%	-53%	-16%		79%

<sup>1</sup> Statistics for Mission 2022, <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2023-11/statisticsformission2022.pdf>

# Regular Attendance

## Usual Sunday and Midweek Attendance

Figures 1 and 2 show the usual Sunday and midweek attendance, per week, at all 42 Church of England mainland cathedrals at services on the weekly calendar in a 'normal' week. For data from before 2020, a 'normal' week refers to those weeks that are not major festivals or contained in a peak holiday period, and that do not include special events or services; from 2020 onwards the question asked about attendance during October. This difference may affect the comparability of the figures between years.

Data are separated into Sunday and midweek attendance, where the midweek count includes services held Monday to Saturday. People attending more than one service on the same day or in the same week were, wherever possible, only counted once no matter how many services they attended.

Figure 1: Sunday attendance (per week) at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

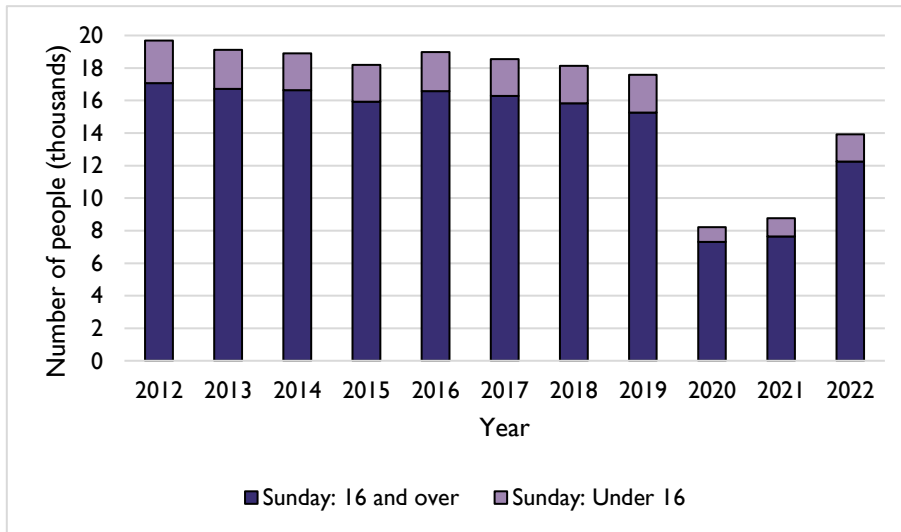
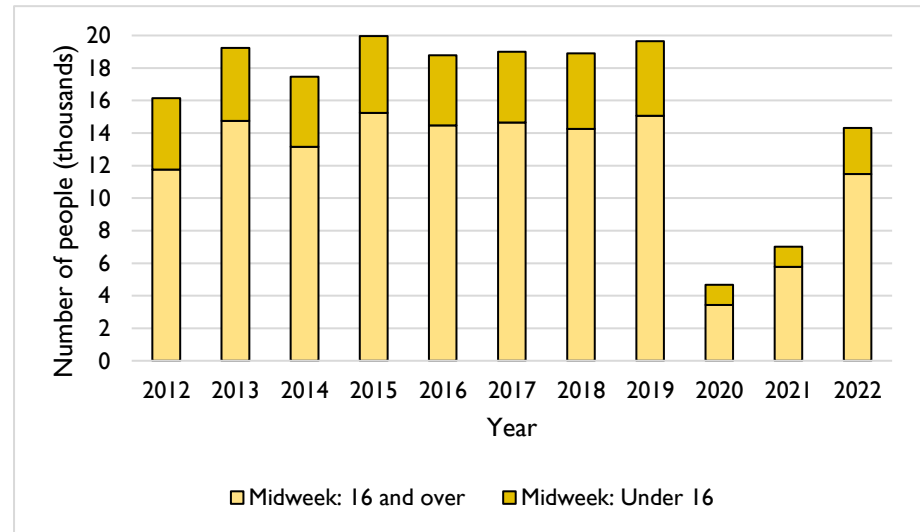


Figure 2: Midweek attendance (per week) at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022



In 2022, a weekly total of 28,200 people (of whom 84% were adults and 16% were children) were reported attending cathedral services. This is 79% more than the equivalent figure from 2021, and a 24% decrease on the 2019 figure.



Figure 3: Usual Sunday and midweek attendance (per week) at Church of England cathedrals, 1995-2022<sup>2</sup>

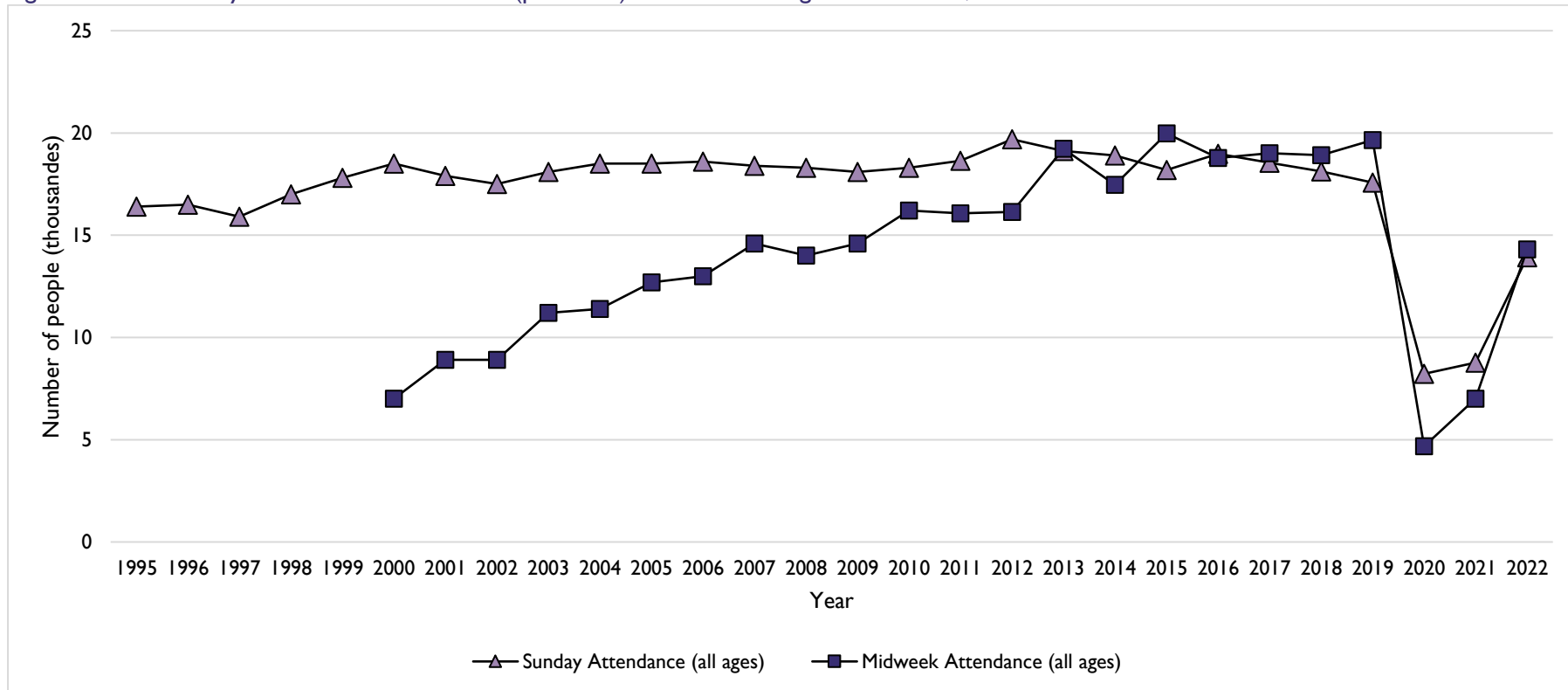


Figure 3 shows usual weekly attendance at Sunday and midweek services from 1995-2022. Sunday attendance was fairly stable from 2000-2019. Reported midweek attendance rose from 7,000 people per week in 2000 (when first reported) to a peak of 19,900 people per week in 2015, since when it remained stable until 2019. Attendance at midweek services showed a sharper fall in 2020 and a faster recovery in 2021 and 2022 than attendance at Sunday services.

<sup>2</sup> Midweek attendance figures were first reported in the year 2000.

### Additional Regular Services

Figure 4 shows the total reported annual attendance at ‘regular’ services. These refer to additional services that happen at least once a month but not necessarily weekly and that are not part of the weekly pattern of services (i.e. those included in Figures 1 and 2).

Three categories are shown: regular fresh expressions of Church (and other community services); regular services for schools; and all other regular services. Attendance at fresh expressions of Church is also shown in Figure 4b, to show the change between years more clearly.

Figure 4a: Total annual attendance at regular services at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2022<sup>3</sup>

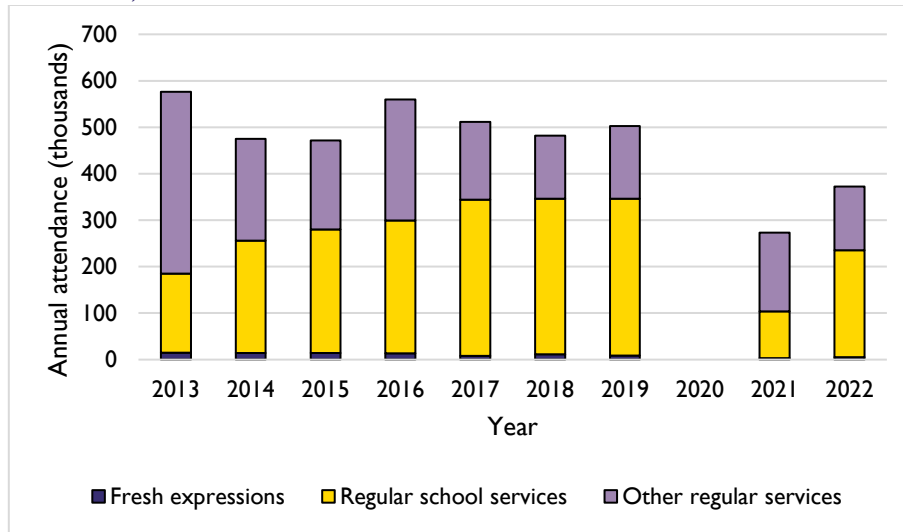
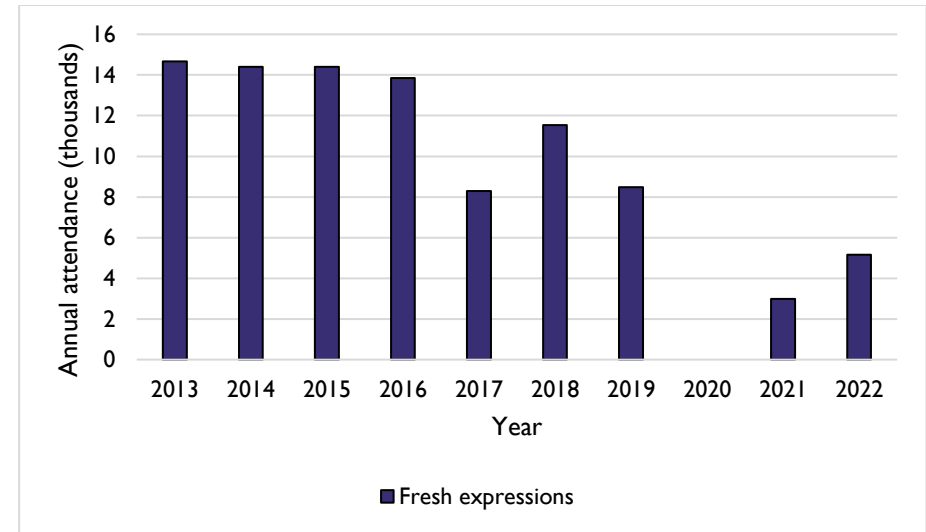


Figure 4b: Total annual attendance at Fresh expressions of Church, 2013-2022



An annual attendance of 372,700 was reported at regular services conducted at least once a month (including fresh expressions of Church and school services), as shown in Figure 4.

An annual attendance of 5,200 was reported at fresh expressions of Church in 2022.

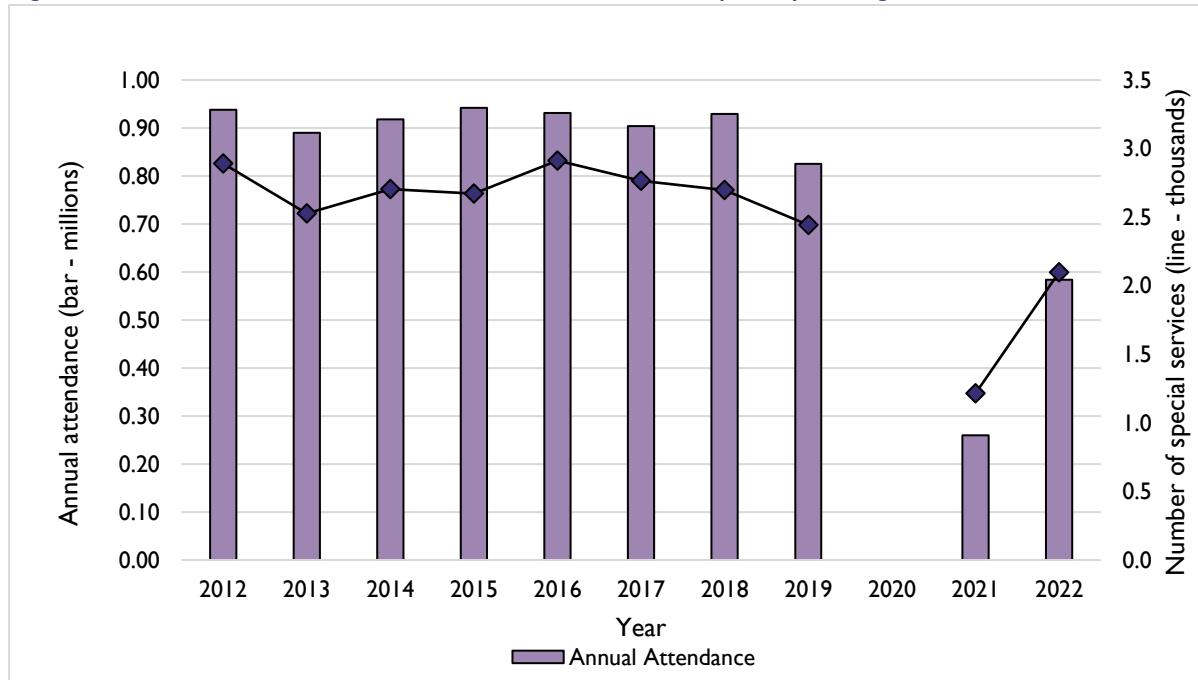
<sup>3</sup> The wording of the question asking about regular services was changed in 2013 to ensure the weekly pattern of services was not included. This resulted in a reduced total, hence only data for 2013 onwards are shown in Figure 4. Data related to fresh expressions of Church and additional regular services were not collected in 2020.

## Special Event Attendance

Attendance at specially arranged services is not included in average weekly attendance, shown in Figure 1, or the total annual attendance for regular services, shown in Figure 4, as they are not part of the regular pattern of services; attendance at specially arranged services is reported separately in this section.

Figure 5 shows the total number of people reported annually at ‘specially arranged services’, which includes diocesan or episcopal services (such as annual festivals / diocesan services), irregular services for schools (for example, an end of term / year service), other special services (excluding memorials) and services away from the cathedral building.

Figure 5: Annual number of and total annual attendance at specially arranged services at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022<sup>4</sup>



An annual attendance of 584,000 was reported at specially arranged services at Church of England cathedrals in 2022. The number of special services held was 2,100.

Attendance at specially arranged services in 2022 is broken down as follows: 98,000 at 400 diocesan or episcopal services; 227,000 at 450 specially arranged school services; 233,000 at 1,000 other special services; 26,000 at 230 services held away from the cathedral.

<sup>4</sup> Before 2010, a total figure was provided for number and total attendance at special services. From 2010, school services and other special services were reported separately; from 2012 diocesan or episcopal services were reported separately; from 2014, data were collected on services held away from the cathedral buildings.

Figure 6: Annual number of and total annual attendance at public / civic events at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022<sup>5</sup>

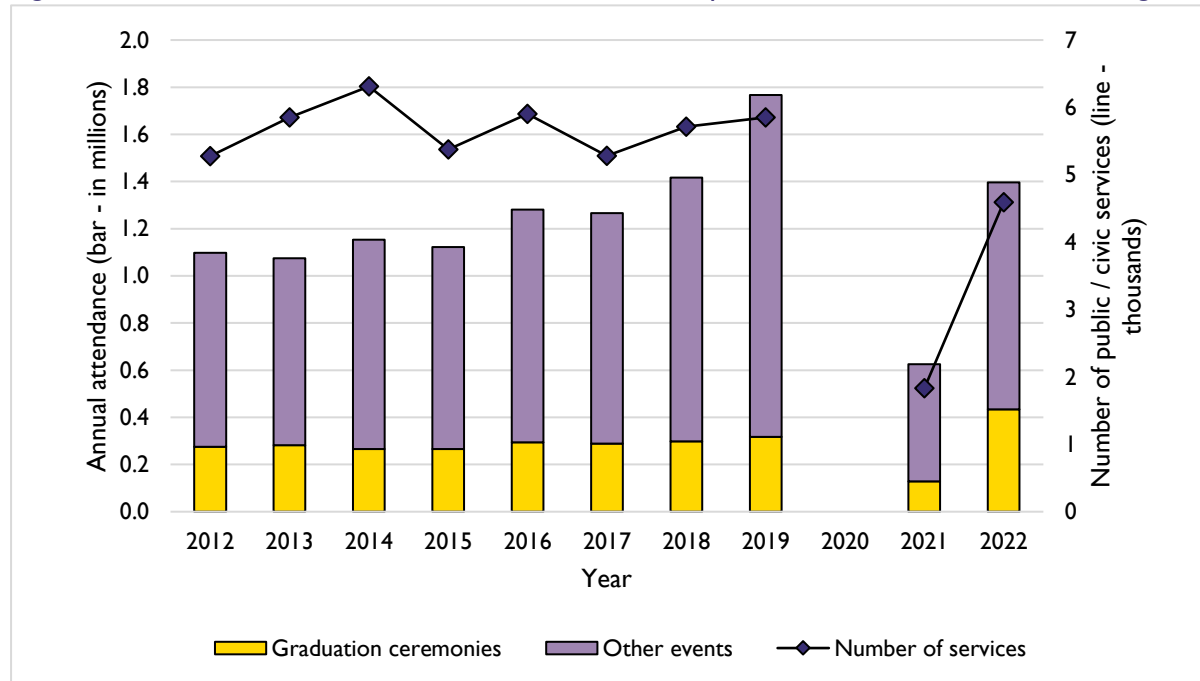


Figure 6 shows the total number of people reported attending public or civic events, which includes graduation ceremonies, conferences, concerts and meetings.

The total reported number of public / civic events in cathedrals in 2022 was 4,600, with a total attendance at these events of 1,400,000, as shown in Figure 5.

Attendance is broken down as follows: 434,000 at 530 graduation ceremonies; 962,000 at 4,100 other public / civic events.

<sup>5</sup> These data were not collected in 2020

## Easter and Holy Week Attendance

Figure 7a shows the total number of people reported as attending services at Church of England cathedrals over Easter (including vigil services on Easter Eve). All data include adults, children and young people, clergy and laity, and the attendance figure includes both communicants and those that did not receive communion. Figure 7b shows attendance during Holy Week specified, since 2014, as the period from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. This information was first recorded in 2010 but without this clarification. Therefore extra data may have been included in Holy Week prior to 2014; thus only data from 2014 onwards are shown. Note that no in-person Easter services were permitted to take place in 2020 due to the lockdown restrictions that were in place at the time.

Figure 7a: Easter attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

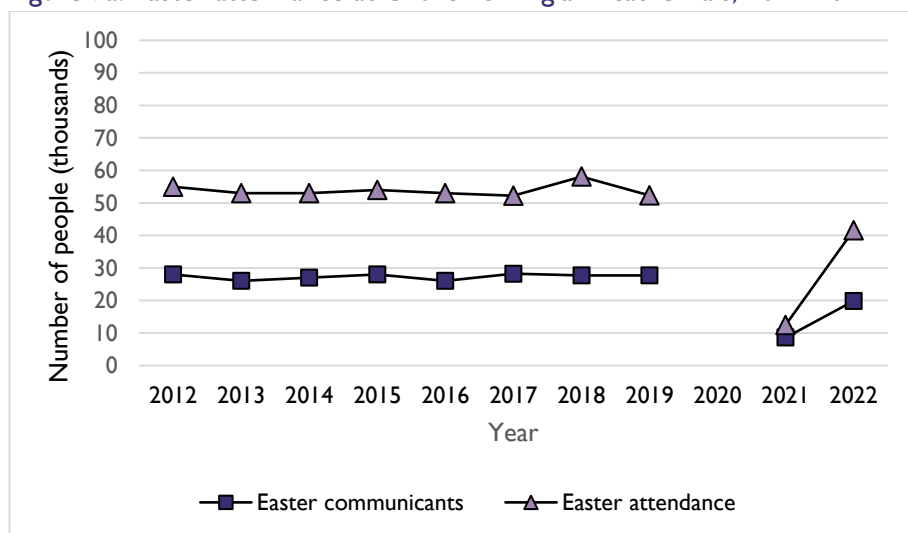
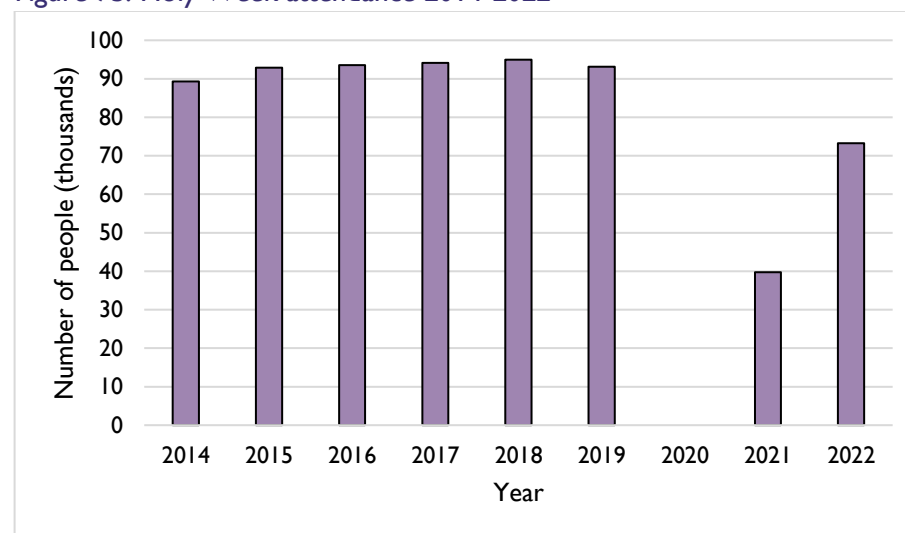


Figure 7b: Holy Week attendance 2014-2022<sup>6</sup>



In 2022, total reported attendance at Easter services was 42,000. Of those who attended services at Easter 2022, 20,000 received communion, 48% of those who attended.

A total attendance of 73,000 was reported at services during Holy Week in 2022.

<sup>6</sup> Reported consistently since 2014.

## Christmas and Advent Attendance

Figure 8a shows the total number of people reported attending Church of England cathedrals on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All data include adults, children and young people, clergy and laity, and the attendance figure includes both communicants and those that did not receive communion. Figure 8b shows attendance during Advent which, since 2014, was specified as the period from Advent Sunday to 23 December. Prior to 2014 the definitions varied slightly from year to year meaning data may not be comparable; thus, only data from 2014 onwards are shown.

Figure 8a: Christmas attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

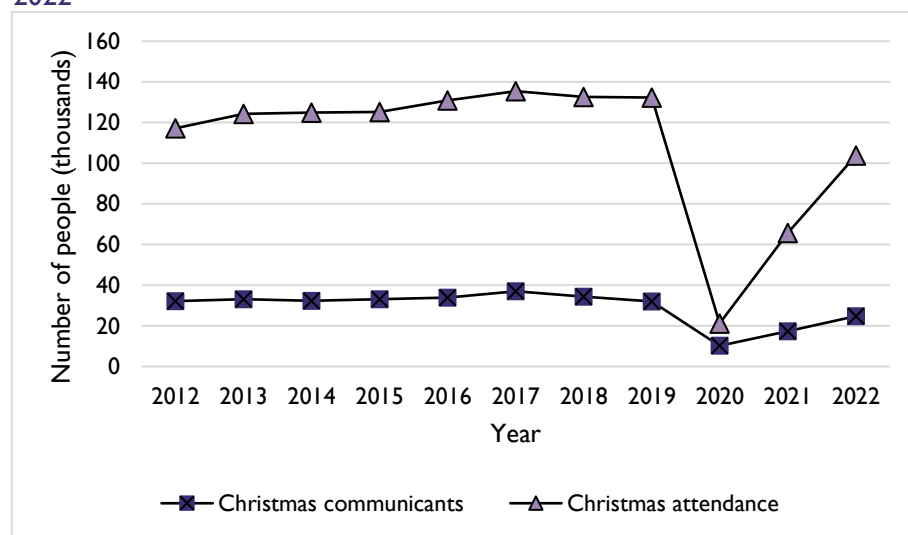
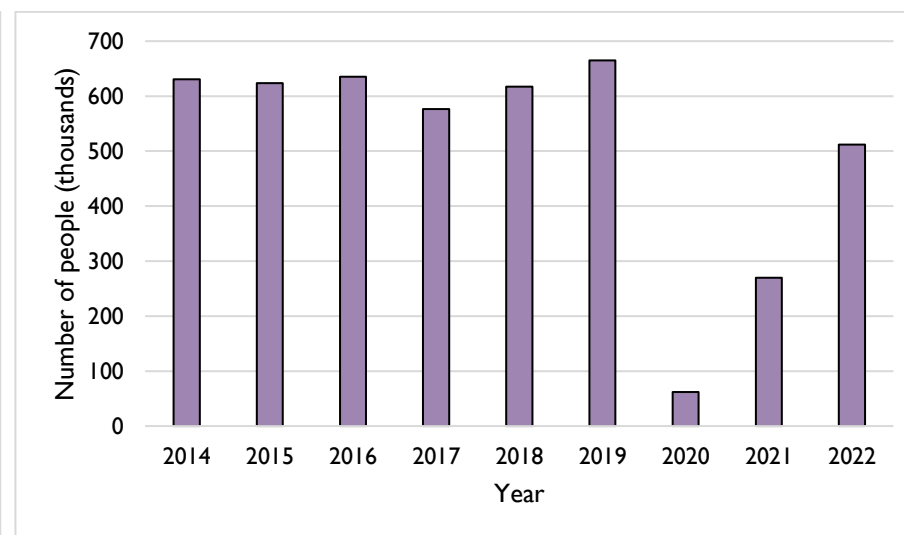


Figure 8b: Advent attendance 2014-2022<sup>7</sup>



In 2022, total reported attendance at Christmas services was 104,000. Of those who attended services at Christmas 2022, 25,000 received communion, 24% of those who attended.

A total attendance of 512,000 was reported at services during Advent in 2022.

<sup>7</sup> Reported consistently since 2014.

## Occasional Offices

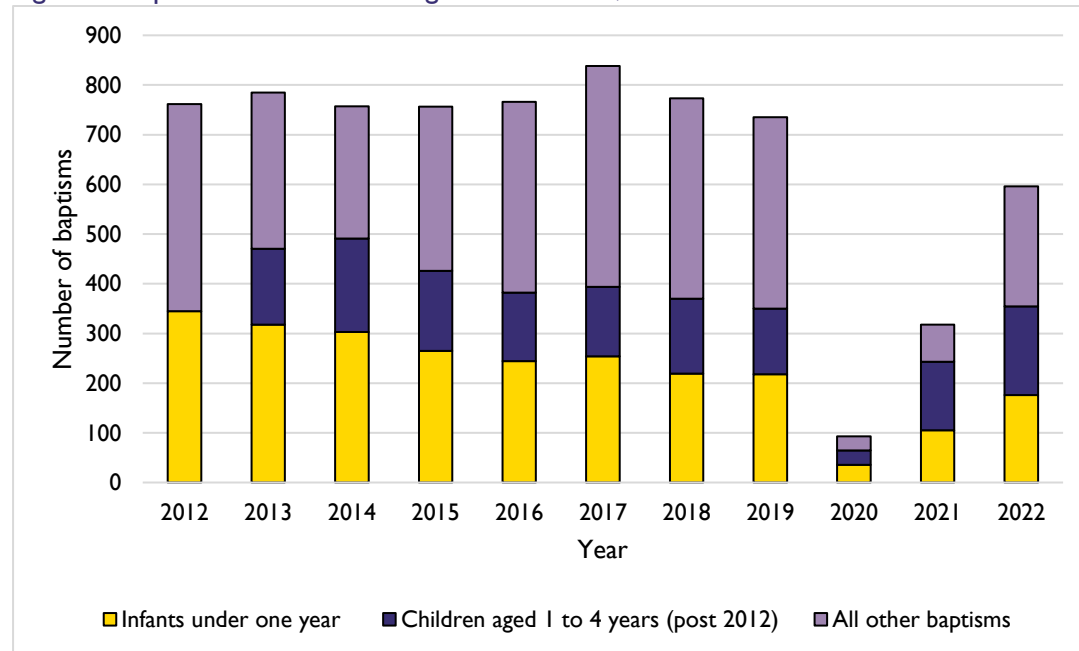
### Baptisms and Thankgiving services

During 2022, 600 baptisms were conducted in Church of England cathedrals. No thanksgiving services took place in 2022.

From 2019 onwards, baptisms have been recorded in five categories: infants under one year, children aged 1 to 4 years, children aged 5-10 years (previously 5-12 years), young people aged 11-17 years and 18+ years adults (previously youth/adult/13+ years).

For baptisms that took place in 2022, 30% (180) were of infants under one year, 30% (180) were of children aged 1 to 4 years, 9% (50) were of children aged 5-10, 15% (90) were of children aged 11-17 years, and 17% (100) were of adults aged 18+.

Figure 9: Baptisms at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022



## Marriage, Funeral and Memorial services

260 marriages were conducted in cathedrals during 2022. 35 blessings of marriage were conducted in cathedrals in 2022. The number of marriage services, shown in Figure 10, includes couples newly married in the relevant year, whilst blessings of marriage includes the number of couples for whom a service of prayer and dedication (after a civil marriage) was held in the cathedral, and does not include the renewal of vows.

Figure 10: Marriage services at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

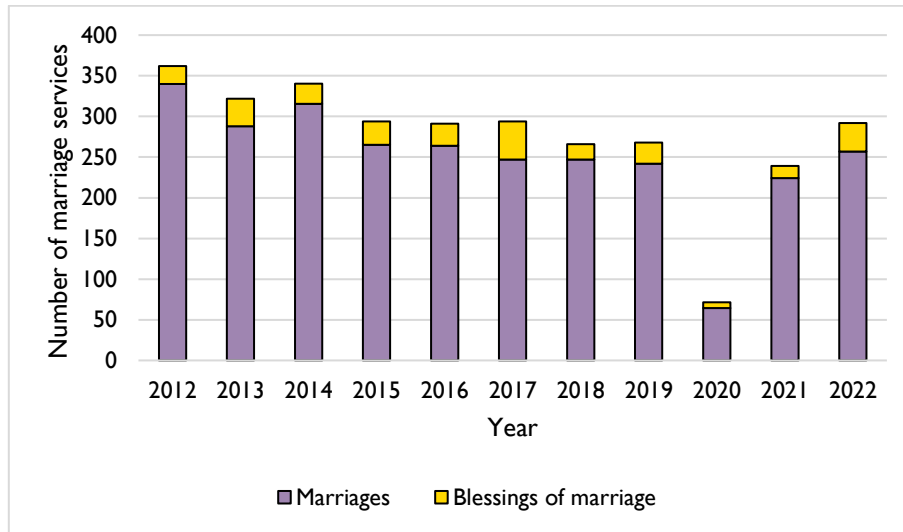
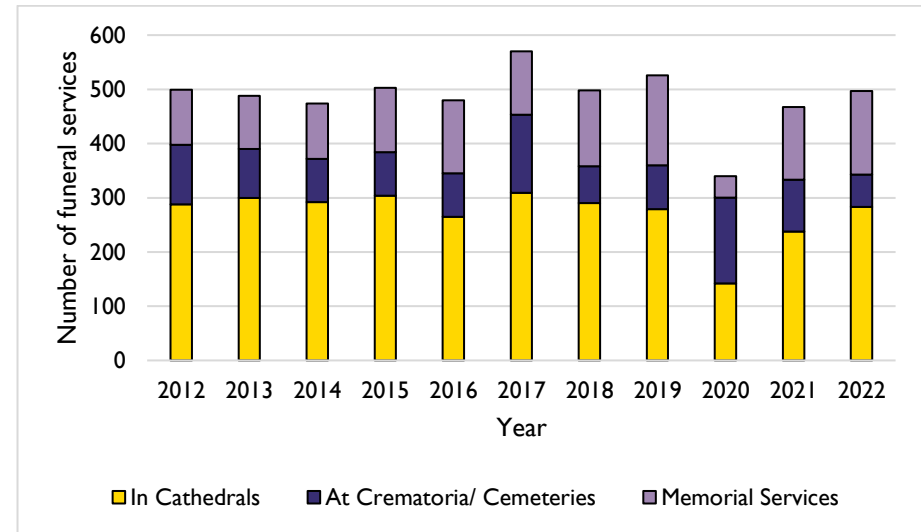


Figure 11: Funeral and memorial services at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022



The total number of funeral services, shown in Figure 11, is broken down by the number of services held in the cathedral and the number of services conducted on behalf of the cathedral at a crematorium or cemetery (excluding committal or burial of ashes only). In each case, the number of funerals include those conducted on behalf of the cathedral or parish by any minister, including stipendiary, self-supporting and retired clergy. 340 funerals took place in or on behalf of cathedrals in 2022, of which 280 took place in the cathedral and 60 at a crematorium or cemetery. In addition, 150 memorial services took place in cathedrals in 2022.



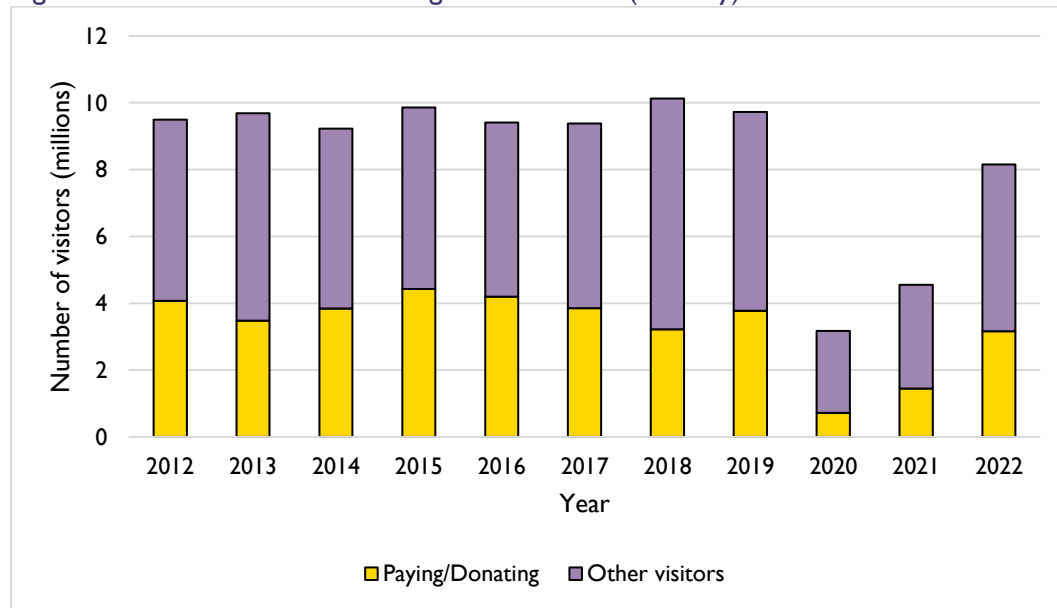
## Visitors

The total number of visitors is shown in Figure 12. Visitors are recorded in two categories - those paying (either by donation or paying at point of entry) and those that did not pay. Visitor numbers exclude those people attending services and events mentioned elsewhere in this report.

In 2022, cathedrals reported 8.2 million visitors.

Just over half of the cathedrals reported paying or donating visitors. Paying or donating visitors accounted for 39% of all visitors (3 million people) to cathedrals in 2022. However, four cathedrals commented that they were unable to separate which visitors donated. One recorded all visitors as non-paying/donating, two recorded all visitors as paying/donating, and one recorded only visitors on ticketed tours as paying or donating.

Figure 12: Visitors to Church of England cathedrals (annually) 2012–2022

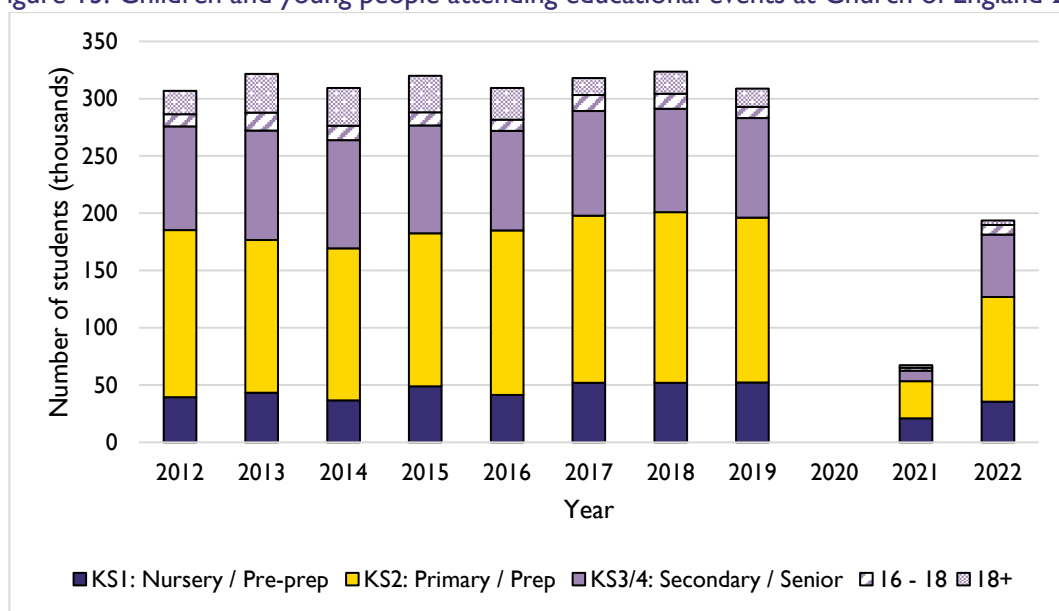


# Education

## Educational events

Figure 13 shows the number of children/students attending organised educational events during the year, which took place either in the Cathedral or were organised by the Cathedral and took place elsewhere, broken down by age / year groups<sup>8</sup>. The total number of children and young people attending organised educational events in cathedrals in 2022 was 194,000. Figures for educational events 2020 were not collected or reported, but would probably have been small given the pandemic-related restrictions that were in place for much of that year.

Figure 13: Children and young people attending educational events at Church of England 2012-2022<sup>9</sup>



<sup>8</sup> Key Stage 1 (KS1): Ages 5-7 / Years 1 and 2; Key Stage 2 (KS2): Ages 7-11 / Years 3, 4, 5 and 6; Key Stage 3 (KS3): Ages 11-14 / Years 7, 8 and 9; Key Stage 4 (KS4): Ages 14-16 / Years 10 and 11; 16 – 18: those in further education such as in sixth form or college, for example Years 12, 13 and 14; 18+: those in higher education, for example university

<sup>9</sup> No data relating to educational events were collected in 2020

## Cathedral schools

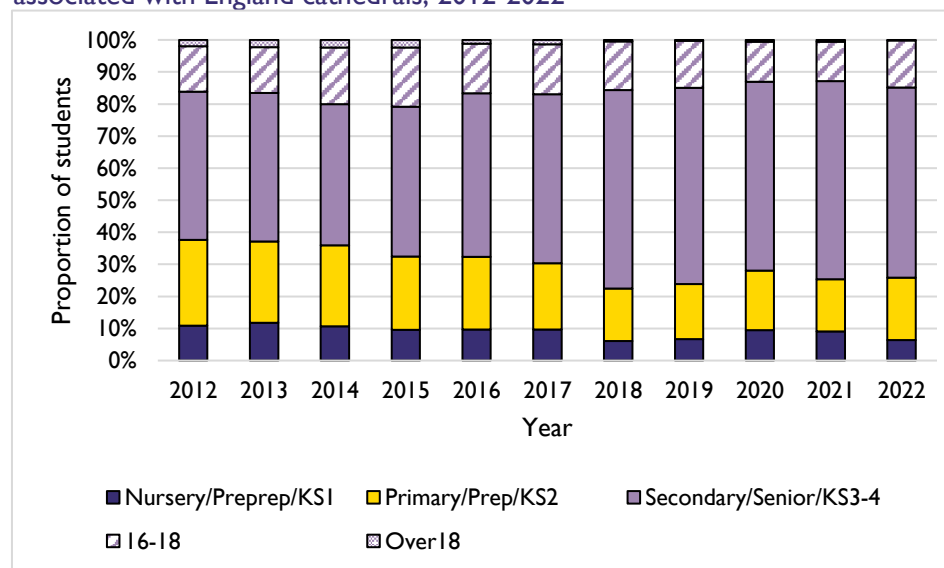
Figure 14 shows the proportion of students attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals, broken down by age / year groups. Due to the differing number of cathedrals reporting each year, proportions rather than numbers of students are shown, to allow for year-on-year comparison; numbers of students can be found in Appendix I.

The data relate to schools or academies that are part of a cathedral foundation or have formal links/relationship with a cathedral during the academic year. From 2015, question wording was changed to clarify that this meant formal governance links.

As with Figure 13, until 2009 the Secondary/Senior category included ages 16-18 and 18+, from which point these age groups were reported separately. It should be noted that a larger number of cathedrals reported these data from 2015 onwards.

In 2022, 22,900 students were reported attending cathedral schools or schools formally associated with cathedrals. The largest proportion of those attending cathedral schools in 2022 was at secondary / senior level, which accounted for 59% of all students reported and consistently accounts for the highest proportion of students every year. Primary / prep accounted for the next highest proportion in 2022 (19%), followed by 16-18 year olds (15%), nursery / pre-prep (6%) and 18+ (<1%).

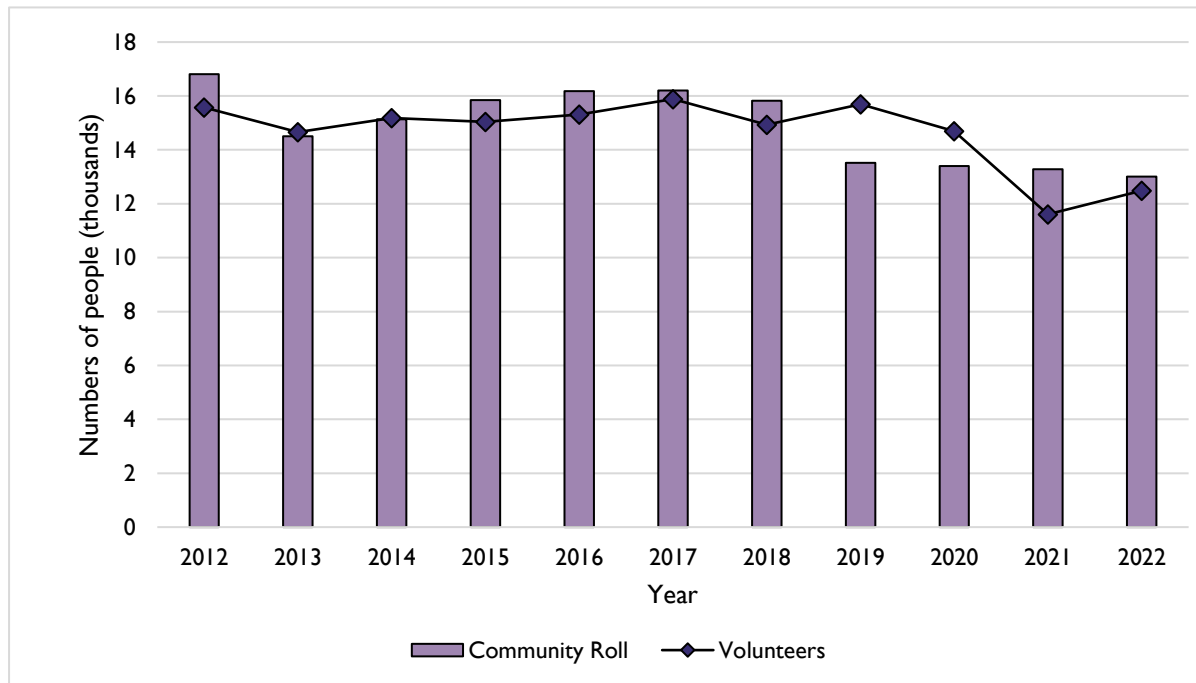
Figure 14: Proportions of children and young people attending schools associated with England cathedrals, 2012-2022



## Volunteers and Community Roll

Figure 15 shows the total number of people volunteering at Church of England cathedrals (including servers, welcomers, stewards, flower arrangers, committee members and other unpaid posts). The number of people on the cathedral Community Rolls is also shown in Figure 15. Lay members aged 16 years and over, who are baptised and are resident in the cathedral parish or, if not resident, have habitually attended public worship in the cathedral during a period of six months prior to enrolment, are entitled to have their names entered upon the roll of a cathedral. The Community Roll was last renewed in 2019, which may account for the notable change from 2018 to 2019 and lack of change thereafter.

Figure 15: Numbers of Volunteers and the Community Roll at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022



There were 12,500 people reported as volunteers in cathedrals during 2022.

13,000 people were members of cathedrals' Community Rolls in 2022.

## Music in Cathedrals

### Choristers and voluntary choir members

Figure 16 shows numbers of Choristers in Church of England cathedrals. Prior to 2013, only the total adult Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars figures were recorded; adults were split into men and women from 2013.

Figure 17 shows numbers of members of voluntary choirs at Church of England cathedrals.

Figure 16: Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

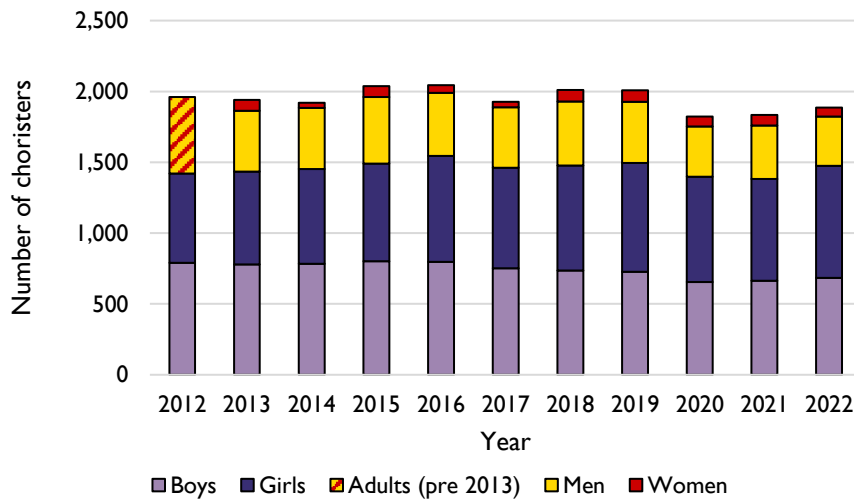
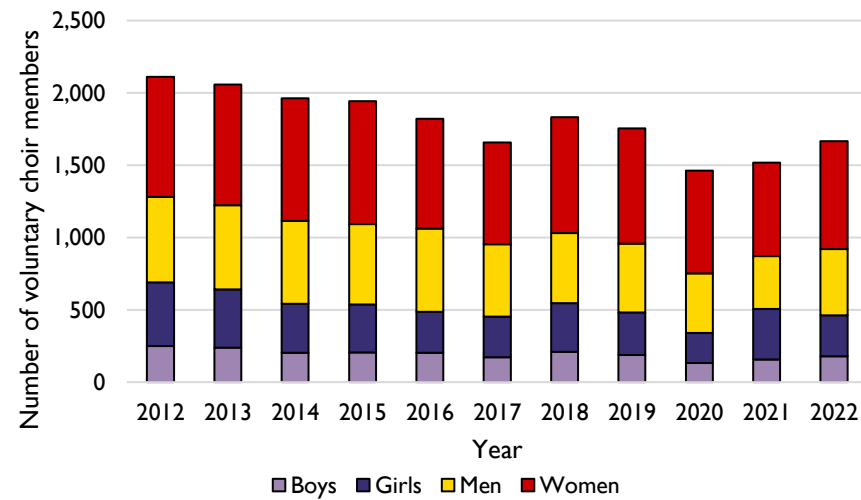


Figure 17: Voluntary Choir members, 2012-2022



In 2022, 1,500 total youth choristers and 410 lay clerks / choral scholars (i.e. adults) were reported as providing choral music for cathedrals.

Voluntary choirs in 2022 reported 1,700 members. More volunteer choir members are adults (72%) compared to cathedral choirs (22%). Voluntary choirs contain more women than cathedral choirs; 45% of volunteer choir members were women in 2022, compared to 3% of cathedral choir members.

## Number of choirs

In 2022, the numbers of male, female and mixed choirs in cathedrals were reported to be 35, 34 and 96 respectively. The number of visiting choirs in 2022 was reported to be 712.

Figure 18a: Number of Choirs in Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2022<sup>10</sup>

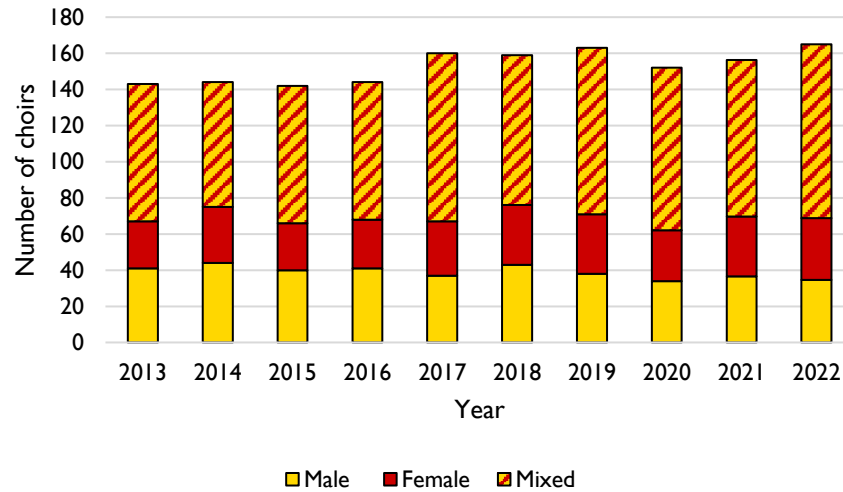
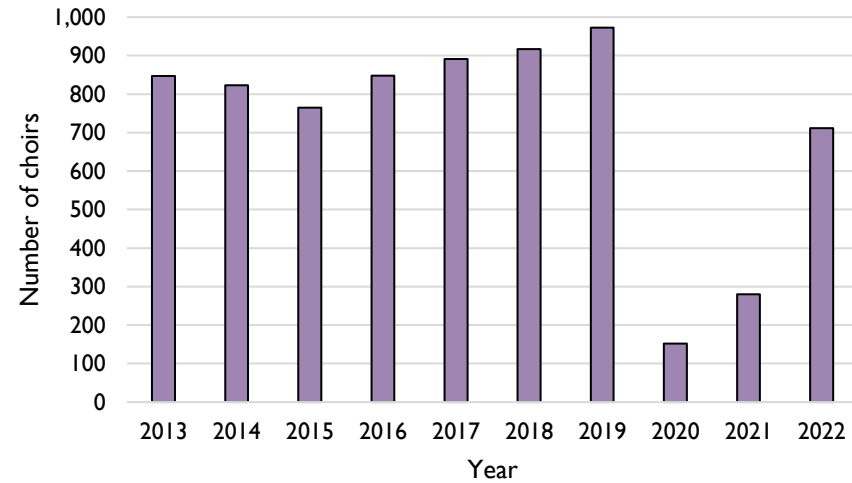


Figure 18b: Number of visiting choirs, 2013-2022<sup>11</sup>



## Musicians

In 2022, a total of 170 regular and 700 occasional musicians were reported as being involved in services at Church of England cathedrals.

<sup>10</sup> First recorded in 2012 but, due to data quality issues, data are shown from 2013 onwards.

<sup>11</sup> First recorded in 2013

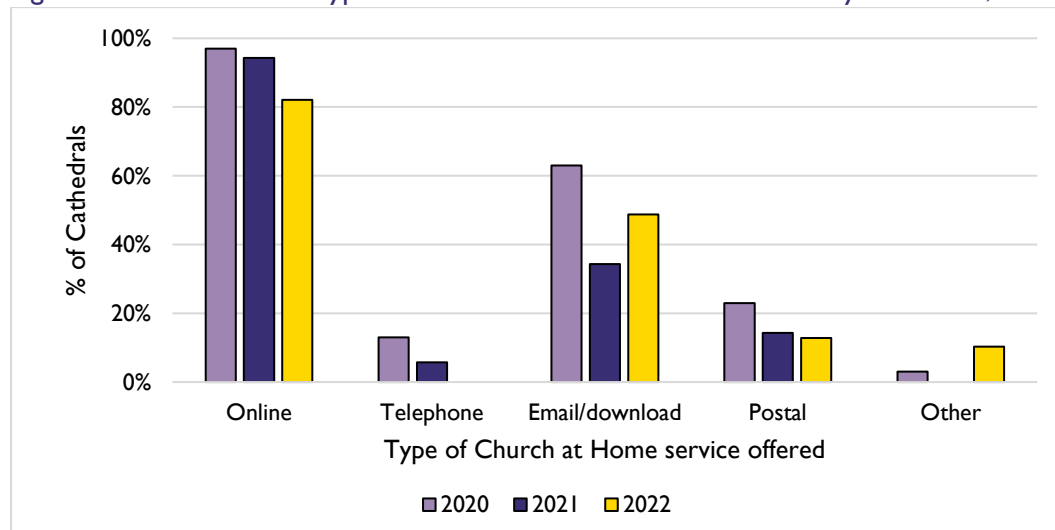
## Church at Home

In March 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person collective worship was suspended. The 2020 Cathedral Statistics return was adapted to collect information about the “Church at Home” services – those services offered online, by phone, post, email, and other means – offered by cathedrals during the March-July 2020 lockdown, and during October 2020. Since then, many cathedrals have continued to offer this ministry.

Church at Home services can take a variety of forms, including online services that are live-streamed or pre-recorded; telephone or dial-in services; services that are downloadable from a website or emailed to the congregation; and services that are printed and posted or hand-delivered to members of the congregation. Cathedrals can potentially offer one or multiple types of Church at Home service.

85% of cathedrals offered Church at Home services in October 2022. Figure 19 shows the percentages of cathedrals offering each type of Church at Home from 2020-2022. Online services were the most frequently reported type of Church at Home, offered by almost all cathedrals that offered Church at Home services. The percentage of cathedrals offering online service decreased slightly between 2020 and 2021, with a further decline in 2022. Other types of Church at Home were less common, and were universally offered less frequently in 2022 than in 2020, but email/download was more common in 2022 than 2021.

Figure 19: Distribution of types of Church at Home services offered by cathedrals, 2020-2022



## Cathedral-level summary information

Every cathedral is different, serving different communities in different ways. There are many ways to describe the “size” of a cathedral, of which a few are shown in Table 2. This table gives a sense of the range of cathedrals. For example, the average Adult usual Sunday attendance in 2022 was 292 people; Adult usual Sunday attendance at the median (middle) cathedral in 2022 was 222 people; a quarter of cathedrals had Adult usual Sunday attendance in 2022 of 182 or fewer people; a quarter of cathedrals had adult usual Sunday attendance in 2022 of 297 or more people.

Table 2: Cathedral size distribution summary, 2019 and 2022

	25 <sup>th</sup> percentile		Median (middle) cathedral		75 <sup>th</sup> percentile		Mean (average) cathedral	
	2019	2022	2019	2022	2019	2022	2019	2022
Adult usual Sunday attendance	232	182	295	222	370	297	363	292
Child usual Sunday attendance	25	22	33	33	48	50	55	40
Adult usual midweek attendance	102	77	221	156	428	310	359	273
Child usual midweek attendance	21	17	40	30	107	59	109	67
Community Roll	170	170	310	290	390	360	320	310
Easter attendance	640	490	850	720	1,330	980	1,250	990
Christmas attendance	1,610	1,270	2,770	2,100	4,290	3,370	3,150	2,470
Baptisms and thanksgivings	5	5	11	10	20	16	18	14
Marriages and services of prayer & dedication	3	3	5	5	10	10	6	7
Funerals in cathedrals, crematoria, & cemeteries	5	3	8	7	10	11	9	8
Visitors	83,000	96,000	143,000	149,000	277,000	304,000	232,000	194,000



## Appendices

### Appendix I: Data Tables

All data are rounded to the nearest 100 or 10, or 5, where appropriate. Where data are greater than zero but fewer than 5, “<5” is shown. Totals are calculated from unrounded data and are shown in bold. Data for previous years may have been updated since earlier reports, due to re-estimation. Data for Westminster Abbey are not included in tabular totals but disclosed by way of footnotes.

Table 3: Sunday and midweek (i.e. Monday-Saturday) attendance at Church of England cathedrals, per week, 2012-2022

Year	Sunday Attendance (per week)			Midweek Attendance (per week)			Total Weekly Attendance (per week)		
	Under 16	16 and over	All ages	Under 16	16 and over	All ages	Under 16	16 and over	All ages
2012	2,600	17,100	19,700	4,400	11,800	16,200	<b>7,000</b>	<b>28,900</b>	<b>35,900</b>
2013	2,400	16,700	19,100	4,500	14,800	19,300	<b>6,900</b>	<b>31,500</b>	<b>38,400</b>
2014	2,300	16,600	18,900	4,300	13,200	17,500	<b>6,600</b>	<b>29,800</b>	<b>36,400</b>
2015	2,300	15,900	18,200	4,700	15,200	19,900	<b>7,000</b>	<b>31,100</b>	<b>38,100</b>
2016	2,400	16,600	19,000	4,300	14,500	18,800	<b>6,700</b>	<b>31,100</b>	<b>37,800</b>
2017	2,300	16,300	18,600	4,300	14,700	19,000	<b>6,600</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>37,600</b>
2018	2,300	15,800	18,100	4,700	14,300	19,000	<b>7,000</b>	<b>30,100</b>	<b>37,100</b>
2019	2,300	15,300	17,600	4,600	15,100	19,700	<b>6,900</b>	<b>30,400</b>	<b>37,300</b>
2020	900	7,300	8,200	1,200	3,400	4,700	<b>2,200</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>12,900</b>
2021	1,100	7,600	8,800	1,200	5,800	7,000	<b>2,400</b>	<b>13,400</b>	<b>15,800</b>
2022	1,700	12,300	13,900	2,800	11,500	14,300	<b>4,500</b>	<b>23,700</b>	<b>28,200</b>

Westminster Abbey 2022: Midweek attendance – 2,400 adults and 130 children; Sunday attendance – 900 adults and 50 children.

Average weekly attendance at normal services held by cathedrals either on Sunday or midweek. Includes attendance at services that are not major festivals or contained in a peak holiday period. Persons attending more than one service on the same day were, wherever possible, counted only once no matter how many services they attended.

Table 4: Total annual attendance at regular services at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2022

Year	Fresh expressions	Regular schools' services	Other regular services	Total regular attendance
2013	14,700	170,700	391,000	<b>576,400</b>
2014	14,400	241,500	219,000	<b>474,900</b>
2015	14,400	265,400	191,900	<b>471,700</b>
2016	13,800	285,300	260,800	<b>559,900</b>
2017	8,300	336,100	167,100	<b>511,500</b>
2018	11,500	334,600	135,700	<b>481,800</b>
2019	8,500	337,900	156,400	<b>502,800</b>
2020	-	-	-	-
2021	3,000	100,900	169,600	<b>273,500</b>
2022	5,200	230,300	137,200	<b>372,700</b>

Westminster Abbey 2022: no regular schools' services, no fresh expressions of Church and no other regular services attendance.

Numbers in attendance at regular services are not included in average weekly attendance figures, as they are not part of the weekly calendar of services.

The wording of the question asking about regular services was changed in 2013 to ensure the weekly pattern of services was not included. This resulted in a reduced total, hence only data for 2013 onwards are shown in Table 4.

These data were not collected in 2020.

Table 5: Annual number of and total attendance at specially arranged services at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

Year	Diocesan or Episcopal services		Special services arranged for schools		Other special services (excluding memorials)		Services outside Cathedral building		Total Specially Arranged Services	
	Number of services	Annual Attendance	Number of services	Annual Attendance	Number of services	Annual Attendance	Number of services	Annual Attendance	Number of services	Annual Attendance
2012	480	122,000	420	208,000	2,000	608,000	-	-	<b>2,900</b>	<b>938,000</b>
2013	480	108,000	490	296,000	1,600	486,000	-	-	<b>2,600</b>	<b>890,000</b>
2014	540	179,000	520	286,000	1,600	423,000	50	30,000	<b>2,700</b>	<b>918,000</b>
2015	470	163,000	520	302,000	1,600	452,000	70	26,000	<b>2,700</b>	<b>943,000</b>
2016	520	176,000	540	317,000	1,600	420,000	210	17,000	<b>2,900</b>	<b>930,000</b>
2017	470	166,000	520	312,000	1,600	411,000	210	16,000	<b>2,800</b>	<b>905,000</b>
2018	490	176,000	520	315,000	1,400	413,000	260	26,000	<b>2,700</b>	<b>930,000</b>
2019	490	158,000	490	296,000	1,200	350,000	250	22,000	<b>2,400</b>	<b>826,000</b>
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	340	45,000	190	90,000	610	111,000	70	14,000	<b>1,200</b>	<b>259,000</b>
2022	400	98,000	450	227,000	1,000	233,000	230	26,000	<b>2,100</b>	<b>584,000</b>

Westminster Abbey 2022: total 59,500 people at 50 specially arranged services, broken down as follows: 6,900 attendance at 10 Diocesan or Episcopal services; 4,200 attendance at 4 special schools services; 47,400 attendance at 30 other special services; 1,000 attendance at 2 services outside the building.

Diocesan or Episcopal services first reported separately in 2012.

Services outside Cathedral building first reported separately in 2014.

These data were not collected in 2020.

Table 6: Number of and attendance at public / civic services at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

Year	Graduation ceremonies		Other events		Total Public/civic events	
	Number of services	Attendance	Number of services	Attendance	Number of services	Attendance (millions)
2012	280	275,000	5,000	823,000	<b>5,300</b>	<b>1.10</b>
2013	290	282,000	5,600	792,000	<b>5,900</b>	<b>1.07</b>
2014	290	266,000	6,000	888,000	<b>6,300</b>	<b>1.15</b>
2015	280	266,000	5,100	856,000	<b>5,400</b>	<b>1.12</b>
2016	280	295,000	5,600	985,000	<b>5,900</b>	<b>1.28</b>
2017	290	289,000	5,000	978,000	<b>5,300</b>	<b>1.27</b>
2018	320	299,000	5,400	1,118,000	<b>5,700</b>	<b>1.42</b>
2019	330	317,000	5,500	1,451,000	<b>5,800</b>	<b>1.77</b>
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	210	128,000	1,600	498,000	<b>1,800</b>	<b>0.63</b>
2022	530	434,000	4,100	962,000	<b>4,600</b>	<b>1.40</b>

Westminster Abbey 2022: total 18,100 people reported at 80 public / civic events, all of which were 'other' events (with no graduation ceremonies).

These data were not collected in 2020.

Table 7: Easter communicants & attendance and Holy Week attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

Year	Easter		Holy Week Total attendance
	Communicants	Total attendance	
2012	28,000	55,000	-
2013	26,000	53,000	-
2014	27,000	53,000	89,000
2015	28,000	54,000	93,000
2016	26,000	53,000	94,000
2017	28,000	52,000	94,000
2018	28,000	58,000	95,000
2019	28,000	52,000	93,000
2020	-	-	-
2021	8,600	12,400	40,000
2022	20,000	42,000	73,000

Westminster Abbey 2022: 1,400 Easter communicants; 2,700 Easter attendance; 2,900 attendance during Holy Week.

Total attendance includes the total number of people reported to have attended worship, both communicants and those that did not take communion, adults, children and young people, clergy and laity.

Easter includes vigil services on Easter Eve and all services on Easter Day. Holy Week data were first collected in 2010 but in 2014 specified to be the period from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. Data before 2014 therefore may include extra figures and hence only 2014 onwards are shown. Data for Easter and Holy Week attendance were not collected in 2020.

Christmas includes all services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. From 2014 onwards, Advent was specified to be the period from Advent Sunday to 23rd December. Data before 2014 therefore may include extra figures and hence only 2014 onwards are shown.

Table 8: Christmas communicants & attendance and Advent attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

Year	Christmas		Advent Total attendance
	Communicants	Total attendance	
2012	32,000	117,000	-
2013	33,000	124,000	-
2014	32,000	125,000	631,000
2015	33,000	125,000	624,000
2016	34,000	131,000	635,000
2017	37,000	135,000	576,000
2018	34,000	133,000	617,000
2019	32,000	132,000	665,000
2020	10,200	21,000	62,200
2021	17,400	66,000	270,000
2022	25,000	104,000	512,000

Westminster Abbey 2022: 1,500 Christmas communicants; 7,000 Christmas attendance; 25,000 attendance during Advent.

Table 9: Baptism and Thanksgiving services held at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

Year	Baptism Services								Total baptisms	Total thanksgiving services
	Infants under one year	Children aged 1 to 4 years	Children aged 5 to 12 years	Children aged 5 to 10 years	Children aged 1 to 12 years	Youth / adults (13+)	Youth (Aged 11-17)	Adults (18+)		
2012	350	-	-	-	250	160	-	-	760	10
2013	320	150	100	-	250	220	-	-	780	10
2014	300	190	50	-	240	210	-	-	760	20
2015	270	160	70	-	230	260	-	-	760	10
2016	240	140	90	-	220	300	-	-	770	10
2017	250	140	110	-	250	340	-	-	840	10
2018	220	150	110	-	260	300	-	-	770	10
2019	220	130	-	60	-	-	80	250	740	10
2020	40	30	-	20	-	-	10	10	90	<5
2021	110	140	-	10	-	-	20	50	320	0
2022	180	180	-	50	-	-	90	100	600	0

Westminster Abbey 2022: Baptisms - <10 infants (under 1 year); <10 children aged 1-4; 0 children aged 5-10; <5 young people (aged 11-17), 0 adults (18+). No Thanksgivings were reported.

Prior to 2013, baptisms were reported in 3 categories: infants under 1 year, children aged 1-12 years and mature aged 13+. From 2013-2018, children's baptisms were split into those aged 1-4 years and 5-12 years; the total for children aged 1-12 years is given in Table 8 for comparison with years prior to 2013. For 2019, children's baptisms were split into those aged 1-4 years, 5-10 years, with added categories for young people (aged 11-17 years) and adults (18+).

Table 10: Marriage, Funeral and Memorial services held at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

Year	Marriage Services			Funeral Services			Memorial Services
	Marriages	Blessings of marriage	Total marriage services	In Cathedrals	At Crematoria/ Cemeteries	Total funeral services	
2012	340	20	<b>360</b>	290	110	<b>400</b>	100
2013	290	35	<b>320</b>	300	90	<b>390</b>	100
2014	320	25	<b>340</b>	290	80	<b>370</b>	100
2015	270	30	<b>300</b>	300	80	<b>380</b>	120
2016	260	25	<b>290</b>	270	80	<b>350</b>	140
2017	250	45	<b>300</b>	310	140	<b>450</b>	120
2018	250	20	<b>270</b>	290	70	<b>360</b>	140
2019	240	25	<b>270</b>	280	80	<b>360</b>	170
2020	60	5	<b>70</b>	140	160	<b>300</b>	40
2021	220	15	<b>240</b>	240	100	<b>330</b>	130
2022	260	35	<b>290</b>	280	60	<b>340</b>	150

Westminster Abbey 2022: 20 marriage services; ; <5 funeral services; 10 memorial services; no marriage blessings or funerals at crematoria / cemeteries were reported.

Marriages: couples newly married only.

Service of blessing immediately after marriage does not include renewal of vows.

Table 11: Number of children and young people attending educational events at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

Year	KS1: Nursery / Pre-prep	KS2: Primary / Prep	KS3/4: Secondary / Senior	16 - 18	18 +	Total
2012	39,300	145,900	90,500	10,500	20,400	<b>307,000</b>
2013	43,500	133,300	95,500	15,600	33,900	<b>322,000</b>
2014	36,600	132,800	94,300	12,700	33,000	<b>309,000</b>
2015	48,900	133,700	94,100	11,500	31,800	<b>320,000</b>
2016	41,300	143,700	86,800	9,800	27,800	<b>309,000</b>
2017	52,000	145,900	91,400	14,100	14,700	<b>318,000</b>
2018	52,100	148,900	90,100	13,400	19,100	<b>324,000</b>
2019	52,300	143,900	86,900	9,900	15,900	<b>309,000</b>
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	21,000	32,500	9,200	2,500	2,100	<b>67,300</b>
2022	35,400	91,600	54,600	8,200	4,100	<b>194,000</b>

Westminster Abbey 2022: KS1: 840; KS2: 5,200; KS3/4: 2,000; 16 – 18: 1,700; 18+: 1,600.

Educational events include those events which took place either in the Cathedral or organised by the Cathedral and took place elsewhere.

These data were not collected in 2020.

For reference, ages and school groups for Key Stages are as follows:

- Key Stage 1 (KS1): Ages 5-7 / Years 1 and 2
- Key Stage 2 (KS2): Ages 7-11 / Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Key Stage 3 (KS3): Ages 11-14 / Years 7, 8 and 9
- Key Stage 4 (KS4): Ages 14-16 / Years 10 and 11
- 16 – 18: Those in further education such as in sixth form or college, for example Years 12, 13 and 14



Table 12: Number of children and young people attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

Year	KS1: Nursery / Preprep		KS2: Primary / Prep		KS3/4: Secondary / Senior		16 – 18		18 +		Total	
	Count of students	Cath' rals	Count of students	Cath' rals	Count of students	Cath' rals	Count of students	Cath' rals	Count of students	Cath' rals	Count of students	Cath' rals
2012	1,330	(16)	3,290	(19)	5,680	(15)	1,740	(10)	250	(2)	12,300	(22)
2013	1,500	(16)	2,950	(20)	5,510	(16)	1,710	(11)	270	(6)	11,900	(22)
2014	1,270	(16)	2,990	(20)	5,210	(16)	2,050	(11)	240	(6)	11,800	(22)
2015	1,290	(16)	3,080	(20)	6,290	(16)	2,480	(11)	320	(6)	13,500	(22)
2016	1,580	(17)	3,730	(20)	8,360	(16)	2,540	(11)	190	(6)	16,400	(22)
2017	1,610	(17)	2,960	(20)	8,850	(17)	2,590	(12)	230	(5)	16,200	(23)
2018	1,250	(17)	3,330	(21)	12,610	(22)	3,090	(11)	110	(3)	20,400	(20)
2019	1,520	(18)	3,910	(23)	13,910	(21)	3,350	(12)	60	(2)	22,800	(26)
2020	2,500	(17)	4,900	(22)	15,600	(19)	3,300	(13)	140	(2)	26,400	(25)
2021	2,400	(15)	4,400	(20)	16,600	(19)	3,300	(11)	160	(2)	26,900	(24)
2022	1,500	(17)	4,500	(24)	13,600	(20)	3,300	(13)	50	(2)	22,900	(25)

Westminster Abbey 2022: KS1: 40; KS2: 450; KS3/4: 2,200; 16-18: 1,300 18+: 0.

Not all cathedrals responded to this question, and so the “Cath’rals” columns report (in brackets) the total number of cathedrals that provided a figure greater than zero.

For reference, ages and school groups for Key Stages are as follows:

- Key Stage 1 (KS1): Ages 5-7 / Years 1 and 2
- Key Stage 2 (KS2): Ages 7-11 / Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Key Stage 3 (KS3): Ages 11-14 / Years 7, 8 and 9
- Key Stage 4 (KS4): Ages 14-16 / Years 10 and 11
- 16 – 18: Those in further education such as in sixth form or college, for example Years 12, 13 and 14
- 18+: Those in higher education, for example university

Table 13: Visitors at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

Year	Visitors (in millions)		Total number of visitors
	Paying/Donating	Other visitors	
2012	4.08 (34)	5.42	<b>9.50</b>
2013	3.48 (26)	6.21	<b>9.69</b>
2014	3.84 (26)	5.38	<b>9.23</b>
2015	4.43 (26)	5.43	<b>9.86</b>
2016	4.20 (25)	5.21	<b>9.41</b>
2017	3.85 (24)	5.53	<b>9.38</b>
2018	3.22 (20)	6.91	<b>10.13</b>
2019	3.78 (22)	5.95	<b>9.73</b>
2020	0.72 (18)	2.45	<b>3.17</b>
2021	1.45 (19)	3.10	<b>4.56</b>
2022	3.16 (25)	4.99	<b>8.16</b>

Westminster Abbey 2022: 869,000 visitors, 90% of these reported paying for entry.

Community Roll was renewed in 2013 and 2019.

The numbers in parentheses in the "Paying/Donating" column are the number of Cathedrals that provided visitor data split into paying/donating and non-paying categories.

Table 14: Volunteers and Community Roll at Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

Year	Volunteers	Community Roll (annual figure)
2012	15,000	16,800
2013	15,000	14,500
2014	16,000	15,100
2015	15,000	15,900
2016	15,000	16,200
2017	15,000	16,200
2018	15,000	15,800
2019	15,700	13,500
2020	14,700	13,400
2021	11,600	13,300
2022	12,500	13,000

Westminster Abbey 2022: 280 volunteers; no Community Roll.

Table 15: Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

Year	Child choristers			Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars			Total choristers
	Boys	Girls	Total children	Men	Women	Total adults	
2012	790	630	<b>1,400</b>	-	-	<b>540</b>	<b>2,000</b>
2013	780	650	<b>1,400</b>	430	80	<b>510</b>	<b>1,900</b>
2014	780	670	<b>1,500</b>	430	40	<b>470</b>	<b>1,900</b>
2015	800	690	<b>1,500</b>	470	80	<b>550</b>	<b>2,000</b>
2016	800	750	<b>1,500</b>	440	50	<b>500</b>	<b>2,000</b>
2017	750	710	<b>1,500</b>	430	40	<b>460</b>	<b>1,900</b>
2018	740	740	<b>1,500</b>	450	80	<b>540</b>	<b>2,000</b>
2019	730	770	<b>1,500</b>	430	80	<b>510</b>	<b>2,000</b>
2020	650	750	<b>1,400</b>	350	70	<b>420</b>	<b>1,800</b>
2021	660	720	<b>1,400</b>	380	80	<b>450</b>	<b>1,800</b>
2022	680	790	<b>1,500</b>	350	60	<b>410</b>	<b>1,900</b>

Westminster Abbey 2022: 30 boy choristers; 0 girl choristers; 10 men; <10 women. Note that the men and women reported at Westminster Abbey are paid professionals.

Since 2013, Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars figures have been split into men and women. Prior to 2013 only the total was reported.

Table 16: Number of Voluntary Choir members in Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

Year	Child choristers			Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars			Total choristers
	Boys	Girls	Total children	Men	Women	Total adults	
2012	250	440	<b>690</b>	590	830	<b>1,400</b>	<b>2,100</b>
2013	240	400	<b>640</b>	580	830	<b>1,400</b>	<b>2,100</b>
2014	200	340	<b>540</b>	570	850	<b>1,400</b>	<b>2,000</b>
2015	210	330	<b>540</b>	560	850	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,900</b>
2016	200	290	<b>490</b>	580	760	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,800</b>
2017	170	280	<b>450</b>	500	700	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,700</b>
2018	210	340	<b>550</b>	480	800	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,800</b>
2019	190	300	<b>490</b>	480	800	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,800</b>
2020	130	210	<b>340</b>	410	710	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,500</b>
2021	160	350	<b>510</b>	370	650	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,500</b>
2022	180	280	<b>460</b>	460	750	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,700</b>

Westminster Abbey 2022: No voluntary choir members were reported.

Number of Voluntary Choir members first reported in 2010.

Table 17: Number of Choirs in Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2022

Year	Male	Female	Mixed	Total Number of Cathedral Choirs	Visiting Choirs
2013	41	26	76	143	847
2014	44	31	69	144	823
2015	40	26	76	142	765
2016	41	27	76	144	848
2017	37	30	93	160	891
2018	43	33	83	159	917
2019	38	33	92	163	973
2020	34	28	90	152	152
2021	37	33	87	156	280
2022	35	34	96	165	712

Westminster Abbey 2022: < 5 male choirs; no female choirs; < 5 mixed choirs and no visiting choirs were reported.

Number of Choirs first reported in 2012 with questions asking for numbers of male, female and mixed choirs, but due to data quality, data are shown from 2013 onwards.

Number of Visiting choirs first reported in 2013.

Table 18: Number of musicians in Church of England cathedrals, 2018-2022

Year	Regular					Occasional				
	Boys	Girls	Male	Female	Total	Boys	Girls	Male	Female	Total
2018	20	20	150	30	220	180	180	660	440	1,460
2019	20	30	200	40	290	80	110	420	270	880
2020	<10	<10	130	30	170	10	10	80	40	140
2021	0	0	110	30	140	40	10	230	130	410
2022	10	<5	120	40	170	190	20	350	150	700

Westminster Abbey 2022: <5 adult (male) regular musicians; <5 occasional (male) musicians; <5 occasional (female) musicians.

The data in Table 19 were first reported in 2013 but split into two categories from 2014 onwards (regular and occasional). Comparison with previous years' musicians data is not advised due to potential data quality issues; however the 2018 data collection form was amended and clarified to address this issue for the future.

Table 19: Percentage of cathedrals offering different types of Church at Home during 2020-2022

	Online	Telephone	Email/ download	Postal	Other
October 2020	97% (29)	13% (4)	63% (19)	23% (7)	3% (1)
October 2021	94% (33)	6% (2)	34% (12)	14% (5)	0% (0)
October 2022	82% (32)	0% (0)	49% (19)	13% (5)	10% (4)

Percentages in Table 19 are the percentages of all cathedrals that submitted a return in the given year. Numbers in brackets show the number of cathedrals reporting that they provided a given type of Church at Home service. Note that different years had different response rates, hence some categories may show higher percentages but lower numbers.

## Appendix 2: Methodology

There are 42 Church of England cathedrals in mainland England, listed below, all of which participated in this exercise along with Westminster Abbey (which is not a cathedral, but a Royal Peculiar). The map in Appendix 3 shows the location of all participating cathedrals from which data have been aggregated to show the totals reported in Figures 1 to 19 (names listed below, with diocese name in brackets if not already in the name of the cathedral). Westminster Abbey is not shown on the map because data from Westminster Abbey are reported separately via footnotes accompanying tables 3 to 18.

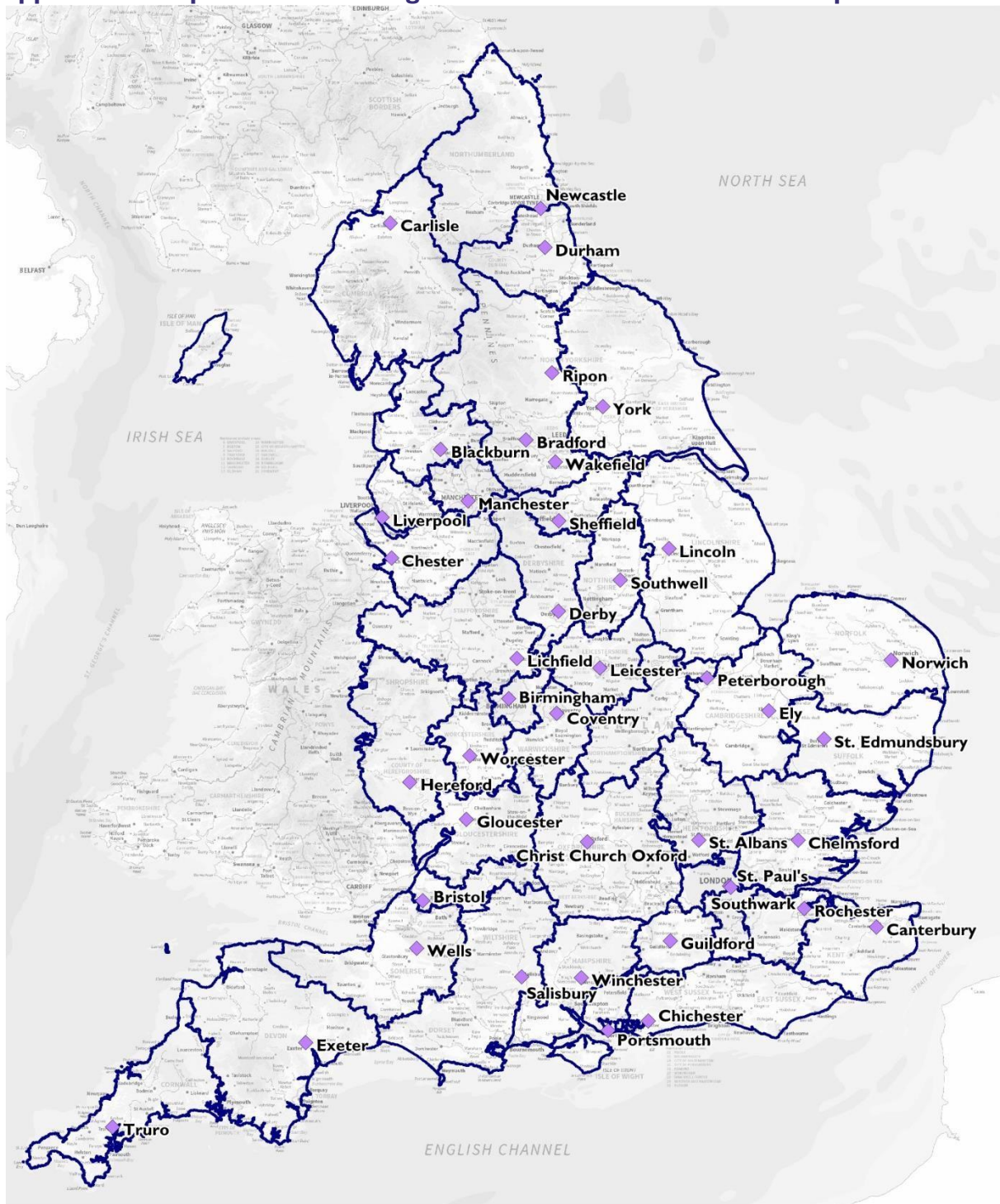
Wells Cathedral (Bath and Wells diocese)	Gloucester Cathedral	Rochester Cathedral
Birmingham Cathedral	Guildford Cathedral	St. Albans Cathedral
Blackburn Cathedral	Hereford Cathedral	St Edmundsbury Cathedral (St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich diocese)
Bradford Cathedral (Leeds diocese)	Leicester Cathedral	Salisbury Cathedral
Bristol Cathedral	Lichfield Cathedral	Sheffield Cathedral
Canterbury Cathedral	Lincoln Cathedral	Southwark Cathedral
Carlisle Cathedral	Liverpool Cathedral	Southwell Minster (Southwell & Nottingham diocese)
Chelmsford Cathedral	St. Paul's Cathedral (London diocese)	Truro Cathedral
Chester Cathedral	Manchester Cathedral	Wakefield Cathedral (Leeds diocese)
Chichester Cathedral	Newcastle Cathedral	Winchester Cathedral
Coventry Cathedral	Norwich Cathedral	Worcester Cathedral
Derby Cathedral	Christ Church Cathedral (Oxford diocese)	York Minster
Durham Cathedral	Peterborough Cathedral	Westminster Abbey (Royal Peculiar, London)
Ely Cathedral	Portsmouth Cathedral	
Exeter Cathedral	Ripon Cathedral (Leeds diocese)	

Data in this report have been collated from the annual cathedral returns completed each year by Head Vergers, Chief Operating Officers, and Deans. The form in Appendix 4 was sent electronically to all Church of England cathedrals, and Westminster Abbey, in early 2022. Data were checked upon the form being returned, and any anomalies or missing data queried directly with the cathedral and amended where necessary.

In the case of no response from the query, estimation was carried out based on previously held data. For each variable, an average value was calculated from the 2022 data. An average was also calculated from a subset of the 2019 data that included only those cathedrals for which we held data in both the 2019 and 2022 datasets. The proportion between the 2019 and 2022 averages was then calculated for each variable. Each variables' calculated proportion was then applied to the 2019 data for those cathedrals who had not submitted a return in 2022 in order to calculate imputed values for 2022. The sum totals reported in the tables of this report are the sum of all the reported and imputed values for 2022. The same process was used in 2021.

As has been the case since 2016, all visitor figures in this report are taken from the returns provided by cathedrals themselves and not from external sources; in reports prior to 2016, visitor figures for Canterbury, London, and Westminster Abbey were taken from [www.alva.org.uk](http://www.alva.org.uk).

### Appendix 3: Map of Church of England cathedrals included in this report



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## Cathedral Statistics: January to December 2022

<b>Cathedral name:</b>	<b>Diocese:</b>
Please name any parish, district, mission or fresh expression churches that are included in this return:	

We're keen to find out anything you can tell us, and your best approximation is fine if you don't have precise numbers. Please don't worry about anything you don't feel able to answer. Where no instances occurred please enter "0" or "N/A" as appropriate. **Blank answers may be queried with you later.**

### 1. Electoral Roll / Cathedral Community Roll

This section refers to the number of people on the Electoral/ Community Roll, as presented to the Annual Parochial Church/ Cathedral Community Roll Meeting in 2022.

Number of people on the Electoral Roll/ Cathedral Community Roll:	
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### 2. Attendance

#### Attendance on Sundays and Midweek (October 2022)

This section focuses on services which happen each week, for example, Morning and Evening Prayer, Eucharist, and Evensong. If attendance fluctuates, an 'average' should be given, based on those weeks when services take place, and excluding major festivals or peak holiday periods.

- ✓ Please record separately the number of adults (16 years old and over) and children (under 16 years old) attending Sunday and midweek services, Sunday schools or activities involving worship.
- ✓ Note that midweek count includes Saturday services.
- ✓ All people should be counted, including those leading services.
- ✓ As far as possible, do not count the same person multiple times – if someone attends more than once on a usual Sunday or in a usual week, please only count them once.
- ✓ Include those present for any part of a service or activity involving worship.

**Please record the usual / average number of people per week.**

	Sunday	Midweek
Number of children and young people (under 16 years old):		
Number of adults (16 years old and over):		

#### Additional Regular Services

This section focuses on services which are held at least once a month but not part of the weekly pattern of services (i.e. not including those weekly services covered in the previous section); for example fresh expressions of church and community services, school services and other services such as healing, Taize and Iona.

A fresh expression is a form of church established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet "members" of any church. Do not include activities such as Alpha or outreach activities which do not include worship. If you are uncertain as to whether an activity or service in your Cathedral counts as a Fresh Expression please visit <http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk> or use the "Choice tree" at the end of this form.

**Please record the total number of people attending in person for the entire year.**

	<b>Annual attendance</b>
Fresh expressions and other community services:	
Services for schools:	
Other regular services:	

### Specially Arranged Services

This section should include:

- ✓ Diocesan or Episcopal services, e.g. Ascension Day, Pentecost, ordinations, Chrism Mass (but excluding Christmas and Easter services).
- ✓ Services in response to a special occasion, e.g. civic, county and charity services, installation of Canons, anniversary services such as centenary celebrations, diocesan celebrations and confirmations (excluding confirmation services included elsewhere).
- ✓ Services for schools that are not regular, e.g. leavers', end of term, or school carol services.
- ✓ Services outside the Cathedral building, e.g. carols around the Christmas tree, Palm Sunday processions.

**Please record the total number of in person attendees and total number of services / events for the entire year.**

	<b>Annual attendance</b>	<b>Number of services / events</b>
Diocesan or Episcopal services:		
Special services (excluding memorials):		
Services for schools (not regular), e.g. end of term services:		
Services outside the Cathedral building:		

### Other events in the Cathedral

This section should include events organised by the Cathedral or when the Cathedral is being used as a venue, including:

- ✓ Graduation ceremonies
- ✓ Public or civic events
- ✓ Conferences / meetings
- ✓ Concerts (include performers as well as audience in the numbers)

**Please record the total number of in person attendees and total number of services / events for the entire year.**

	<b>Annual attendance</b>	<b>Number of services / events</b>
Graduation ceremonies:		
Other public or civic events, conferences, concerts, meetings:		

## 3. Festivals

### Easter and Christmas

In this section, Easter refers to vigil services on Easter Eve and all services on Easter Day. Christmas refers to all services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

- ✓ In the **communicant** boxes, please record the number of communicants during the relevant period. Clergy and other ministers who received communion should be included.
- ✓ In the **attending worship** boxes, please record the total number of people that attended worship over the same periods. Please include communicants and those that did not take communion; adults, children and young people; clergy and laity.

**Please record the total number of communicants and in person attendees at services during Easter / Christmas.**

Number of <b>communicants</b> at service(s) on Easter Day and vigil service on Easter Eve:	
Total number of people <b>attending worship</b> (including communicants) at Easter service(s):	
Number of <b>communicants</b> at service(s) on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:	
Total number of people <b>attending worship</b> (including communicants) at Christmas service(s):	

### Holy Week

In this section, Holy Week refers to the period from and including Palm Sunday to Good Friday. This should include any blessing of oils and Chrism services.

**Please record the number of people attending all events and services in the Cathedral in person during Holy Week**

Total number of people attending events and service(s) during Holy Week:	
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### Advent

In this section, Advent refers to the period from and including Advent Sunday until the 23rd of December. This should include any carol services, concerts, nativity plays - both those organised by the Cathedral or and when the Cathedral is used as a venue.

**Please record the number of people attending all events and services in the Cathedral in person during Advent.**

Total number of people attending events and service(s) during Advent:	
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## 4. Schools and Educational Visits

### Educational Visits

This section looks at the total number of children / students attending organised educational events during the year that took place either in the Cathedral or were organised by the Cathedral and took place elsewhere, e.g. a school or academy, running a course within a secondary school, etc.

For reference, age / year groups are as follows:

- **Nursery / Pre-prep / KS1:** includes nursery, reception, school years 1 and 2 (ages 3 to 7)
- **Primary / Prep / KS2:** includes school years 3 to 6 (ages 7 to 11)
- **Secondary / Senior / KS3 / KS4:** includes school years 7 to 11 (ages 11 to 16)
- **16-18 years:** includes school years 12, 13 and 14 (Sixth form/AS/A level). Students will typically study in either the sixth form of a secondary school or a further education college.
- **18+:** those in higher education, for example colleges and universities.

**Please record the number of students attending organised educational events during the year that took place in, or were organised by, the Cathedral during 2022.**

Nursery / pre-prep / KS1	Primary / Prep / KS2	Secondary / Senior / KS3-4	16-18 years old	18+ years old

### Cathedral Schools

This section looks at the number of children / students attending schools or academies that are part of Cathedral foundation or had formal links with the Cathedral during the academic year.

If the figure as at 31 December 2022 is unavailable, please state the number registered at the start of the academic year (i.e. September 2022). Age / year groups are as in the previous section.

**Please record the total number of students attending schools with formal governance links with the Cathedral during 2022.**

Nursery / pre-prep / KS1	Primary / Prep / KS2	Secondary / Senior / KS3-4	16-18 years old	18+ years old

## 5. Visitors

This section refers to visitors to the Cathedral who have not been counted in the previous sections.

- ✗ Do not include those attending services and events counted elsewhere.
- ✓ In the first box, please record the number of visitors to the building paying to enter or donating at the point of entry.
- ✓ In the second box, please record the number of visitors to the building who do not pay/ donate on entry. Non-paying includes those possibly donating at an alms box after entering.

**Please record the total number of visitors to the Cathedral during the year.**

Number of visitors paying / donating at point of entry:	
Number of other visitors (i.e. non-paying, excluding any attending services and events covered in previous sections):	

## 6. Baptisms and thanksgivings for the gift of a child

This section refers to baptisms and thanksgivings for the gift of a child that were held during the year in the Cathedral. If separate baptisms and services of thanksgiving were held for any individual, then both should be recorded.

**Please record the total number of people in each age group baptised during the year, or for whom a birth or adoption thanksgiving service was held and registered.**

	Infants (< 1 year)	Children (1-4 years)	Children (5-10 years)	Young people (11-17 years)	Adults (18+)
Number of persons baptised:					
Number of persons for whom a birth or adoption thanksgiving service was held:					

## 7. Marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages

This section refers to those married in the Cathedral, or for whom a prayer and dedication service after civil marriage was held in the Cathedral during the year.

- ✗ Do not include the renewal of vows on an anniversary or other occasion.

**Please record the total number of couples married in the Cathedral, and for whom a prayer and dedication service after civil marriage was held in the Cathedral, during the year.**

Number of couples married in the Cathedral:	
Number of couples for whom a service of prayer and dedication (after civil marriage) was held in the Cathedral:	

## 8. Funerals and memorial services

This section refers to all funerals conducted in, or on behalf of, the Cathedral by any minister including readers, stipendiary clergy, non-stipendiary clergy and retired clergy.

- ✓ In the first row, please record the number of funeral services held in the Cathedral.
- ✓ In the second row, please record the number of full funeral services conducted on behalf of the Cathedral at a crematorium or cemetery. This should not include committal and/or burial of ashes only.
- ✓ In the third row, please record the number of memorial / thanksgiving services (not including a funeral) held in the Cathedral.

**Please record the total number of funeral or memorial services held in, or on behalf of, the Cathedral during the year.**

Number of funeral services held in the Cathedral:	
Number of funeral services conducted on behalf of the Cathedral at a crematorium or cemetery:	
Number of memorial services (but not a funeral) conducted:	

## 9. Music

### Choral Music

This section refers to choristers (boys, girls) and adult choir members (men, women).

- ✓ In the first row, please record the total number of choristers (in boy's / girl's choirs) and lay clerks / adult choir members (in men's / women's choirs), as at the end of the year.
- ✓ In the second row, please record the total number of voluntary choir members, both youth (boys, girls) and adults (men, women), as at the end of the year.

**Please record the total number of choristers and choir members, as at the end of the year.**

	Boys	Girls	Men	Women
Number of choristers and lay clerks in main Cathedral choirs:				
Number of voluntary choir members:				

The next question refers to the number of all choirs (not individual members of those choirs) at the year end.

- ✓ Include those in traditional choirs, community choirs and choral outreach programmes.
- ✓ Include each visiting choir just once regardless of the number of times they sing services in Cathedral during the year.
- ✓ If two or more of Cathedral choirs sing together occasionally, count them as separate choirs only.

**Please record the total number of choirs (not individual members), as at the end of the year.**

	Cathedral male	Cathedral female	Cathedral mixed	Visiting choirs
Number of choirs:				

### Number of musicians involved in music for services

This section looks at the number of musicians or instrumentalists playing in the Cathedral, either regularly (at least once a month) or occasionally, throughout the year.

- ✓ Please include organists and any other musicians, such as those in an instrumental group involved in music for services.
- ✗ Do not include musicians who play for concerts only.
- ✗ Do not include singers or choir members – they should be recorded in the section above.

**Please record the total number of musicians (not singers) playing at the Cathedral during the year.**

	Boys	Girls	Men	Women
Regularly (monthly or more often):				
Occasionally:				

## 10. Volunteers

This section should include the total number of people volunteering and/or in unpaid posts at the Cathedral. This could include:

- ✓ Those who assist in welcoming and guiding visitors
- ✓ Those assisting in worship services (e.g. servers, readers, intercessors, stewards)
- ✓ Those in roles such as flower arranging and bell ringing
- ✓ Those who are voluntary committee members, including Chapter members

Wherever possible, those people with multiple volunteer / unpaid roles should only be counted once.

**Please record the total number of people who volunteered in at the Cathedral in 2022**

Number of people volunteering:	
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**11. Church at Home**

By Church at Home we mean “any and all services offered remotely”, including online services (live streamed or pre-recorded), services by telephone, or services that were emailed or posted. These services may be participated in from home or in some cases from another location such as a hospital or whilst on holiday.

**Services at Home in October 2022**

Did your Cathedral offer any Services at Home during October 2022? (Please state <b>Yes or No</b> )	Yes/No
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If yes, in how many weeks during October did your Cathedral offer any Services at Home? (Please state <b>1, 2, 3 or 4 weeks</b> )	1/2/3/4 weeks
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If yes, what was the usual number of people “attending” your Services at Home each week that you offered them in October? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Please see <a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/media/25032">https://www.churchofengland.org/media/25032</a> for some guidance about how to count ‘Church at Home’ attendance.</li> <li>✓ If you do not have exact figures, please give a best estimate.</li> <li>✓ If possible, please count only people who did not also attend the Cathedral in person</li> </ul>	
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**What Services at Home did your Cathedral offer during October 2022?**

Were these services that your Cathedral **offered**: Please state **Yes or No**

	Offered during October 2022
Online services, pre-recorded or live streamed, e.g. using Facebook, YouTube, Zoom	Yes/No
Telephone or dial in services	Yes/No
Services downloadable from a website or emailed	Yes/No
Printed and posted services	Yes/No
Other, please specify <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 15px; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	Yes/No

Please use the comment box below if you would like to share anything, aside from services, you have been offering to your congregation remotely.

### 13. Comments

If there are any instances of unusual activity at the Cathedral which may have affected any of the data in this form, please use this space to let us know.

Additionally, we would be interested to know how you derived the October attendance figures in Section 2 - e.g. using clickers, estimating or by taking an average of services.

#### Contact details

The details you provide below will only be used to query figures that seem unusual when compared to previous years, or for fields that have been left blank.

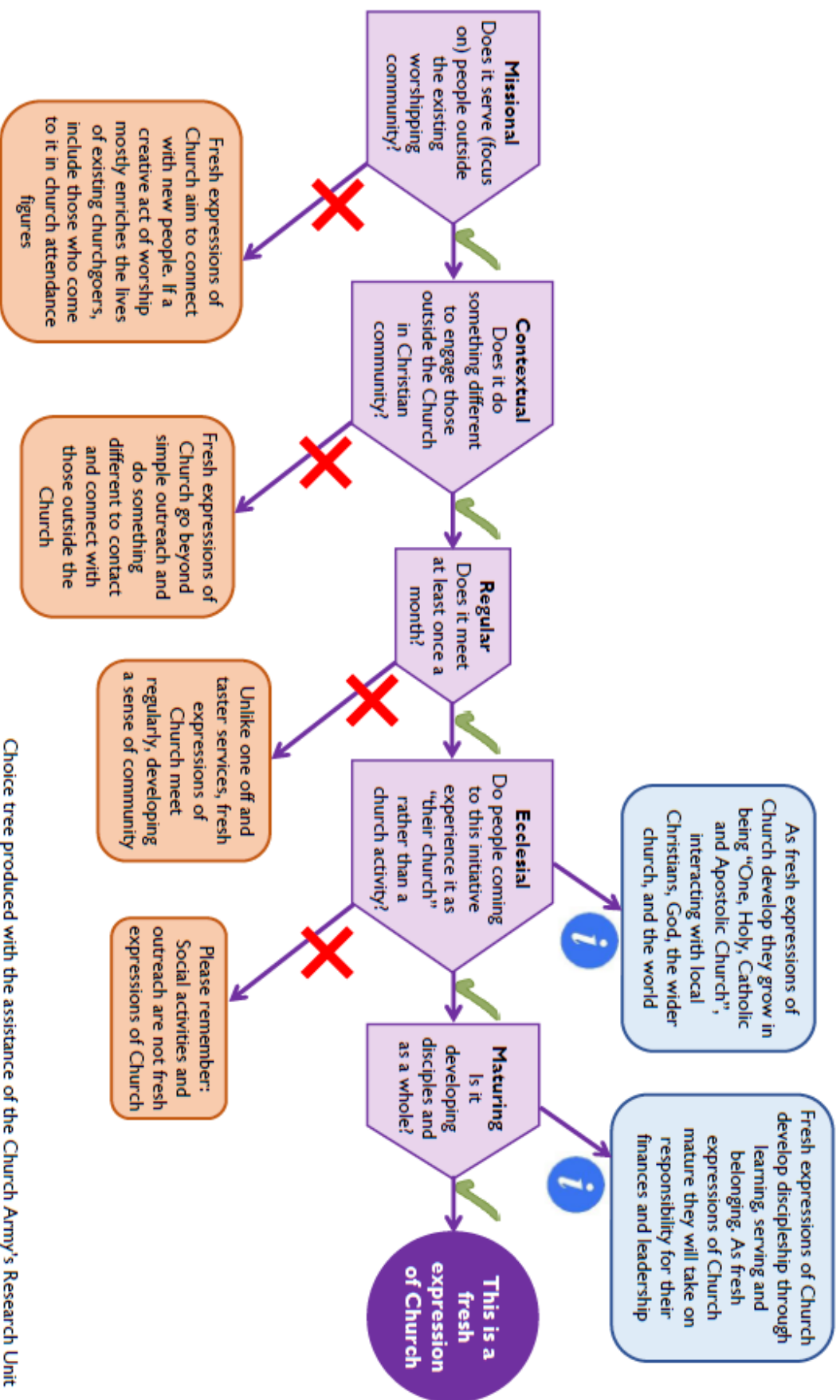
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Position:</b>	
<b>Email or phone:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	

Thank you for completing this form; your diligence, time, and effort are greatly appreciated. Please take a moment to review your figures. **Please ensure that the Dean has seen the figures before returning the form.**

**Please return this form by the end of March 2023**

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