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## Summary

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 2019. Data are collected from all 42 mainland Church of England cathedrals and from Westminster Abbey, through an annual cathedral statistics survey. Among other things, the survey asks about attendance at Sunday and midweek services; Easter and Christmas services; school visits; baptisms, marriages, and funerals; musical activities and volunteering. For reference, the survey form and guidance notes can be found in Appendix 2.

### Worship attendance (page 7)

- A total of 37,300 people per week (82% adults and 18% children aged under 16) were reported attending usual cathedral services in 2019, a similar number to 2018 (37,100). Total weekly attendance is 13% larger in 2019 than it was a decade ago in 2009.
- Weekly attendance at usual cathedral services is split fairly evenly between Sunday (47%) and midweek (53%) services.
- Total annual attendance at additional regular services (i.e. not necessarily weekly but conducted at least once a month - including fresh expressions of Church and regular school services) was 502,800 people in 2019, of whom 67% (just over 337,900 people) were attending regular schools services.
- More than 820,000 people were reported as having attended 2,400 specially arranged services and events in 2019. Just under 1.3 million people were reported as having attended 5,800 public / civic events held in cathedrals in 2019.

### Festival attendance (page 12)

- Total attendance reported at Easter services at cathedrals in 2019 was 52,000 with just over half of these (54%) taking communion; attendance in 2019 was 10% lower than in 2018. Attendance during Holy Week (from Palm Sunday to Good Friday) was 93,000, 4% higher than in 2014, when it was first reported.
- Total reported Christmas attendance was 132,000 in 2019. Nearly a quarter (24%) of attendees in 2019 took communion. Services during Advent (including carol services, concerts, nativity plays, and so on) had a record high reported attendance of 665,000 in 2019, an increase of 5% from 631,000 in 2014 when it was first reported.

### Visitors (page 16)

- Almost 10 million people visited cathedrals in 2019, a drop of 4% from 2018 (10.1 million). In 2019 39% of attendees were paying / donating for entry. A further 1.3 million people visited Westminster Abbey, where 99% of visitors paid / donated for entry.

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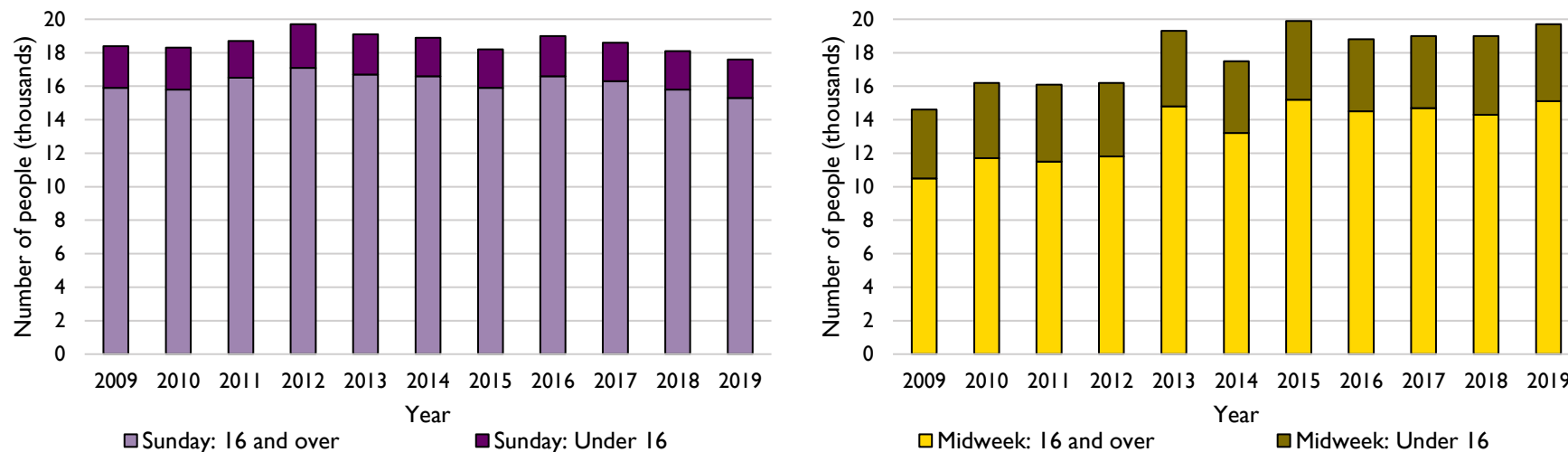
## Regular Attendance

### Usual Sunday and Midweek Attendance

Figure 1 and Figure 2 show the total number of people reported, per week, at all 42 Church of England mainland cathedrals at services on the weekly calendar in a 'normal' week. 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.

Data are separated into Sunday and midweek attendance, where the midweek count only includes services held Monday to Saturday and excludes Sunday services. 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 and Midweek attendance (per week) at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019



In 2019, a weekly total of 37,300 people (of whom 82% were adults and 18% were children) were reported at cathedral services; this is an increase of 13% from 2009. Sunday attendance has remained basically stable while attendance at midweek services has grown by 35% over the decade, mostly in the period 2009 to 2013, after which attendance was broadly stable.



Figure 2: Usual Sunday and midweek attendance (per week) at Church of England cathedrals, 1995-2019<sup>1</sup>

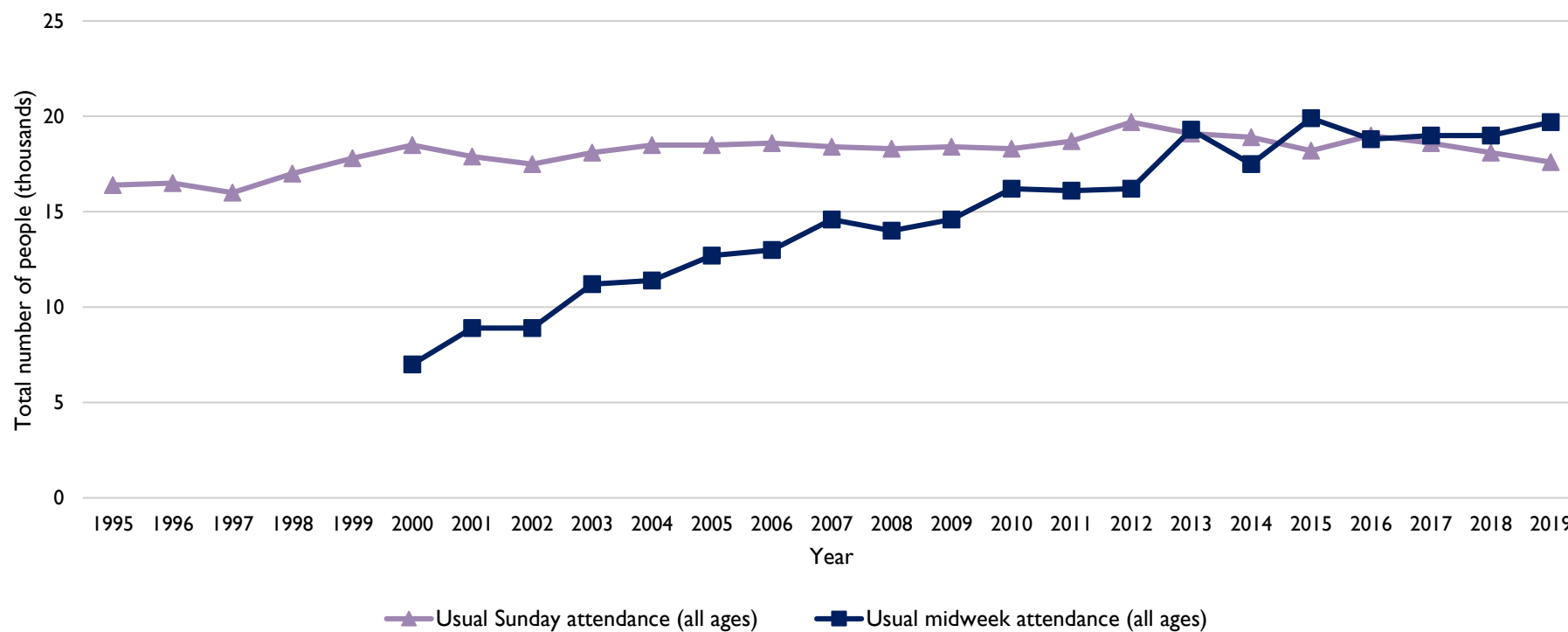


Figure 2 shows usual weekly attendance at Sunday and midweek services over a longer timeframe, illustrating the rise in attendance at midweek services from 7,000 in 2000 (when first reported) to a peak of 19,900 in 2015, since when it has remained basically stable.

<sup>1</sup> Midweek attendance figures first reported in the year 2000.

## Additional Regular Services

Figure 3 shows the total reported annual attendance for 2019 at ‘regular’ services. These refer to additional services that happen at least once a month but not necessarily weekly and are not part of the weekly pattern of services (i.e. those included in Figure 1).

Data are shown in three categories – regular fresh expressions of Church (and other community services), regular services for schools, and all other regular services. A fresh expression of Church is a form of church established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet “members” of any church. Further information about identifying fresh expressions of Church is available here: <http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk>. Data for fresh expressions of Church are also shown in Figure 3b, to show the change between years more clearly.

Figure 3a: Total annual attendance at regular services at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2019<sup>2</sup>

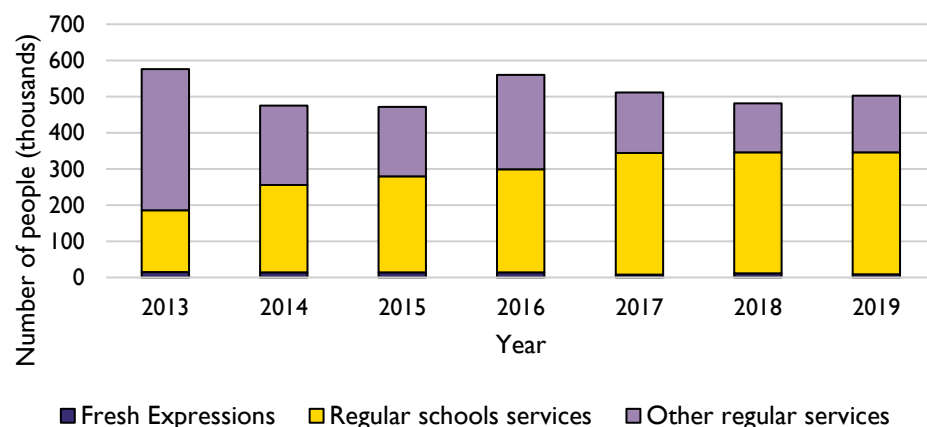
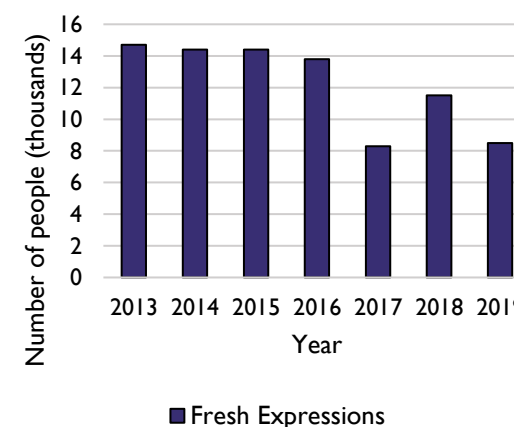


Figure 3b: Total annual attendance at Fresh expressions of Church, 2013-2019



Throughout 2019, 502,800 people were reported to have attended regular services conducted at least once a month (including fresh expressions of Church and school services), as shown in Figure 3. Of these, two thirds (67%) were reported at regular school services, equating to 337,900 people which was double the figure in 2013 (170,700), when it was first reported.

The number reported at fresh expressions of Church has fallen by 42% from 14,700 in 2013 to 8,500 in 2018, almost entirely due to three cathedrals either holding significantly fewer fresh expressions of Church services or not reporting them from 2017 – this drop is evident in Figure 3b.

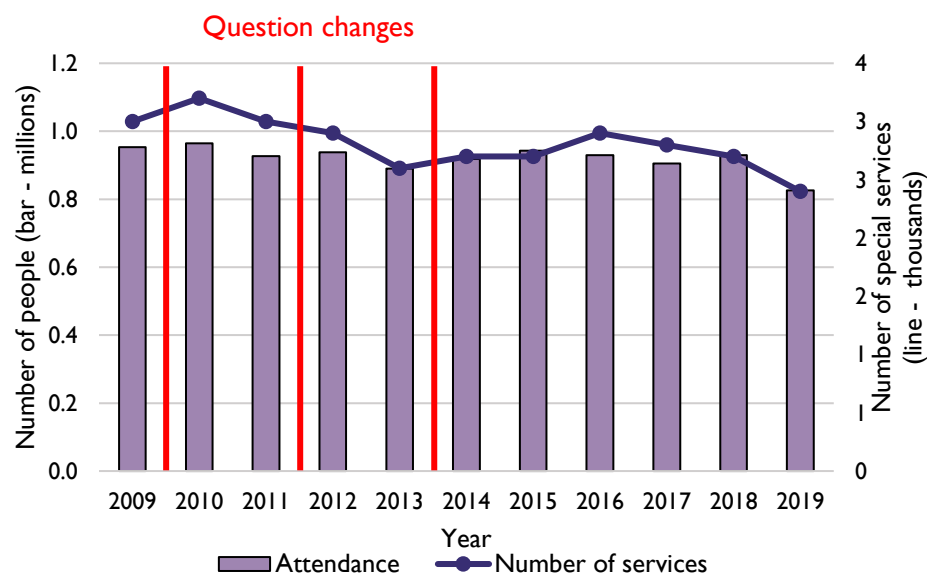
<sup>2</sup> The wording of the question asking about regular services was changed in 2013 to ensure the weekly pattern of services was not included. This resulted in a reduced total, hence only data for 2013 onwards are shown in Figure 3.

## Special Event Attendance

Specially arranged services are not included in average weekly attendance, shown in Figure 1, or the total annual attendance for regular services, shown in Figure 3, as they are not part of the regular pattern of services and therefore they are included separately in this section.

Figure 4 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 4: Annual number of and total annual attendance at specially arranged services at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019<sup>3</sup>



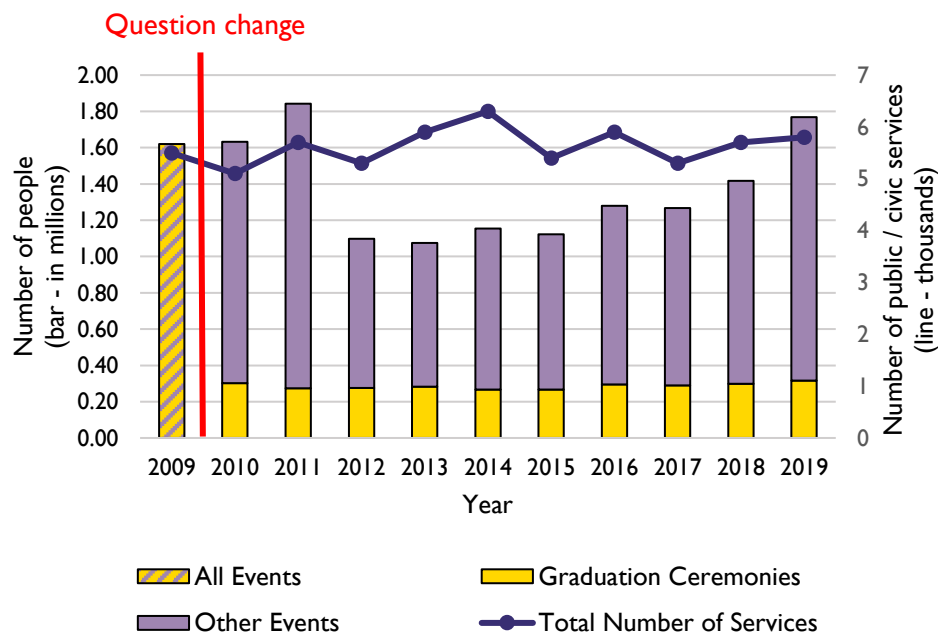
The total number of people reported at specially arranged services at Church of England cathedrals, shown in Figure 4<sup>3</sup>, decreased by 13% over the last 10 years, from 953,000 attending in 2009 to 826,000 in 2019. The number of services fell from 3,000 in 2009 to 2,400 in 2018 (a decrease of 20%).

Attendance at specially arranged services in 2019 is broken down as follows: 158,000 people at 490 diocesan or episcopal services; 296,000 people at 490 specially arranged school services; 350,000 people at 1,200 other special services; 22,000 people at 250 services held away from the cathedral. Full breakdown of data for all special services over the last ten years (where recorded) can be found in Appendix 1.

<sup>3</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 5 shows the total number of people reported attending public or civic events, which includes graduation ceremonies, conferences, concerts and meetings. From 2010 onwards, data reported were broken down into graduation ceremonies and other events, whereas prior to 2010 only a total figure was reported.

Figure 5: Annual number of and total annual attendance at public / civic events at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019<sup>4</sup>



The total reported number of annual public / civic events in cathedrals in 2019 was 5,800, with a total attendance at these events of 1.77 million people, as shown in Figure 5. These are broken down as follows: 317,000 people at 330 graduation ceremonies; 1,451,000 people at 5,500 other public / civic events. A full breakdown from 2010 can be found in Appendix I.

The attendance at other public / civic events was 1.5 million in 2019, larger than the 1.3 million reported in 2010 (the first year this variable was broken down). The number of events in 2019 was also around 600 events larger in the same period. Attendance at graduation ceremonies has remained relatively stable year-on-year but numbers of ceremonies have risen from 260 in 2010 to 330 in 2019.

<sup>4</sup> From 2010 onwards, data were reported broken down into graduation ceremonies and 'other' events. Prior to this, all public / civic events were grouped as one category.

## Easter and Holy Week Attendance

Figure 6a 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 6b 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.

Figure 6a: Easter attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019

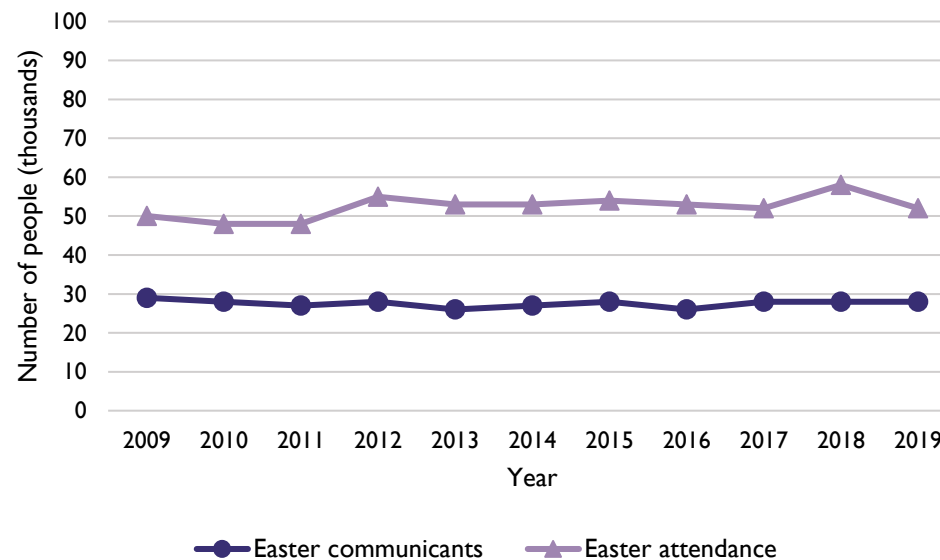
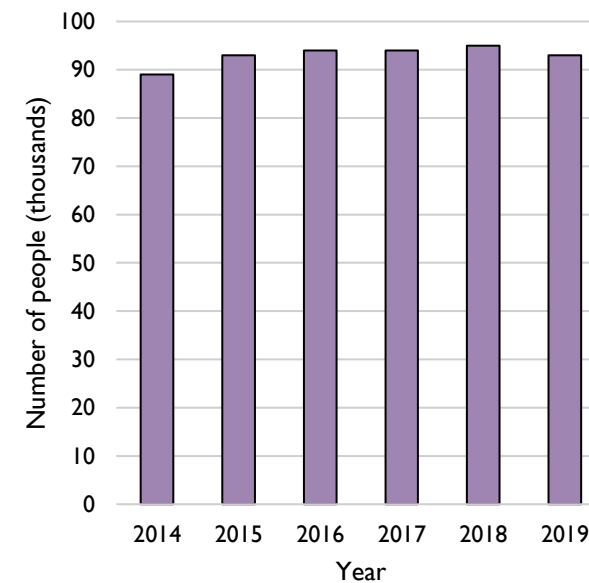


Figure 6b: Holy Week attendance 2014-2019<sup>5</sup>



In 2019, total reported attendance at Easter services was 52,000 people compared with 50,000 in 2009. There was a drop in attendance of 6,000 between 2018 and 2019. The number of Easter communicants has remained between 26,000 and 29,000 since 2009.

Total reported attendance during Holy Week in 2019 was 93,000, which is a 2% drop from 2018. However, the 2019 figure is 4% larger than the 89,000 in 2014 when it was first reported.

<sup>5</sup> Reported consistently since 2014.

## Christmas and Advent Attendance

Figure 7a 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 7b 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 7a: Christmas attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019

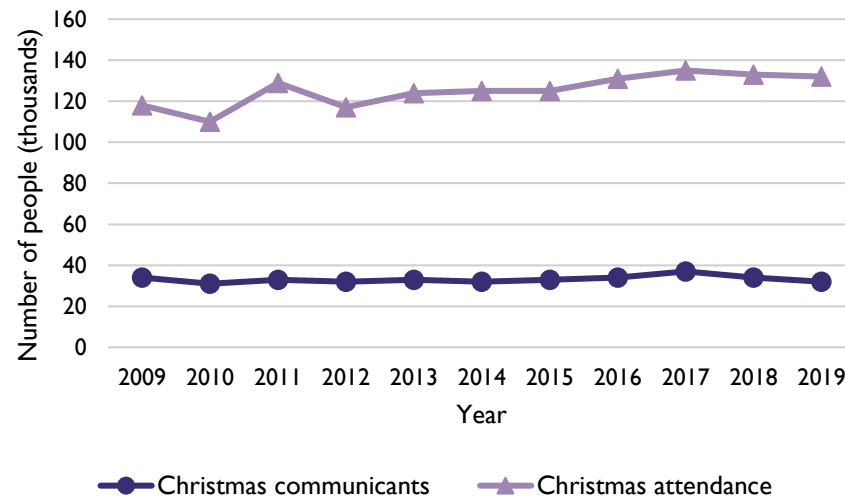
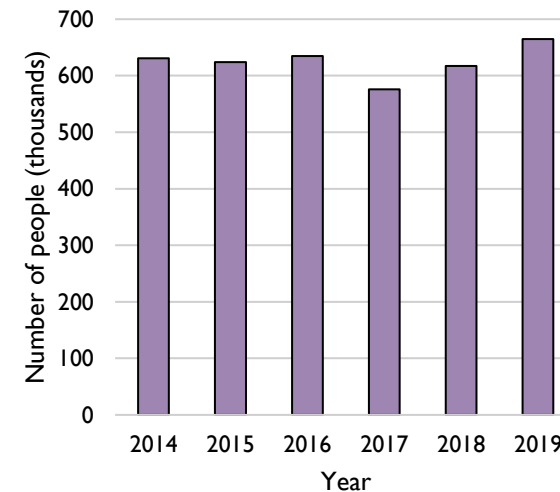


Figure 7b: Advent attendance 2014-2019<sup>6</sup>



In 2019, total Christmas attendance reported was 132,000, with 32,000 communicants.

Services during Advent, i.e. Advent Sunday to 23 December, reported a record high attendance of 665,000 in 2019 compared with 631,000 in 2014 (when it was first reported), an increase of 5%.

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

## Occasional Offices

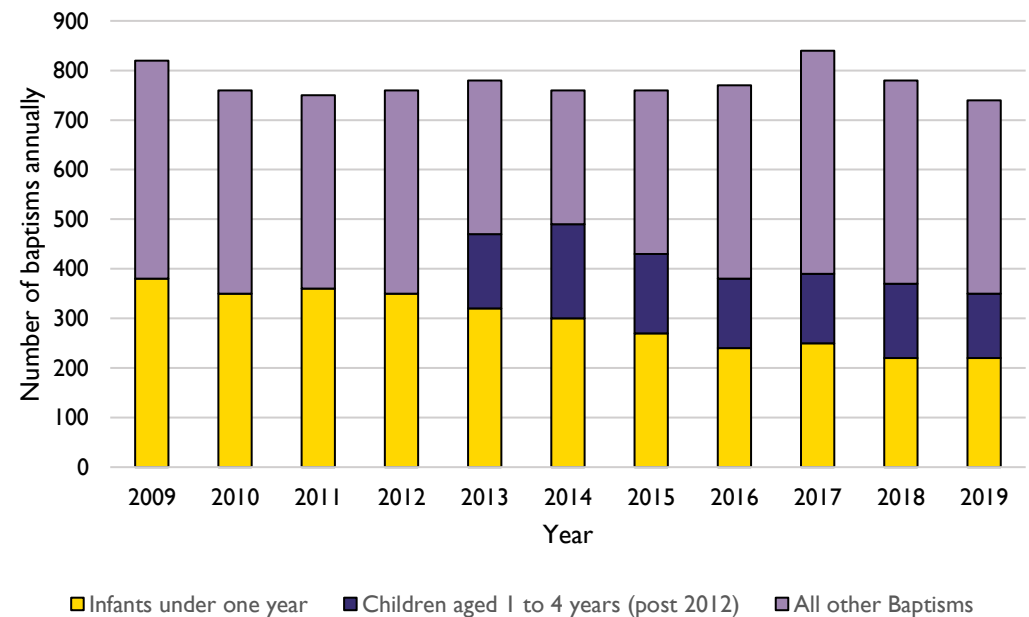
### Baptisms and Thanksgiving services

During 2019, there were a total of 740 baptisms and 10 thanksgivings conducted in all Church of England cathedrals. This means that there has been a decrease of 10% in the number of baptisms over the last decade. The data shows a high point for number of baptisms in 2017, followed by a sharper decline.

For 2019, baptisms and thanksgivings were split into four 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)

Alongside the overall decrease, there has been a decrease of 42% in infant baptisms (children aged under 1 year) from 380 in 2009 to 220 in 2019. In 2019, infants under one year accounted for 30% of all baptisms, while children aged 1- 4 years accounted for 18%, children aged 5 – 10 years accounted for 8%. Young people (11 – 17 years) accounted for 10% and adults (18+ years) accounted for 34% of baptisms.

Figure 8: Baptisms at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019<sup>7</sup>



## Marriage, Funeral and Memorial services

240 marriages were conducted in cathedrals during 2019, which is a decrease of 23% over the last 10 years. The number of blessings of marriage services in cathedrals fluctuates from year to year. The number of marriage services, shown in Figure 9, includes couples newly married in the relevant year, whilst blessings of marriage includes those services with prayer and dedication in the cathedral after a civil marriage, and does not include the renewal of vows.

Figure 9: Marriage services at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019

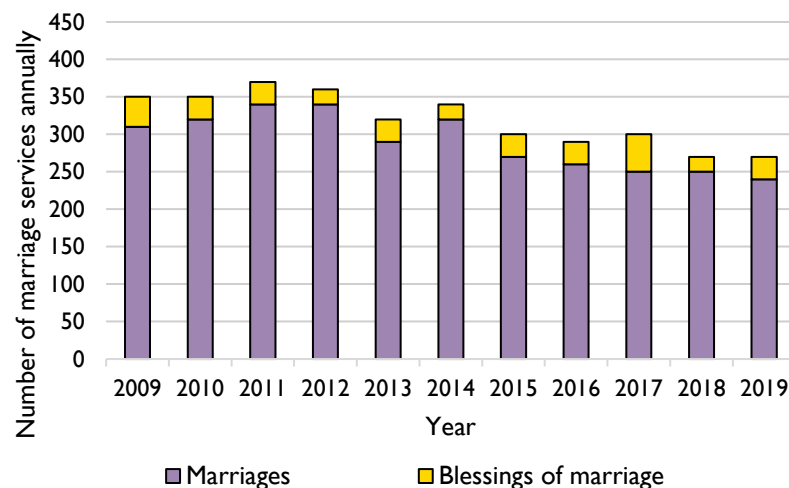
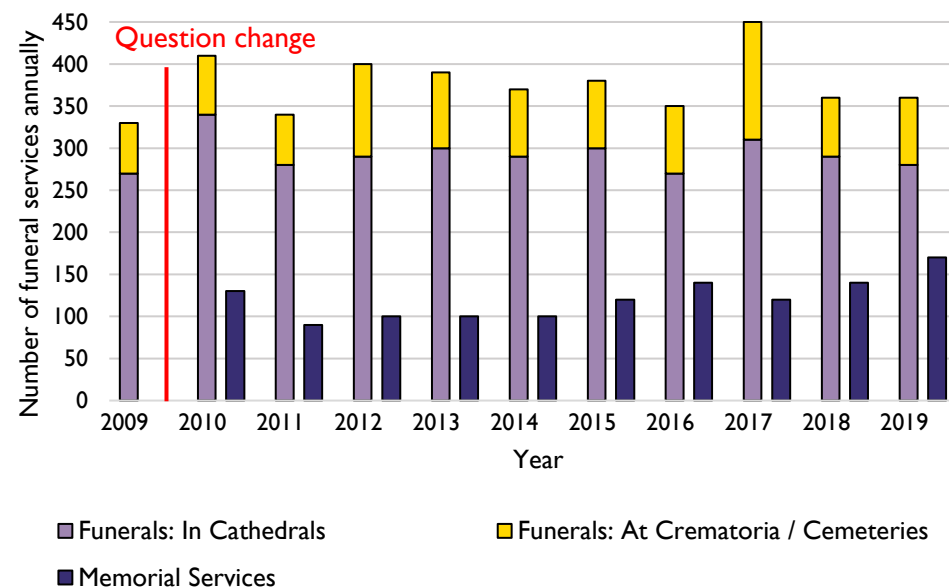


Figure 10: Funeral and memorial services at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019<sup>7</sup>



The total number of funeral services, shown in Figure 10, 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. The number of memorial services (not including a funeral) held in cathedrals were first recorded in 2010 and are not included in the total funeral services figure; therefore, data are shown separately in Figure 10.

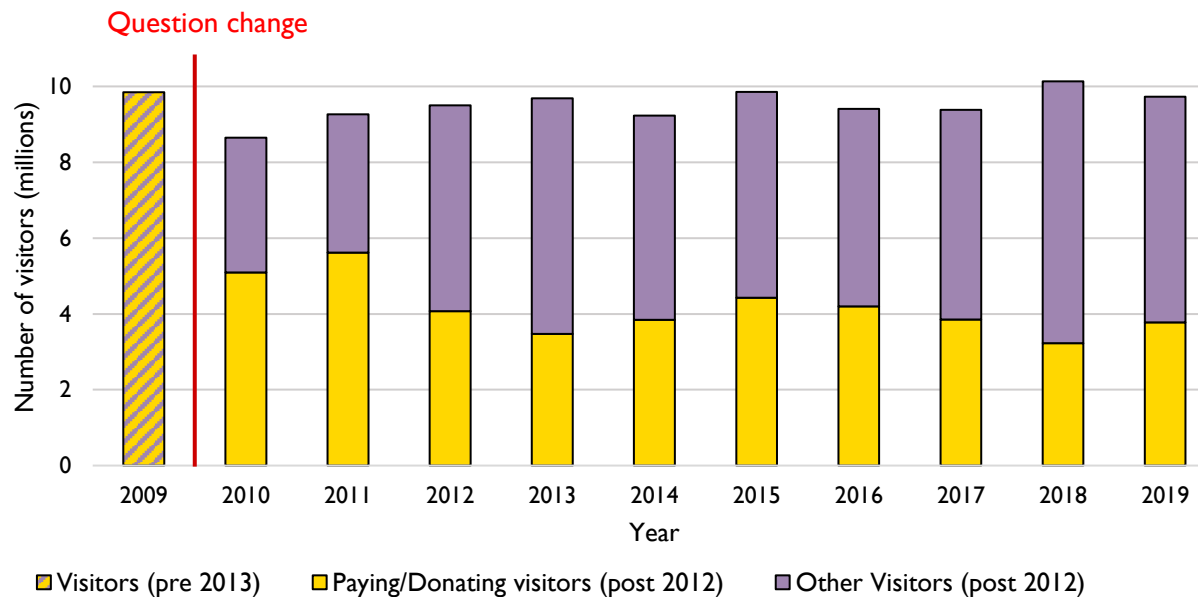
<sup>7</sup> Memorial services first recorded in 2010.



## Visitors

The total number of visitors is shown in Figure 11. Visitors are defined as either people paying or donating at the point of entry or those who do not pay but possibly donate at alms box (excluding those who attend services and events). Prior to 2010, only the total number of visitors was reported. From 2010 onwards, visitors were recorded in two categories - those paying (either by donation or paying at point of entry) and those that did not pay (and excluding those attending services and events mentioned elsewhere in this report).

Figure 11: Visitors to Church of England cathedrals (annually) 2009–2019



In 2019, there were 9.7 million visitors reported by cathedrals. While this is a 4% drop from the 10.1 million visitors reported in 2018, it is a similar number of total visitors to a decade ago in 2009 (9.9 million visitors).

Despite only a few cathedrals charging for entry, paying or donating visitors accounted for 39% of all visitors (3.8 million people) to cathedrals in 2019.

The number of cathedrals providing data for paying or donating visitors for 2019 was 22, which is 10 less than the 32 that provided data in 2010 (the first year in which this figure was broken down).

## Education

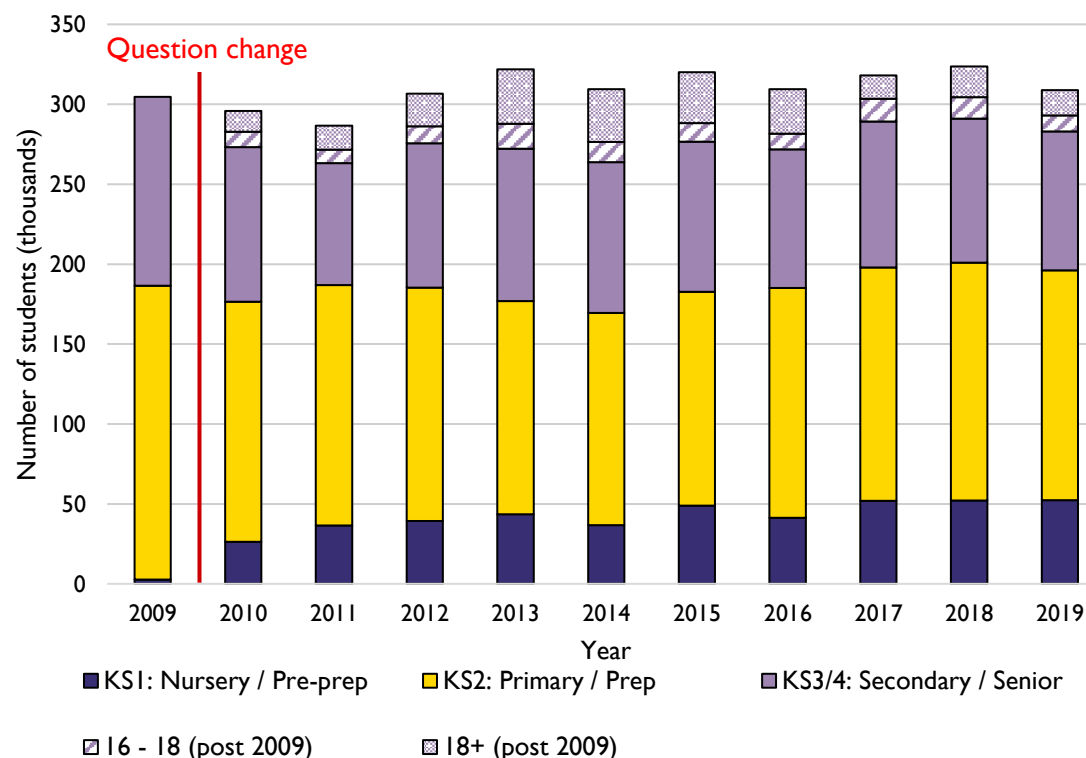
### Educational events

Figure 12 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. Prior to 2010, the Secondary/Senior category included those aged 16-18 and 18+, but from 2010 these age groups were reported separately.

The total number of children and young people attending organised educational events in cathedrals in 2019 was 309,000. This is a similar figure to a decade ago in 2009 (305,000). The largest proportion of these visits was made by Primary/prep school children, accounting for 47% (143,900) of all students in 2019, followed by 28% of visits by Secondary/Senior school children (86,900 children) in 2019.

Despite accounting for the largest proportions, over the last decade attendances of Primary and Secondary groups have declined (22% decrease in Primary, 26% decrease in Secondary).

Figure 12: Children and young people attending educational events at Church of England cathedrals (annually), 2009-2019<sup>10</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.

## Cathedral schools

Figure 13 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 actual figures are shown, to allow for year-on-year comparison; actual data are however available in Appendix I.

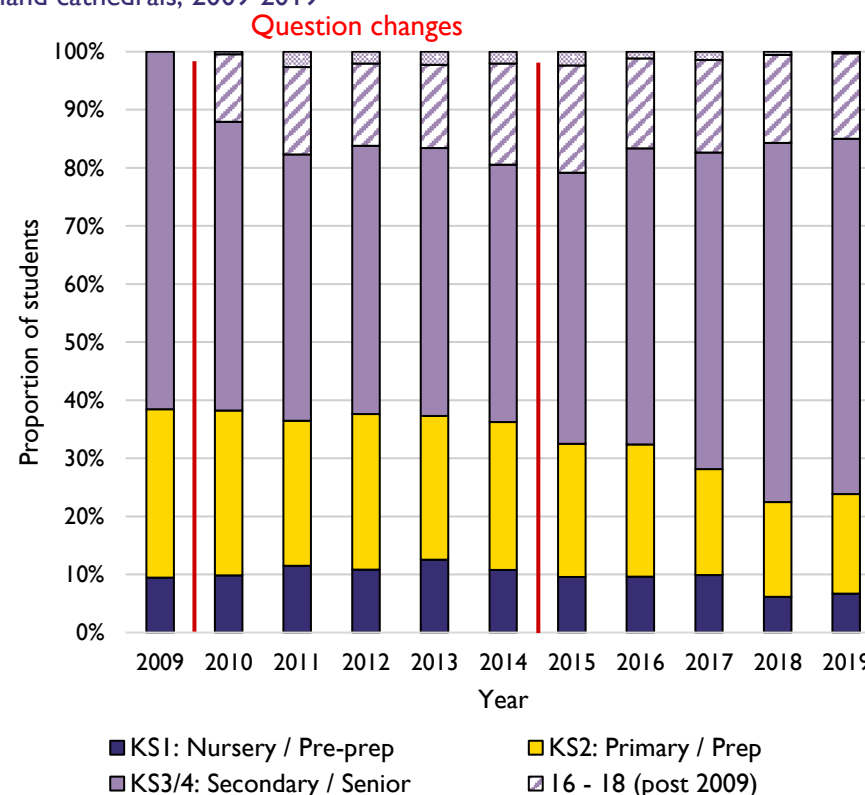
The data relate to schools or academies that are part of a cathedral foundation or have formal links/relationship with a cathedral during the academic year. From 2015, question wording was changed to clarify that this meant formal governance links.

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 2019, 22,800 students were reported attending cathedral schools or schools formally associated with cathedrals. This section is based on the 25 cathedrals that reported having students attending their schools in 2019, which is an increase from the 20 cathedrals that provided information in 2009.

The largest proportion of those attending cathedral schools in 2019 was at secondary / senior level, which accounted for 61% of all students reported and consistently accounts for the highest proportion of students every year. Primary / prep accounted for the next highest proportion in 2018 (17%), followed by 16-18 year olds (15%), nursery / pre-prep (7%) and 18+ (<1%).

Figure 13: Children and young people attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019<sup>11</sup>



<sup>9</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.

## Cathedral activities and community engagement

### Activities of cathedral personnel

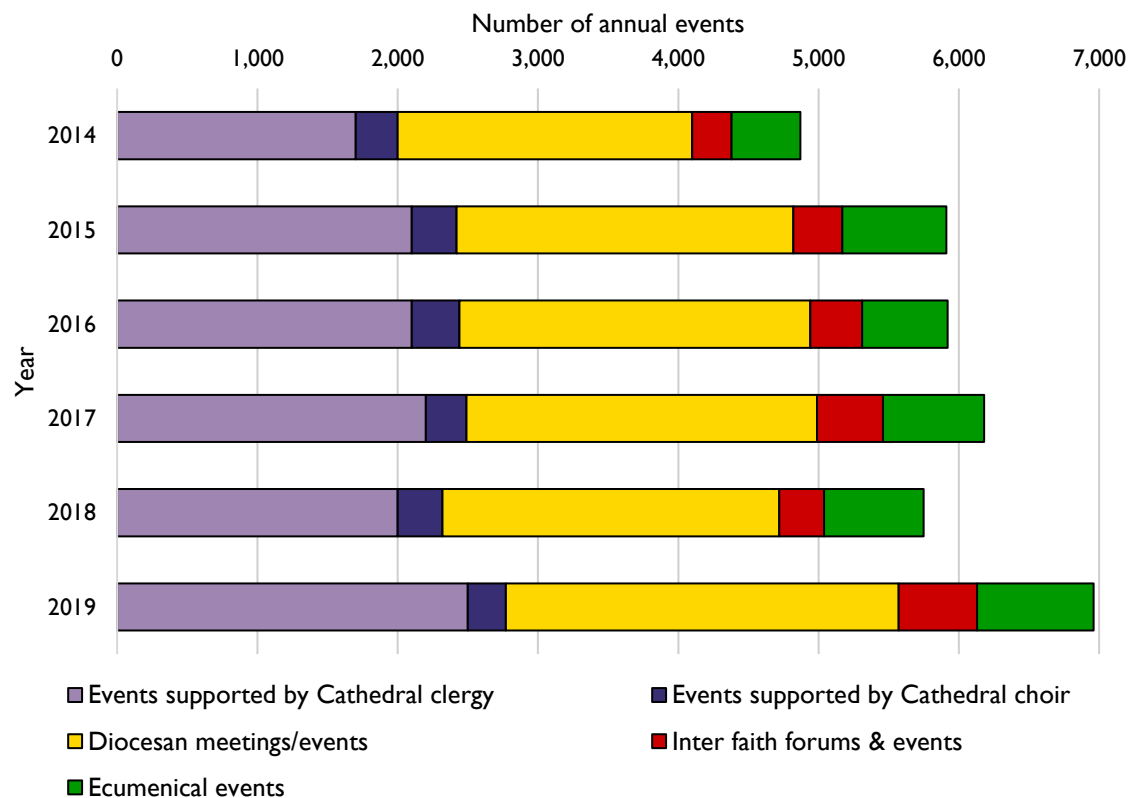
Figure 14 shows activities of Church of England cathedral personnel away from the cathedral itself, first reported in 2014. It should be noted that not all cathedrals responded to this question.

In 2019, there were 2,800 events that were supported by either cathedral clergy or choirs. 2,800 diocesan events/meetings were supported. 560 inter faith forums/meetings were supported and 830 ecumenical events were supported.

All data for 2019 were the highest on record, except for events supported by Cathedral choirs, which were the lowest on record. While more Cathedrals provided data to these questions in 2019 (39) than the first time these questions were asked in 2014 (35).

The increases shown are not solely due to more Cathedrals providing data (38 in 2018; 41 in 2017; 38 in 2016; 37 in 2015).

Figure 14: Activities of Church of England cathedral personnel, 2014-2019<sup>12</sup>

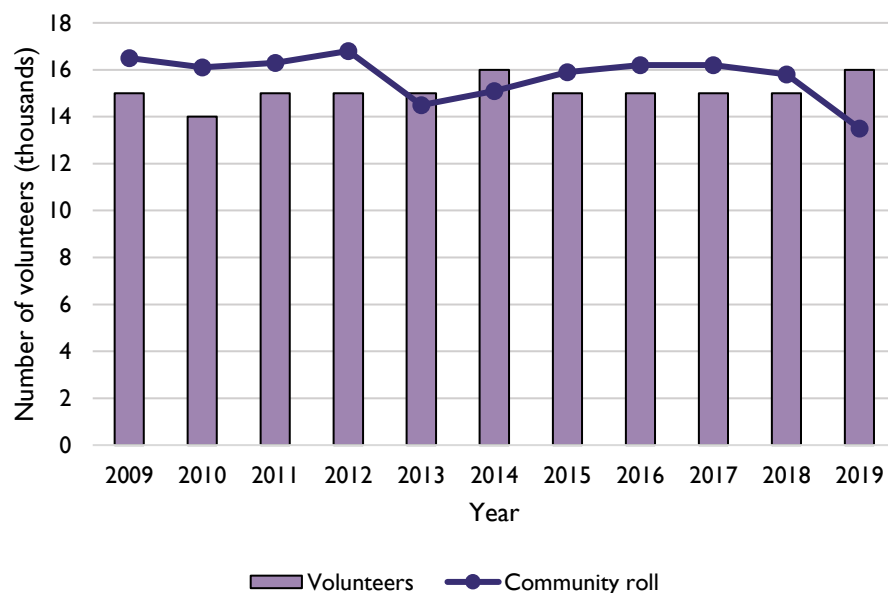


<sup>10</sup> First reported in 2014.

## 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 Roll is also shown in Figure 15 for comparison. 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 renewed in 2019, which may account for the notable change from 2018.

Figure 15: Number of Volunteers and the Community Roll at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019<sup>11</sup>



There were 16,000 people reported as volunteers in cathedrals during 2019, which have remained relatively stable over the last decade.

The figure of 13,500 for community roll in 2019 is a 15% decrease from the figure of 15,800 reported in 2018 and an 18% decrease over the decade (16,500 in 2009). The 2019 figure is 7% smaller than the last time community roll was renewed (2013; 14,500).

<sup>11</sup> Community Roll was renewed in 2013 and 2019.

## Music in Cathedrals

### Choristers and voluntary choir members

Figure 16 shows numbers of Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, broken down by youth choirs (boys and girls) and adult choirs (men and women). Prior to 2013, only the total adult Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars figures were recorded, and from 2013 split into men and women.

From 2010 onwards, cathedrals were asked to record those in voluntary choirs at Church of England cathedrals, which is shown in Figure 17 and again is broken down by youth (boy and girls) and adult (men and women) choirs.

Figure 16: Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019<sup>12</sup>

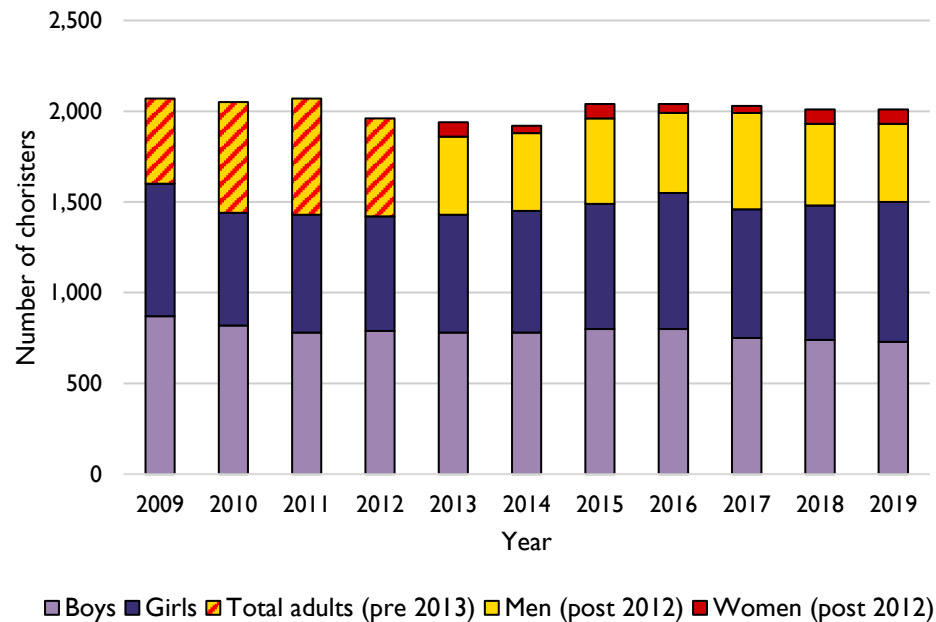
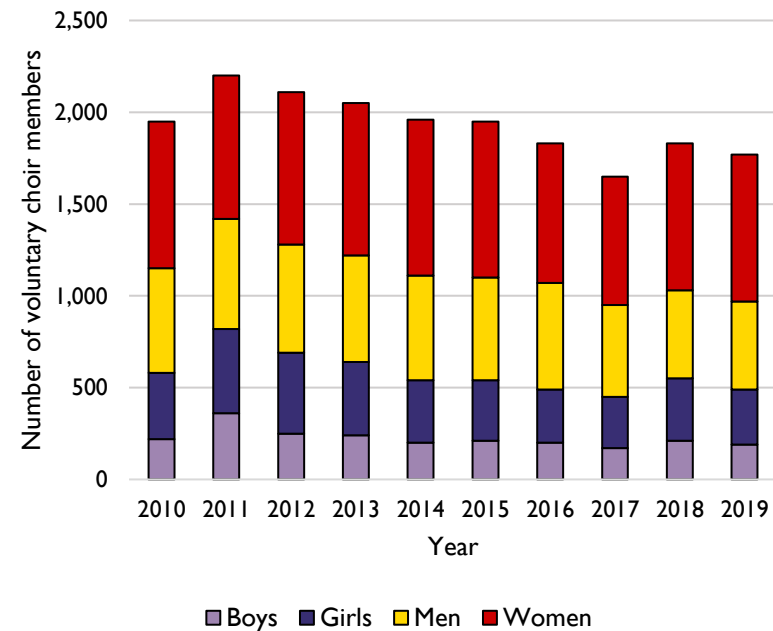


Figure 17: Voluntary Choir members, 2010-2019<sup>13</sup>



<sup>12</sup> Prior to 2013, only the total adult Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars figures were recorded; from 2013 this was split into men and women.

<sup>13</sup> Voluntary choir members recorded from 2010 onwards.

In 2019, 1,500 total youth choristers and 510 lay clerks / choral scholars (i.e. adults) were reported as providing choral music for cathedrals. The total number of choristers and choir members across all ages has not changed since 2015 (2,000). There were slightly more girl choristers (770) than boy choristers (730) in 2019, whereas in 2009 there were 140 more boy choristers than girl choristers. The number of adult choristers has increased from 470 in 2009 to 510 in 2018.

Voluntary choirs in 2019 reported slightly fewer members (1,800 in total) than in cathedral choirs (2,000), and a higher proportion were adults (72%) compared with cathedral choirs (26%). In particular, volunteer choirs were made up of more women than cathedral choirs; 45% of all members in volunteer choirs were women in 2018, compared to just 4% in cathedral choirs.

## Number of choirs

In 2012, additional questions were introduced asking for total number of choirs (rather than just members), broken down by male, female and mixed choirs. From 2013 onwards, visiting choirs were also added to the question, as is reflected in Figure 18b.

In 2019, the numbers of male, female and mixed choirs in cathedrals were reported at 40, 30 and 90 respectively. The number of visiting choirs in 2019 was reported at 970.

Figure 18a: Number of Choirs in Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2019<sup>14</sup>

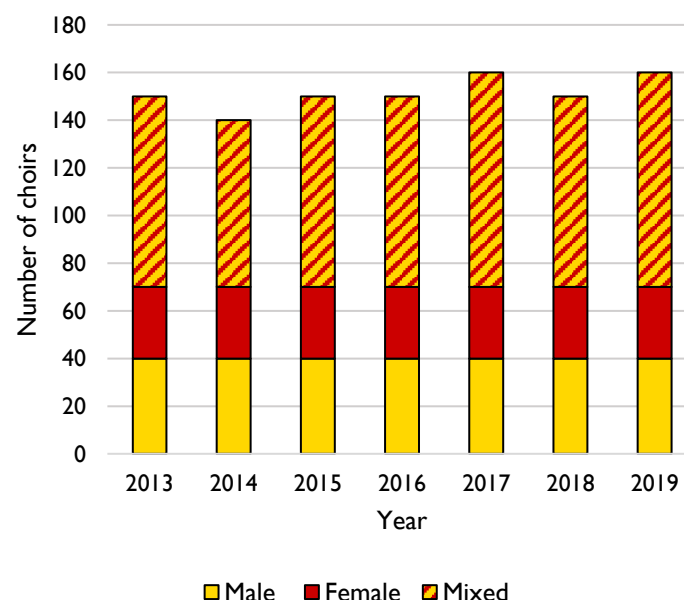
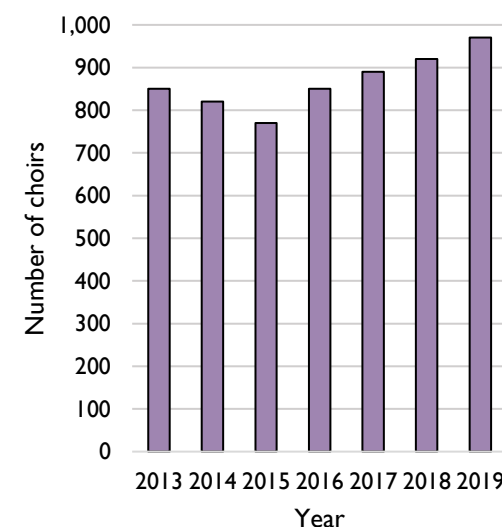


Figure 18b: Number of choirs visiting, 2013-2019<sup>15</sup>



<sup>14</sup> First recorded in 2012 but due to data quality, data are shown from 2013 onwards.

<sup>15</sup> First recorded in 2013.

## Musicians

Table 1 shows the number of musicians in Church of England cathedrals, broken down by whether they are regular or occasional. They are also further broken down by age and gender. The data 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 1: Number of musicians in Church of England cathedrals, 2018-2019

		2018	2019
<b>Regular</b>	Boys	20	20
	Girls	20	30
	Male	150	200
	Female	30	40
	<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>290</b>
<b>Occasional</b>	Boys	180	80
	Girls	180	110
	Male	660	420
	Female	440	270
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>880</b>

Westminster Abbey 2019: <5 adult (male) regular musicians; no occasional musicians.

In 2019, a total of 290 regular and 880 occasional musicians were reported as being involved in services at Church of England cathedrals. In terms of regular musicians, girls and boys accounted for around 17%, whilst adults accounted for 83%. Adults also accounted for over three quarters of all reported occasional musicians (78%).



## Appendices

### Appendix I: Data Tables

All data are rounded to the nearest 10 or 100, 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 2: Sunday and midweek attendance at Church of England cathedrals, per week, 2009-2019

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
2009	2,500	15,900	18,400	4,100	10,500	14,600	<b>6,600</b>	<b>26,400</b>	<b>33,000</b>
2010	2,500	15,800	18,300	4,500	11,700	16,200	<b>7,000</b>	<b>27,500</b>	<b>34,500</b>
2011	2,200	16,500	18,700	4,600	11,500	16,100	<b>6,800</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>34,800</b>
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>

Westminster Abbey 2019: Midweek attendance – 2,900 adults and 150 children; Sunday attendance – 1,500 adults and 80 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.

Midweek count includes services held Monday – Saturday.

Table 3: Total annual attendance at regular services at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2019

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fresh expressions</b>	<b>Regular schools' services</b>	<b>Other regular services</b>	<b>Total regular attendance</b>
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>

Westminster Abbey 2019: 84,800 annual attendance at regular schools' services, and no fresh expressions of Church or other regular services attendance.

Numbers in attendance at regular services are not included in average weekly attendance figures in 2, 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 3.

Table 4: Annual number of and total attendance at specially arranged services at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019

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
2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	953,000
2010	-	-	90	47,000	3,100	917,000	-	-	3,200	964,000
2011	-	-	100	51,000	2,900	876,000	-	-	3,000	927,000
2012	480	122,000	420	208,000	2,000	608,000	-	-	2,900	938,000
2013	480	108,000	490	296,000	1,600	486,000	-	-	2,600	890,000
2014	540	179,000	520	286,000	1,600	423,000	50	30,000	2,700	918,000
2015	470	163,000	520	302,000	1,600	452,000	70	26,000	2,700	943,000
2016	520	176,000	540	317,000	1,600	420,000	210	17,000	2,900	930,000
2017	470	166,000	520	312,000	1,600	411,000	210	16,000	2,800	905,000
2018	490	176,000	520	315,000	1,400	413,000	260	26,000	2,700	930,000
2019	490	158,000	490	296,000	1,200	350,000	250	22,000	2,400	826,000

Westminster Abbey 2019: total 75,700 people at 130 specially arranged services, broken down as follows: 15,700 attendance at 20 special schools services; 57,700 attendance at 110 other special services; 2,300 attendance at <5 Diocesan or Episcopal services; 2,100 attendance at <5 services outside the building.

Diocesan or Episcopal services first reported separately in 2012.

Special services arranged for schools first reported separately in 2010.

Services outside Cathedral building first reported separately in 2014.

Table 5: Number of and attendance at public / civic services at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019

Year	Graduation ceremonies		Other events		Total Public/civic events	
	Number of services	Attendance	Number of services	Attendance	Number of services	Attendance (in millions)
2009	-	-	-	-	5,500	1.62
2010	260	302,000	4,900	1,331,000	5,100	1.63
2011	260	273,000	5,400	1,570,000	5,700	1.84
2012	280	275,000	5,000	823,000	5,300	1.10
2013	290	282,000	5,600	792,000	5,900	1.07
2014	290	266,000	6,000	888,000	6,300	1.15
2015	280	266,000	5,100	856,000	5,400	1.12
2016	280	295,000	5,600	985,000	5,900	1.28
2017	290	289,000	5,000	978,000	5,300	1.27
2018	320	299,000	5,400	1,118,000	5,700	1.42
2019	330	317,000	5,500	1,451,000	5,800	1.77

Westminster Abbey 2019: total 25,200 people reported at 90 public / civic events, all of which were 'other' events (with no graduation ceremonies).

Graduation Ceremonies and Other events first reported separately in 2010.

Table 6: Easter communicants & attendance and Holy Week attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019

Year	Easter		Holy Week
	Communicants	Total attendance	Total attendance
2009	29,000	50,000	-
2010	28,000	48,000	-
2011	27,000	48,000	-
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

Westminster Abbey 2019: 2,200 Easter communicants; 5,800 Easter attendance; 6,200 attendance during Holy Week.

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.

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.

Table 7: Christmas communicants & attendance and Advent attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019

Year	Christmas		Advent
	Communicants	Total attendance	Total attendance
2009	34,000	118,000	-
2010	31,000	110,000	-
2011	33,000	129,000	-
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

Westminster Abbey 2019: 2,100 Christmas communicants; 9,600 Christmas attendance; 29,200 attendance during Advent.

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.

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.

Table 8: Baptism and Thanksgiving services held at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019

Year	Baptism Services									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+)	Total baptisms	Total thanksgiving services
2009	380	-	-	-	270	160	-	-	820	10
2010	350	-	-	-	220	190	-	-	760	< 5
2011	360	-	-	-	220	160	-	-	750	10
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

Westminster Abbey 2019: Baptisms - 10 infants (under 1 year); 10 children aged 1-4; 0 children aged 5-10; 10 young people (aged 11-17), <5 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 9: Marriage, Funeral and Memorial services held at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019

Year	Marriage Services			Funeral Services			Memorial Services
	Marriages	Blessings of marriage	Total marriage services	In Cathedrals	At Crematoria/ Cemeteries	Total funeral services	
2009	310	40	350	270	60	330	-
2010	320	30	350	340	70	410	130
2011	340	30	370	280	60	340	90
2012	340	20	360	290	110	400	100
2013	290	30	320	300	90	390	100
2014	320	20	340	290	80	370	100
2015	270	30	300	300	80	380	120
2016	260	30	290	270	80	350	140
2017	250	50	300	310	140	450	120
2018	250	20	270	290	70	360	140
2019	240	30	270	280	80	360	170

Westminster Abbey 2019: 10 marriage services; <5 marriage blessings; 10 funeral services; <5 funerals at crematoria / cemeteries; 20 memorial services.

Marriages: couples newly married only.

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

Memorial Services first reported in 2010.



Table 10: Number of children and young people attending educational events at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019

	<b>KS1: Nursery / Pre-prep</b>	<b>KS2: Primary / Prep</b>	<b>KS3/4: Secondary / Senior</b>	<b>16 - 18</b>	<b>18 +</b>	<b>Total</b>
2009	2,600	183,900	118,100	-	-	<b>305,000</b>
2010	26,200	150,200	96,800	9,600	13,100	<b>296,000</b>
2011	36,500	150,300	76,300	8,500	15,000	<b>286,000</b>
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>

Westminster Abbey 2019: KS1:1,000; KS2: 5,900; KS3/4 2,300; 16 – 18: 1,500; 18+: 100

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

Until 2010, those aged 16-18 and 18+ were included in the Secondary / Senior category.

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 11: Number of children and young people attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019

Year	KS1: Nursery / Pre-prep		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
2009	1,130	(16)	3,460	(17)	7,350	(14)	-	-	-	-	11,900	(20)
2010	1,180	(16)	3,400	(18)	5,960	(15)	1,400	-	50	-	12,000	(21)
2011	1,360	(16)	2,950	(19)	5,420	(15)	1,780	-	310	-	11,800	(22)
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)

Westminster Abbey 2019: KS1: 50; KS2: 500; KS3/4: 1,900; 16-18: 1,500 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.

Until 2010, those aged 16-18 and 18+ were included in the Secondary / Senior category.

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 12: Activities of Church of England cathedral personnel, 2014-2019

Year	Events supported by Cathedral clergy		Events supported by Cathedral choir		Diocesan meetings/events		Inter faith forums & events		Ecumenical events	
	Number of events	Cathedrals	Number of events	Cathedrals	Number of events	Cathedrals	Number of events	Cathedrals	Number of events	Cathedrals
2014	1,700	(32)	300	(37)	2,100	(31)	280	(32)	490	(32)
2015	2,100	(35)	320	(37)	2,400	(36)	350	(35)	740	(37)
2016	2,100	(36)	340	(39)	2,500	(37)	370	(36)	610	(36)
2017	2,200	(40)	290	(41)	2,500	(40)	470	(41)	720	(41)
2018	2,000	(34)	320	(37)	2,400	(37)	320	(30)	710	(35)
2019	2,500	(34)	270	(36)	2,800	(38)	560	(33)	830	(37)

Westminster Abbey 2019: 60 events/services supported by cathedral clergy; <5 events/services supported by the choir; no occasions on which clergy participated in diocesan meetings/events; 40 formal inter faith forums and events; 30 ecumenical events

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

Table 13: Visitors at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019

Year	Visitors (in millions)		
	Paying/ Donating	Other visitors	Total number of visitors
2009	-	-	<b>9.85</b>
2010	5.09 (32)	3.55	<b>8.65</b>
2011	5.62 (34)	3.65	<b>9.26</b>
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>

Westminster Abbey 2019: 1.27 million visitors, 99% of these paying for entry.

From 2010, visitors were recorded in two categories - those paying and those that did not pay. The numbers in parentheses in the "Paying/Donating" column are the number of Cathedrals that provided this data.

Table 14: Volunteers and Community Roll at Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019

Year	Volunteers	Community Roll (annual figure)
2009	15,000	16,500
2010	14,000	16,100
2011	15,000	16,300
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	16,000	13,500

Westminster Abbey 2019: 390 volunteers; no Community Roll reported.

Community Roll was renewed in 2013 and 2019.

Table 15: Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, 2009-2019

Year	Child choristers			Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars			Total choristers
	Boys	Girls	Total children	Men	Women	Total adults	
2009	870	730	<b>1,600</b>	-	-	<b>470</b>	<b>2,100</b>
2010	820	620	<b>1,400</b>	-	-	<b>610</b>	<b>2,100</b>
2011	780	650	<b>1,400</b>	-	-	<b>640</b>	<b>2,100</b>
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>

Westminster Abbey 2019: 30 boy choristers; no 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, 2010-2019

Year	Child choristers			Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars			Total choristers
	Boys	Girls	Total children	Men	Women	Total adults	
2010	220	360	<b>580</b>	570	800	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,900</b>
2011	360	460	<b>820</b>	600	780	<b>1,400</b>	<b>2,200</b>
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>

Westminster Abbey 2019:  
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, 2013-2019

	Male	Female	Mixed	Total Number of Cathedral Choirs	Visiting Choirs
2013	40	30	80	<b>150</b>	850
2014	40	30	70	<b>140</b>	820
2015	40	30	80	<b>150</b>	770
2016	40	30	80	<b>150</b>	850
2017	40	30	90	<b>160</b>	890
2018	40	30	80	<b>150</b>	910
2019	40	30	90	<b>160</b>	970

Westminster Abbey 2019:  
< 5 male choirs; no female choirs; < 5 mixed choirs and 50 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.

## Methodology

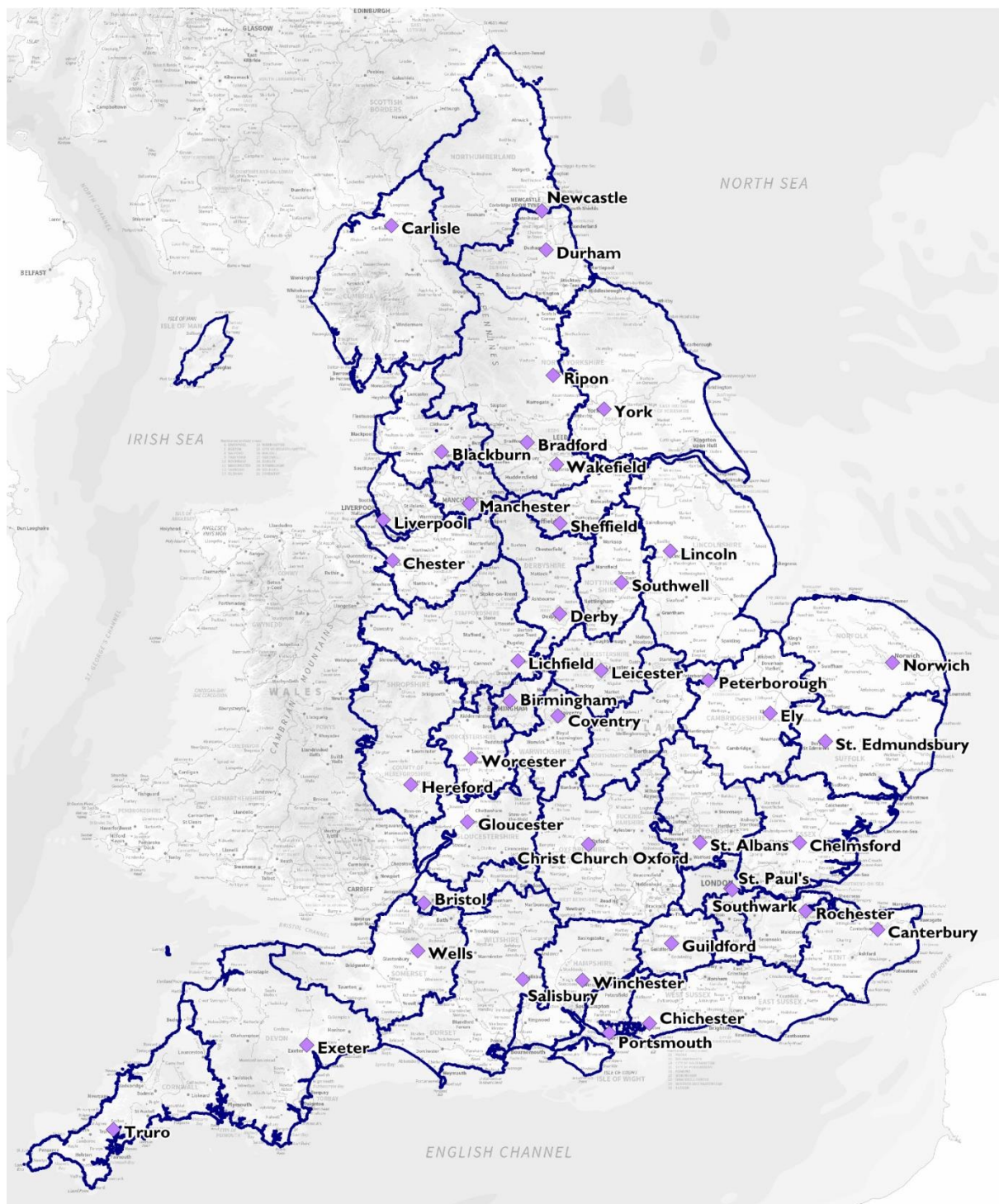
There are 42 Church of England cathedrals in mainland England, listed below, all of which participated in this exercise along with Westminster Abbey (which is not a cathedral, but a Royal Peculiar). Figure 9 on the next page shows the location of all participating cathedrals from which data have been aggregated to show the totals reported in Figures 1 to 18 (names listed below, with diocese name in brackets if not already in the name of the cathedral). Westminster Abbey is not shown on Figure 19 because data from them are reported separately via footnotes accompanying tables 1 to 18.

Wells Cathedral (Bath and Wells diocese)	Gloucester Cathedral	Rochester Cathedral
Birmingham Cathedral	Guildford Cathedral	Cathedral & Abbey Church of Saint Alban (St. Albans diocese)
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/Cathedral Administrators and Deans. The form in Appendix 2 was sent electronically to all Church of England cathedrals, and Westminster Abbey, in autumn 2019. 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 previous years data for attendance measures, whilst blank fields were taken as zeros for all other measures. Where data had been missing in 2018 but provided for 2019, previous estimation was updated using an average of the surrounding years. While all figures in this report have been rounded to the most relevant significant figures, totals and averages were calculated before rounding, thus row and column totals will not always agree exactly with the sum of the stated amounts. Where data are smaller than 5 (but greater than zero), <5 is shown in the tables, rather than the actual number.

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, Westminster Abbey and, prior to 2011, York Minster, were taken from [www.alva.org.uk](http://www.alva.org.uk).

Figure 9: Map of Church of England cathedrals included in report Figures 1 to 18



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## Appendix 2: Cathedral Form 2019

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

Please refer to the guidance notes for additional information to assist you in completing this form. Please complete all boxes. 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 2019.

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

#### Usual Attendance on Sundays and Midweek

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.**

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Midweek</b>
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 for the entire year.**

	Annual attendance
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 attendees and total number of services / events for the entire year.**

	Annual attendance	Number of services / events
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 attendees and total number of services / events for the entire year.**

	Annual attendance	Number of services / events
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 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 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 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 2019.**

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 2019 is unavailable, please state the number registered at the start of the academic year (i.e. September 2019). 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 2019.**

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 a 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.**

	<b>Cathedral male</b>	<b>Cathedral female</b>	<b>Cathedral mixed</b>	<b>Visiting choirs</b>
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.**

	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
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 volunteering throughout the year.**

Number of people volunteering:	
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## 11. Additional questions

The Association of English Cathedrals is keen to explore several aspects of Cathedrals' involvement in wider ministry and mission. Each question is explained in more detail below:

- a) Number of events/services supported by **Cathedral clergy** away from the Cathedral could include, for example, presiding or preaching at services in other churches, attending institutions, ordinations, and other liturgical services, and attending events such as mystery plays, folk dramas and pageants.
- b) Number of events/services supported by a **Cathedral choir(s)** away from the Cathedral.
- c) **Number of formal inter-faith forums / services / activities** at which Cathedral people participated promoting good relations between people of different faiths.
- d) **Number of ecumenical events / services / activities** at which people representing the Cathedral participated, for example this could include women's world day of prayer services, Lent study groups, and pilgrimage walks.
- e) **Number of formal diocesan meetings / services / activities** at which Cathedral clergy / people participated. This could include ordinations, Maundy Thursday service, other special celebration services, diocesan synod, Bishop's Council and Bishop's Staff meetings.

**Please record the total number of events / services during the year.**

a) Number of events/ services supported by Cathedral clergy away from the Cathedral:	
b) Number of events/ services supported by Cathedral choir(s) away from the Cathedral:	
c) Number of formal inter-faith forums/ services/ activities at which Cathedral people participated:	
d) Number of ecumenical events/ services/ activities at which Cathedral people participated:	
e) Number of formal diocesan meetings/ services:	

## 12. 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 “Usual” attendance figures in Section 2 - e.g. using clickers, estimating or by taking an average of ‘usual’ services.

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## 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 January 2020**

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