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Preface (by Dr Bev Botting, Head of the Research and Statistics unit)

The 16,000 churches of the Church of England serve a huge range of communities in a huge range of different ways. While no survey, however long, could capture the full breadth of this service, Statistics for Mission covers key activities, common to the majority of churches, including attendance at Sunday and midweek services, attendance at Easter and Christmas, and numbers of baptisms, marriages, and funerals.

The information in this report is available thanks to the time and effort of many thousands of incumbents, staff, and volunteers in parishes and diocesan offices who collect and provide their information. I am extremely grateful to all those who have given their time to support this work. I am also grateful to those who have provided their data more quickly than in the past. These efforts and the dedicated work of my team in checking the figures and compiling these statistics have resulted in the earliest ever publication of this report.

I hope that the information published here will be helpful to parishes and dioceses in planning their future activities. Every church exists in its own local context, and I would urge those using the figures in this report to explore the other information about their parish and local area that is available through the Research and Statistics web page (<https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/facts-stats/research-statistics.aspx>). Census and deprivation statistics provide detailed information about local populations and the challenges they face, and are valuable resources when planning mission and ministry.

The Church of England, our church, is setting out on a journey of Renewal & Reform, with one of its aims to facilitate the growth of the church in numbers and in depth of discipleship. This work must be based on a realistic assessment of where we are starting from, and requires robust information so we can best plan our action and monitor its impact. Statistics for Mission represents the experiences of each one of our churches and provides an invaluable foundation for this work.

Executive summary

2015 Church of England participation summary

- On average, 961,000 people (85% adults, 15% children under 16) attended Church of England services and acts of worship each week in October 2015. A further 165,000 people attended services for schools in Church of England churches each week.
- Usual Sunday attendance at Church of England churches in 2015 was 752,000 people (86% adults, 14% children under 16).
- The worshipping community of Church of England churches in 2015 was 1.1 million people, of whom 20% were aged under 18, 50% were aged 18-69, and 30% were aged 70 or over.
- 1.3 million people attended Church of England churches at Easter 2015 (of whom 71% received communion).
- 2.5 million people attended Church of England churches at Christmas 2015 (of whom 35% received communion). During Advent, 2.3 million people attended special services for the congregation and local community, and 2.7 million people attended special services for civic organisations and schools.
- There were 124,000 Church of England baptisms and services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child during 2015.
- There were 47,000 Church of England marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages during 2015.
- There were 84,000 funerals in Church of England churches, and a further 65,000 funerals at crematoria/cemeteries during 2015.

Trends in participation

- Over recent decades, attendance at Church of England church services has gradually fallen. These trends continued in 2015. Most key measures of attendance have fallen by between 10% and 15% over the past 10 years.
- Although the overall pattern is one of gradual decline, this masks the differences in experience in individual parishes over the past 10 years. In 53% of parishes there has been no statistically significant change in attendance. In 10% of parishes attendance has increased. In 37% of parishes attendance has decreased.

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Statistics for Mission: measuring Church of England attendance and participation

The annual collection of Statistics for Mission quantifies key aspects of participation throughout the Church of England. Almost 16,000 churches in the Church of England were asked to complete a Statistics for Mission return in 2015. Churches were asked to report, among other things, attendance at Sunday and midweek services, attendance at Easter and Christmas, and the numbers of baptisms, marriages, and funerals they carried out during the year. Complete data were received from 86% of churches; where data were missing, values were estimated where possible, based on trends from previous years. The data were provided by incumbents, church wardens, and other church staff and volunteers, whom we thank for the time and effort they have taken to report accurate figures.

In the following sections, figures have been aggregated to give totals for the Church of England. Further information and detailed diocesan-level figures can be found in the tables in the Appendix. Methodological details and a copy of the 2015 Statistics for Mission form can be found at the end of this report. Values in the data tables are reported to the nearest 100 or nearest 10, as appropriate. Percentages are reported to the nearest 1% or 0.1%, as appropriate. In accordance with standard practice, totals, percentages, and averages have been calculated before rounding, so row and column totals may not always agree with the sums of the stated amounts.

Church of England attendance, 2015

Statistics for Mission measures attendance in a number of different ways: attendance over the first 4 weeks of October (during the annual “October count”), from which Average Weekly and Average Sunday attendance figures are derived; attendance on a Usual Sunday (not a major festival or contained in a peak holiday period); and attendance at the great festivals of Easter and Christmas. Since 2012, churches have been asked to record their Worshipping Community – those people who attend church regularly (for example once a month or more), or would do so if not prevented by illness or temporary absence.

These different measures are useful in different ways: the October count includes Sunday and midweek attendance during 4 specific weeks at all church services, fresh expressions of Church, and (since 2013) services for schools held in churches; the Usual Sunday figure asks about “normal” attendance, and is therefore less subject to year-to-year variation resulting from special events; Easter and Christmas attendance figures offer an insight into the number of people who are still in contact with their church but not necessarily regular worshippers; the worshipping community includes all regular worshippers, whether they come on a Sunday or during the week, and whether they come to church every day or just once a month.

On average, 961,000 people (85% adults, 15% children under 16) attended church services or fresh expressions of Church each week in October 2015. A further 165,000 people attended services for schools in churches each week. Usual Sunday attendance at church in 2015 was 752,000 people (86% adults, 14% children under 16). The total worshipping community of churches across the Church of England was 1,142,000 people, of whom 20% were aged under 18, 50% were aged 18-69, and 30% were aged 70 or over.

There were over 1,033,000 members of Church of England electoral rolls in 2015.

1,285,000 people attended church at Easter 2015 (of whom 71% received communion). 2,526,000 people attended church at Christmas 2015 (of whom 35% received communion). During Advent in 2015, 2,327,000 people attended special services for the congregation and local community, and 2,732,000 attended special services for civic organisations and schools.

Table 1: Church participation summary, 2015

	smallest 5% of churches	smallest 25% of churches	median church	largest 25% of churches	largest 5% of churches	mean church
All age average weekly attendance	4	14	37	87	201	66.0
Adult average weekly attendance	4	13	33	74	169	56.2
Child average weekly attendance	0	0	3	12	38	9.8
All age usual Sunday attendance	8	15	29	62	155	50.6
Easter attendance	0	28	56	110	254	88.5
Christmas attendance	0	37	90	214	590	177.0
Worshipping community	9	21	45	93	225	74.6
Baptisms and thanksgivings	0	1	4	11	31	8.3
Marriages and services of prayer & dedication	0	0	2	4	11	3.1
Funerals in churches, crematoria, & cemeteries	0	2	5	13	36	10.1

Note: Values in Table 1 are based on 10,162 complete single-church returns.

The aggregate figures conceal the fact that there is a huge range of churches within the Church of England, serving communities large and small.

Table 1 shows the range of different churches within the dataset. The table shows the reported participation at the smallest 5% and 25% of churches, the median (i.e. middle) church, the largest 25% and 5% of churches, and the mean (average) church.

For example, the largest 5% of churches had 155 or more people worshipping on a usual Sunday, whereas the smallest 25% of churches had 15 or fewer. The median church had 29 people attending on a usual Sunday; the mean usual Sunday attendance was 51 people.

A few large churches can result in a large mean value that is not a helpful summary of the data; the median is often a more useful number to consider when thinking about a “typical” church.

The median church had 37 people attending worship in an average week in October, the majority being adults, with 29 on a usual Sunday. It had 56 people at Easter, 90 at Christmas, and a worshipping community of 45. It carried out 4 baptisms, 2 marriages, and 5 funerals in 2015.

Because some churches are significantly larger, the mean church was a little different: it had 66 people attending worship each week, and 51 on a usual Sunday. It had 88 people at Easter, 177 at Christmas, and 75 in its worshipping community. It carried out 8 baptisms, 3 marriages, and 10 funerals in 2015.

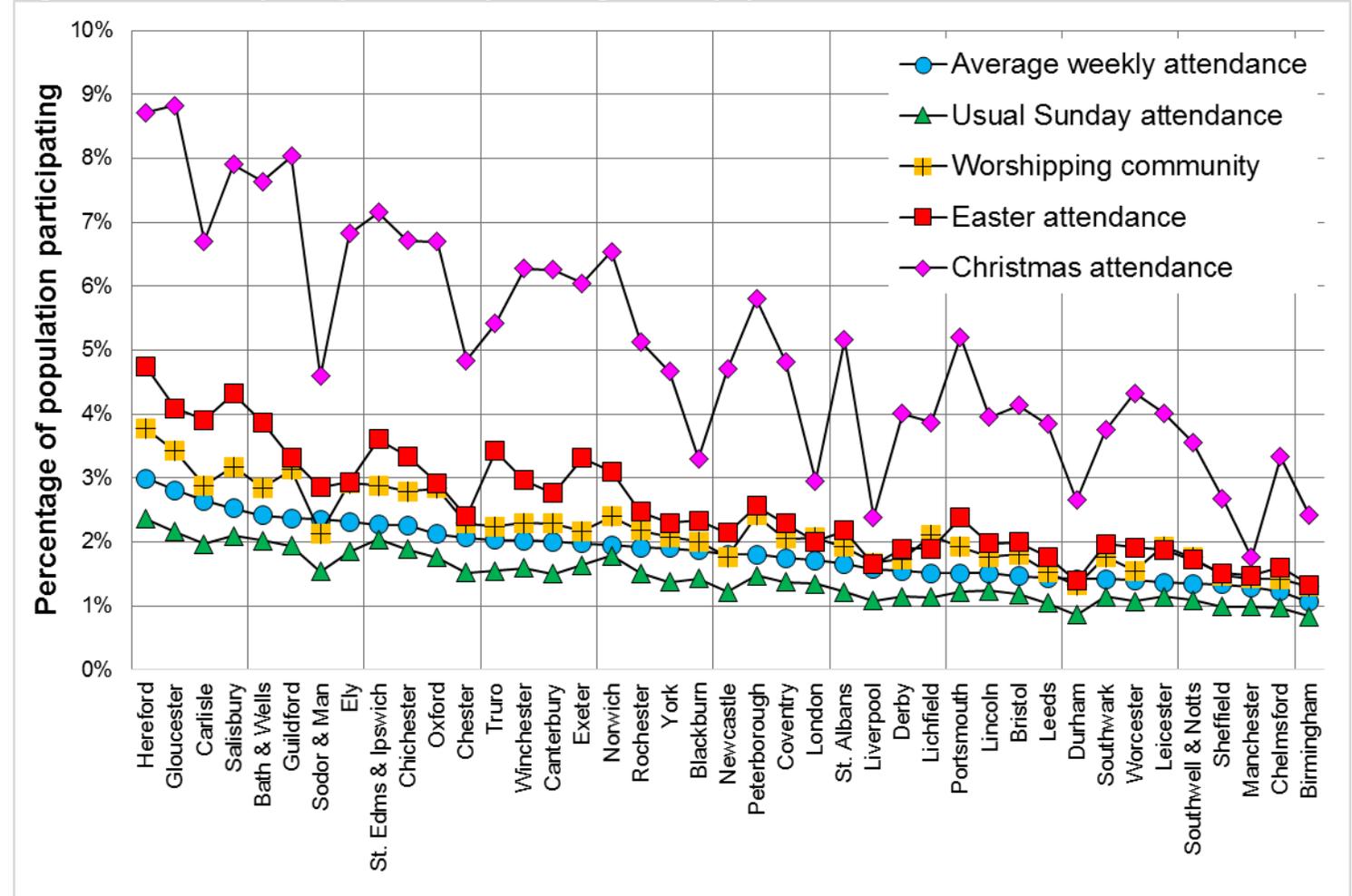
It should be noted that, particularly in parishes that contain several churches, not all churches had services at Easter or Christmas, which explains why a proportion of churches reported zero attendance.

The Church of England's dioceses vary considerably in area (from Sodor & Man, at only 220 square miles, to Lincoln, York, and Leeds each at over 2,600 square miles) and population size (both Chelmsford and London contain over 3 million people, while Carlisle, Hereford, and Sodor & Man have fewer than 500,000). It is therefore not especially enlightening to compare the absolute attendance figures of different dioceses.

Instead, Figure 1 shows participation as a percentage of the population, while Figure 2 shows participation as a percentage of the Christian population.

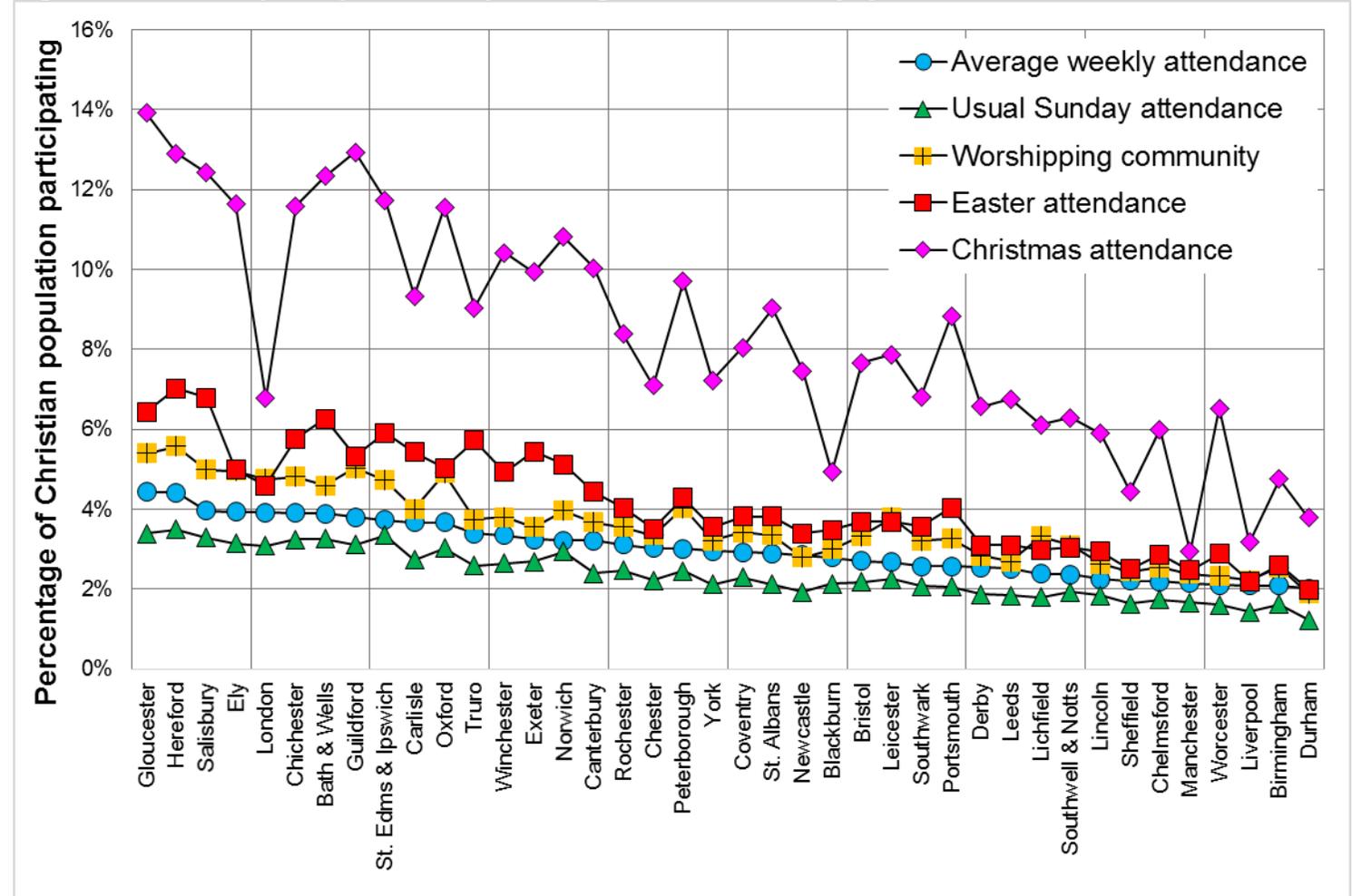
It is worth noting that the different measures of participation are highly correlated – dioceses that have high Average weekly attendance also tend to have high values of other measures. For ease of visualisation dioceses have been ordered by Average weekly attendance, but the correlation means that the ordering would be very similar whichever measure were used. The exception is Christmas attendance, which is noticeably more variable, perhaps due to seasonal movements of people, for example student populations.

Figure 1: Diocesan participation as a percentage of the population, 2015



The Dioceses of Hereford and Gloucester have the highest levels of participation as a percentage of the population, with Birmingham and Chelmsford the lowest. When considering participation as a percentage of the Christian population, the most obvious differences are the positions of the Dioceses of London – where participation per Christian is relatively high – and Liverpool – where participation per Christian is relatively low.

Figure 2: Diocesan participation as a percentage of the Christian population, 2015



Questions about each church's worshipping community have been included in Statistics for Mission since 2012. As well as being asked about the size and age distribution of their worshipping community, each church is also asked about the number of people who join and leave their worshipping community during the year and, where known, their reason for joining/leaving.

Figure 3: Adult worshipping community joiners, 2015

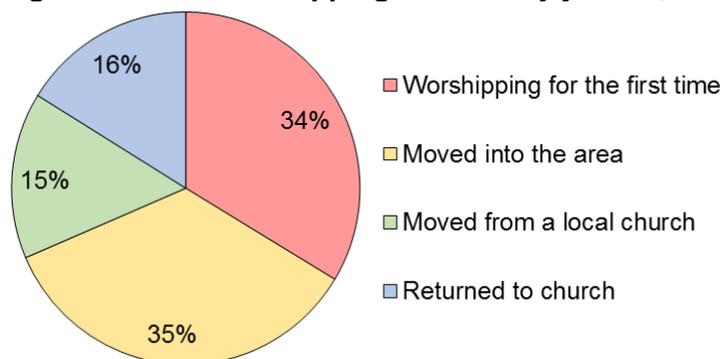


Figure 4: Child worshipping community joiners, 2015

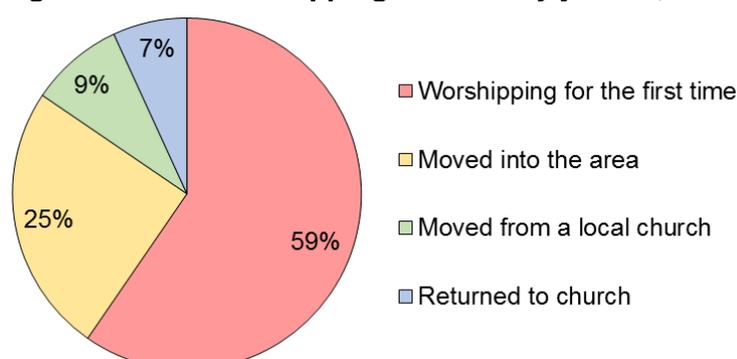


Figure 5: Adult worshipping community leavers, 2015

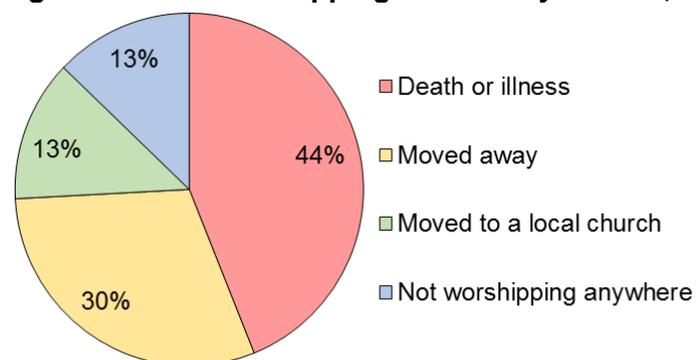
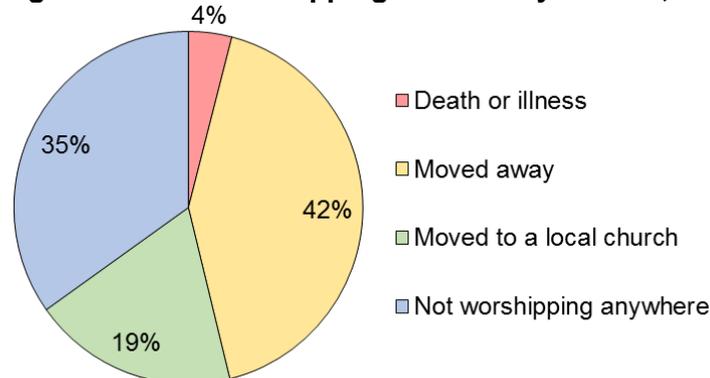


Figure 6: Child worshipping community leavers, 2015



Reasons for joining/leaving a worshipping community are not necessarily known. Figures 3-6 show the reasons for joining/leaving as reported by churches. Reasons for joining/leaving were given for over 90% of reported joiners and leavers.

In 2015, Church of England churches reported 91,000 people joining their worshipping communities, 32% of them being children. 34% of adult joiners were worshipping for the first time, and 35% had moved to the area. 59% of child joiners were first time worshippers.

Church of England churches reported 63,000 people leaving their worshipping communities, 17% of them being children. 44% of adult leavers left through death or illness, and 30% had moved away. 42% of child leavers had moved away, with 35% not worshipping anywhere.

Church of England baptisms, marriages, and funerals, 2015

There were 118,900 baptisms and 4,700 services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child in Church of England churches during 2015. 60% of baptisms were of infants (aged under 1); 32% were of children (aged 1-12) and 8% were of people aged 13 and over. 68% of thanksgivings were for infants.

There were 44,700 marriages and 2,800 services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages in Church of England churches during 2015.

There were 83,600 funerals in Church of England churches, and a further 64,600 funerals conducted on behalf of Church of England churches by members of church/parish ministry teams at crematoria/cemeteries during 2015.

Trends in Church of England participation, 2005-2015

Church of England attendance figures have been collected for many years, enabling trends in attendance to be assessed. Attendance figures in any one year may be affected by unusual events – special anniversaries; visits by the Bishop; retirements; floods. Given the large number of churches included in Statistics for Mission, there are likely to be a large number of special events in any given year. It is therefore not sensible to consider changes in attendance from one year to the next in isolation. Instead, a more reliable assessment of trends can be made by looking at the figures over a longer period of time.

Here, we consider attendance figures from 2005 to 2015. Over this period most key Statistics for Mission questions have been predominantly unchanged. The exception is the October count: in 2013, an additional section was added asking about attendance at services for schools taking place in churches; prior to this, some churches had reported school service attendance (predominantly as midweek Child attendance) whereas others had not. Therefore, when using the October count figures to assess trends, it would be inadvisable to use All Age average weekly attendance. Here instead we use Adult average weekly attendance plus Child average Sunday attendance (both derived from the October count data, and in both cases including attendance at church and fresh expressions of Church, but not including attendance at services for schools) since these are likely to be relatively unaffected by the change in the question.

As seen in Figures 7-10, attendance, however it is measured, has been gradually decreasing between 2005 and 2015. The Usual Sunday attendance figures show a slight decline in children as a fraction of Sunday congregations (from over 15% in 2005 to under 14% in 2015). However, the inclusion of attendance at school services in the October count from 2013 onwards demonstrates a substantial ministry with schools, amounting to 126,600 children and 38,400 adults each week in October 2015. A large number of school Harvest Festivals take place in October, so it is likely that this month contains more school services than most times of the year, with the exception of Christmas and Easter, and therefore it would be a mistake to claim that this level of attendance at services for schools occurs every week throughout the year.

Attendance at Easter and Christmas has also fallen, though the pattern of decline is not so clear cut: factors such as the weather, the day of the week (for Christmas) the time of year (for Easter) may well have an impact on attendance.

As shown in Figures 11-14, similar patterns are seen with baptisms, marriages, and funerals. All have declined since 2005, most evidently in the case of funerals. While the numbers of baptisms were reasonably stable between 2005 and 2011, there has been a more noticeable fall in the past few years.

Figure 7: Average weekly attendance (October count), 2005-2015

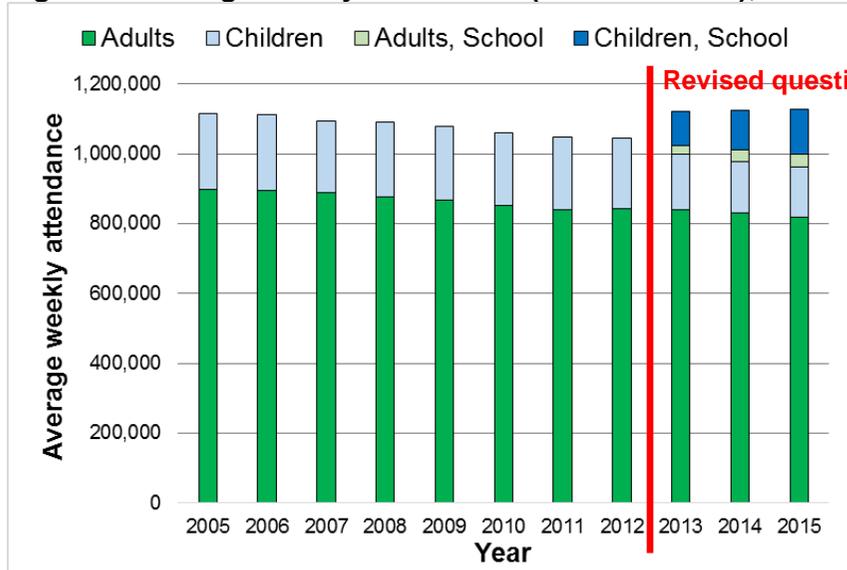


Figure 8: Usual Sunday attendance, 2005-2015

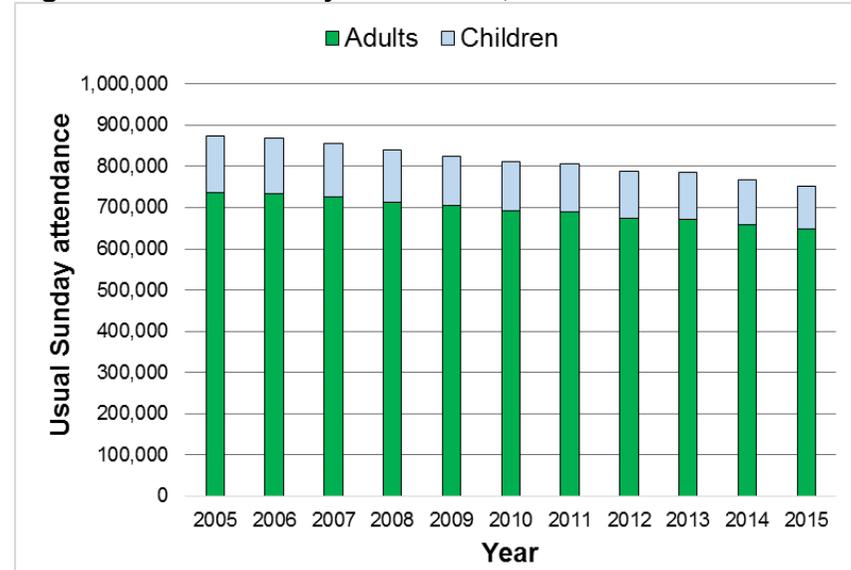


Figure 9: Easter communicants and attendance, 2005-2015

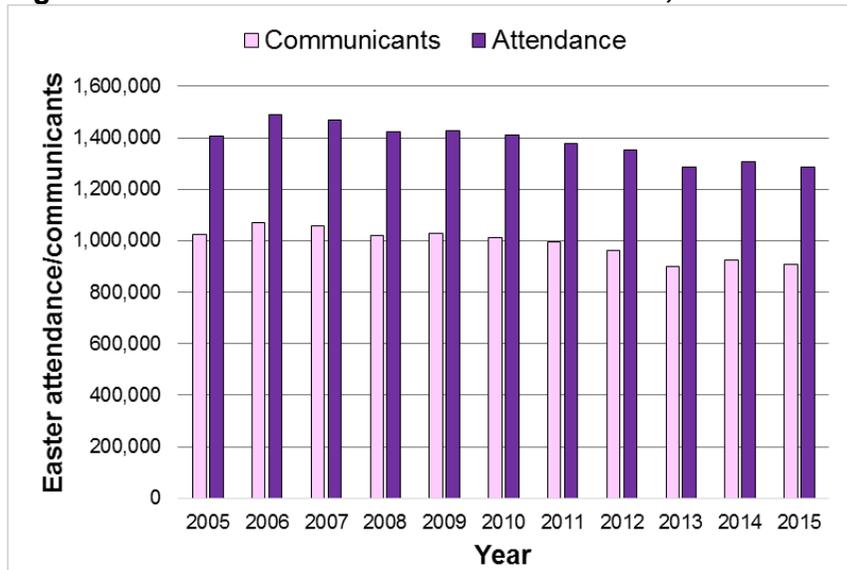


Figure 10: Christmas communicants and attendance, 2005-2015

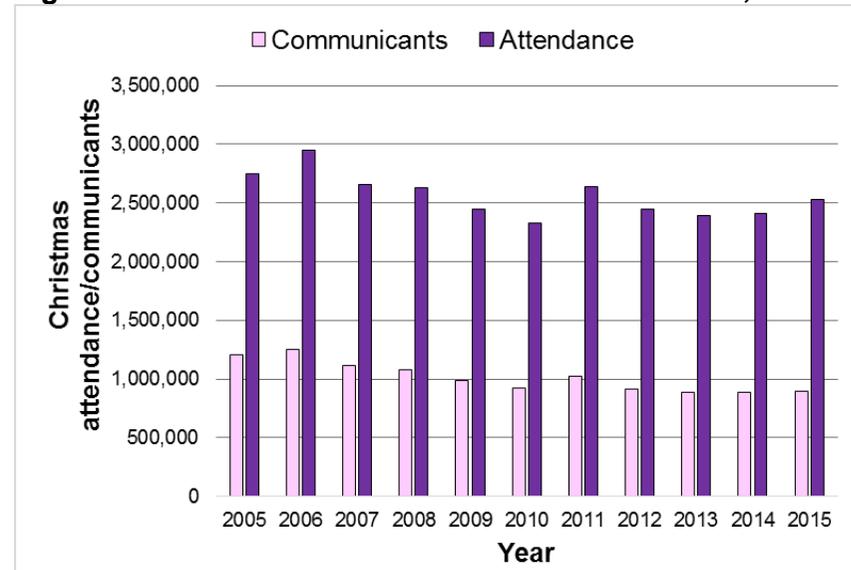


Figure 11: Baptisms and thanksgivings, 2005-2015

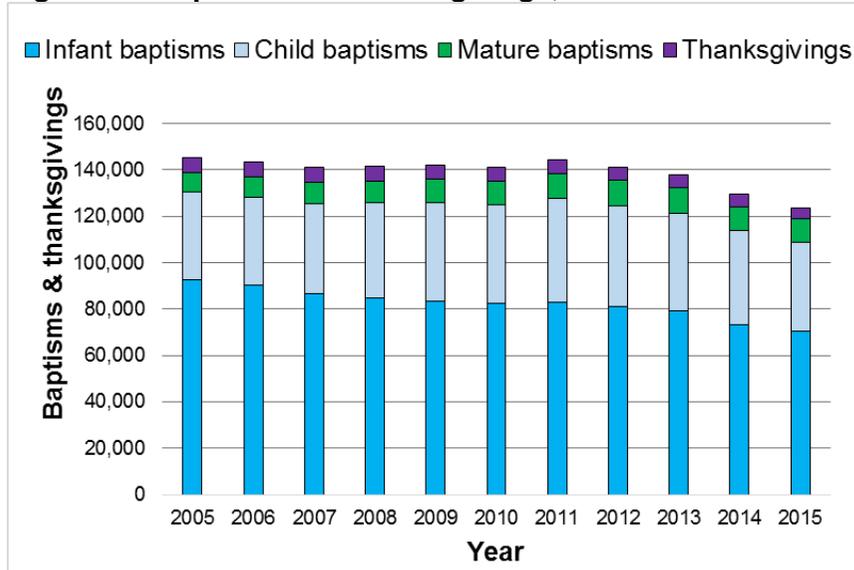


Figure 12: Marriages and services of prayer and dedication, 2005-2015

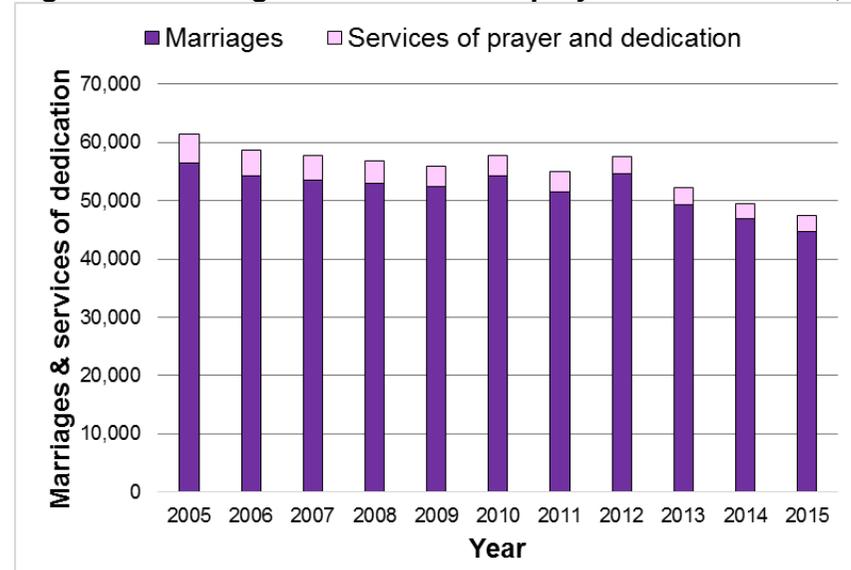


Figure 13: Funerals, 2005-2015

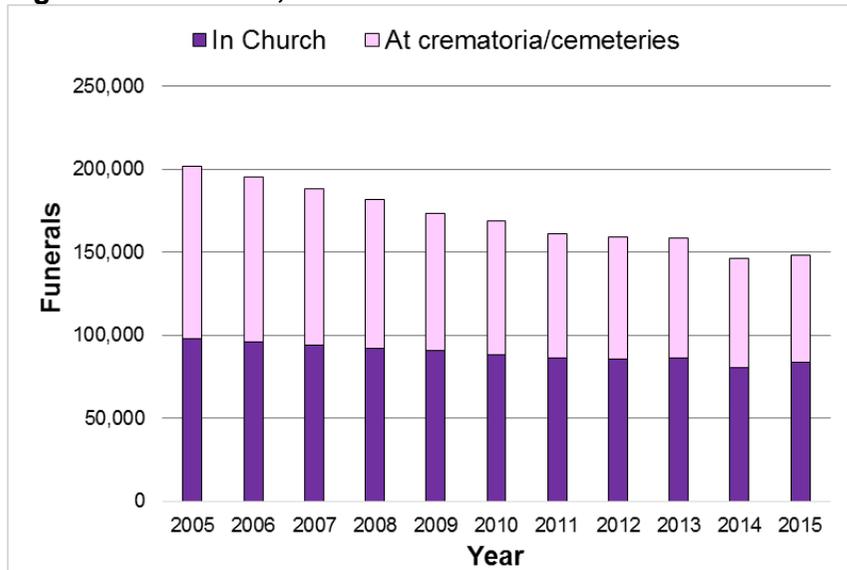
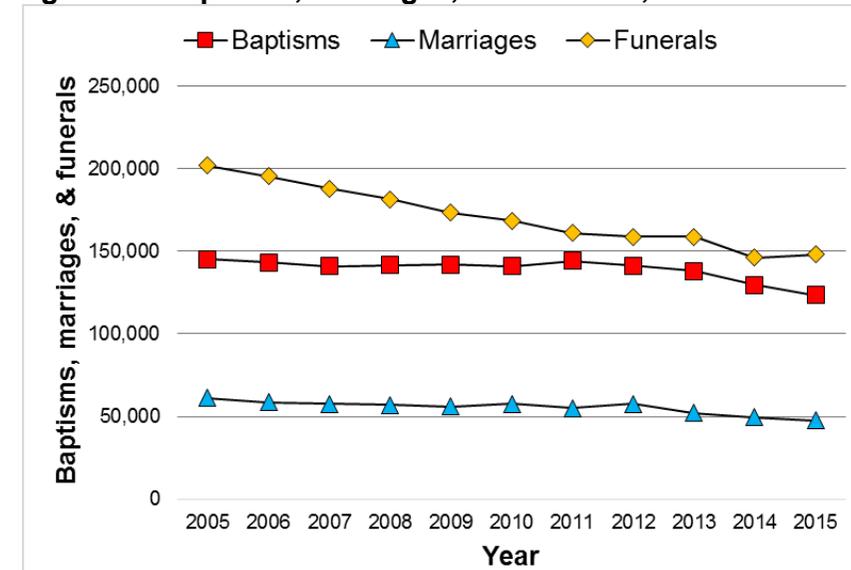


Figure 14: Baptisms, marriages, and funerals, 2005-2015



Numbers of Church of England baptisms, marriages, and funerals will depend on absolute numbers of births, marriages, and deaths. Official statistics have been used to estimate the number of births and deaths taking place within the dioceses of the Church of England (not including the Diocese in Europe); marriage statistics are not available at the same spatial resolution, so aggregate official figures for England and Wales, only available up until 2013, are used as a proxy. In 2005, there was an infant baptism for 16% of live births (and others births will have been followed by later child and mature baptisms); 25% of marriages in England and Wales took place in or were followed by a service of prayer and dedication in a Church of England church; Church of England parishes conducted funerals for 42% of deaths. In 2015, there was an infant baptism for 11% of live births (and others are likely to be followed by later child and mature baptisms); Church of England parishes conducted funerals for 30% of deaths. In 2013, the last year for which national statistics are available, 22% of marriages in England and Wales took place in or were followed by a service of prayer and dedication in a Church of England church.

Summaries of attendance and coverage of infant baptisms, marriages, and funerals are shown in Figures 15 and 16.

Figure 15: Church of England attendance summary, 2005-2015

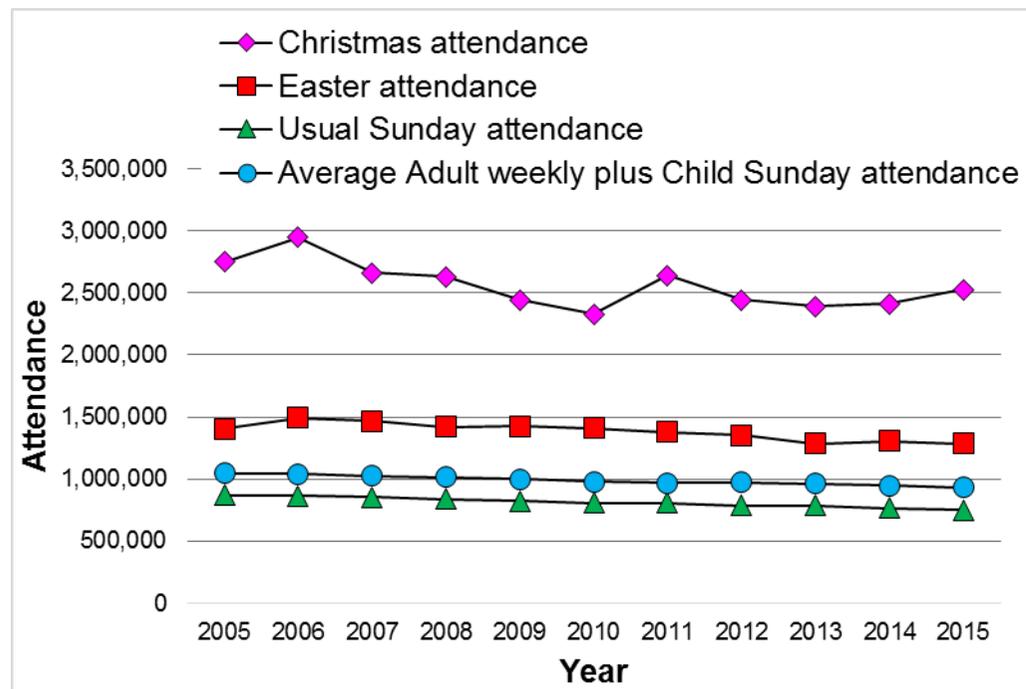
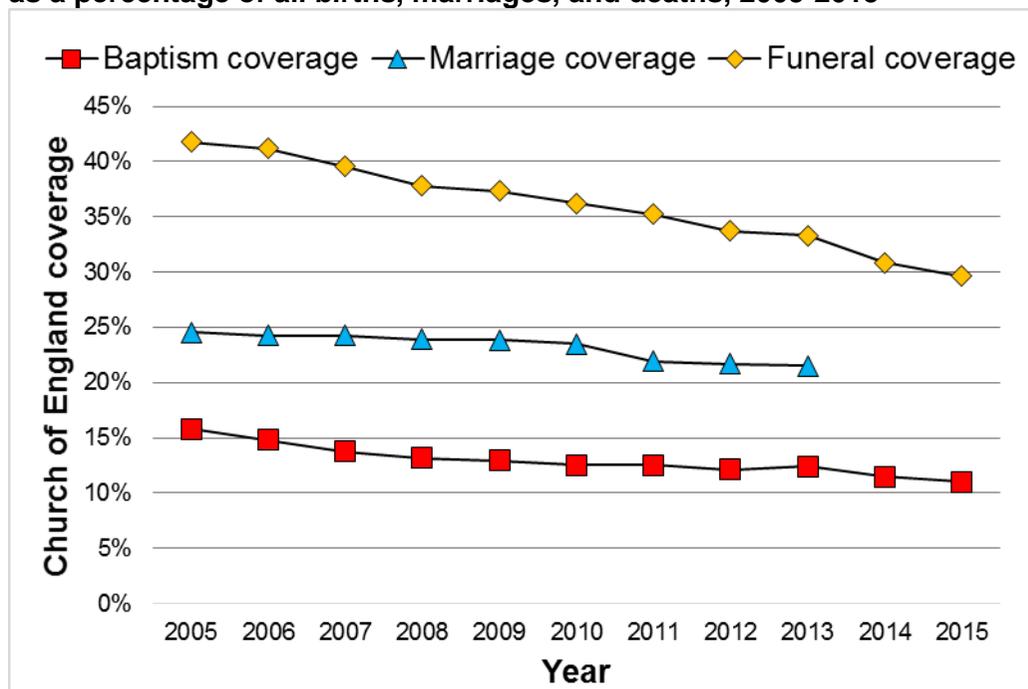


Figure 16: Church of England infant baptisms, marriages, and funerals as a percentage of all births, marriages, and deaths, 2005-2015



Overall attendance has fallen by between 10% and 15% over the past 10 years (Table 2).

Adult attendance has fallen by less than child attendance. Weekly attendance (which includes both midweek and Sunday attendance) has fallen by less than Sunday attendance, suggesting that there may have been a trend over the past decade for more worship to take place on days other than Sundays.

The numbers of baptisms, marriages, and funerals have fallen similarly, with the largest fall being in funerals at crematoria/cemeteries.

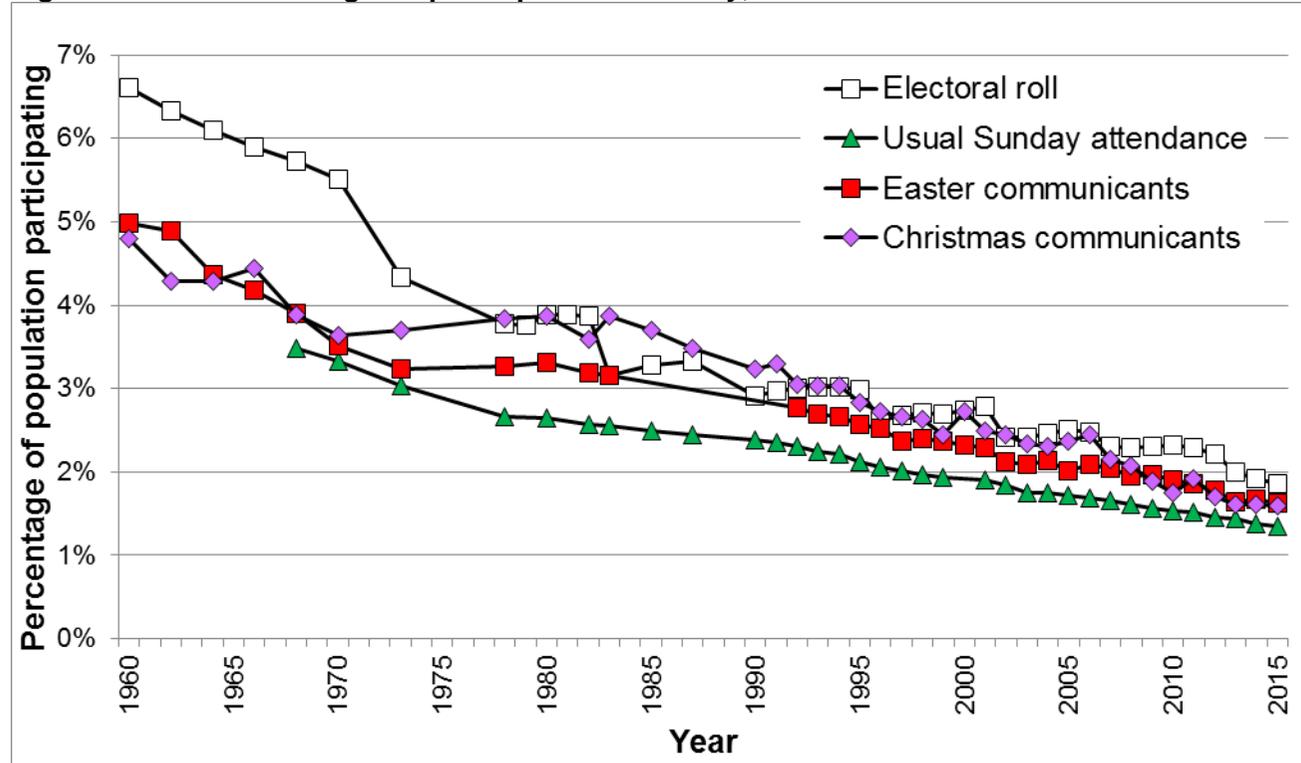
These simple assessments of trend are based on fitting a straight line through the available data. A straight line is unlikely to be a perfect fit, but in many cases is a reasonable approximation. The “correlation” value in Table 2 quantifies how well the straight line matches the data – a value of 1 represents a perfect fit, 0 represents no relationship. For many variables the figures over the past 11 years follow a straight line almost exactly. In other cases the correlation between the data and a straight line is weaker. Christmas attendance, for example, as can be seen in Figure 15, fluctuates more than other measures. Similarly, it appears from Figure 14 that the decline in baptisms and marriages has increased over recent years.

Table 2: Church of England attendance and participation trends, 2005-2015

Measure of Church of England participation	Change from 2005 to 2015	Correlation with straight line
Adult usual Sunday attendance	-12%	0.99
Child usual Sunday attendance	-23%	0.98
All age usual Sunday attendance	-14%	0.99
Adult average weekly attendance	-9%	0.97
Adult average Sunday attendance	-12%	0.98
Child average Sunday attendance	-21%	0.97
All age average Sunday attendance	-13%	0.98
Average Adult weekly+Child Sunday attendance	-11%	0.98
Easter communicants	-15%	0.83
Easter attendance	-13%	0.79
Christmas communicants	-30%	0.84
Christmas attendance	-14%	0.48
Baptisms and thanksgivings	-11%	0.60
Marriages and services of prayer & dedication	-18%	0.79
Funerals in church	-16%	0.94
Funerals in crematoria/cemeteries	-39%	0.98
Funerals total	-28%	0.97

Questions about the worshipping community have not been included as part of Statistics for Mission for long enough to make a judgement about how the sizes of worshipping communities are changing over time. Furthermore, churches are still developing their own understanding about which people are part of their worshipping community. With those caveats in mind, it is interesting to note that the total Church of England worshipping community remained almost unchanged from 2014-2015. It is hoped in future years to be able to use worshipping community figures to help understand changes in people’s patterns of worship; for example, if people change from weekly to fortnightly church attendance it would be expected that Usual Sunday attendance would fall but the worshipping community would remain stable.

Figure 17: Church of England participation summary, 1960-2015



The Church of England attendance and participation trends discussed above should be viewed in a longer historical context. Those quantities that have been measured reasonably consistently as part of Statistics for Mission for many years show that the trend over the past decade is consistent with what has been happening for the past 50 years (Figure 17).

Parish-level trends, 2005-2015

Although the overall pattern of Church of England attendance and participation is one of gradual decline, this masks the differences in experience in individual parishes over the past 10 years.

Based on parish-level all age Usual Sunday attendance from 2005-2015, 10% of parishes have experienced statistically significant growth; 37% have experienced statistically significant decline; in 53% there has been no statistically significant trend.

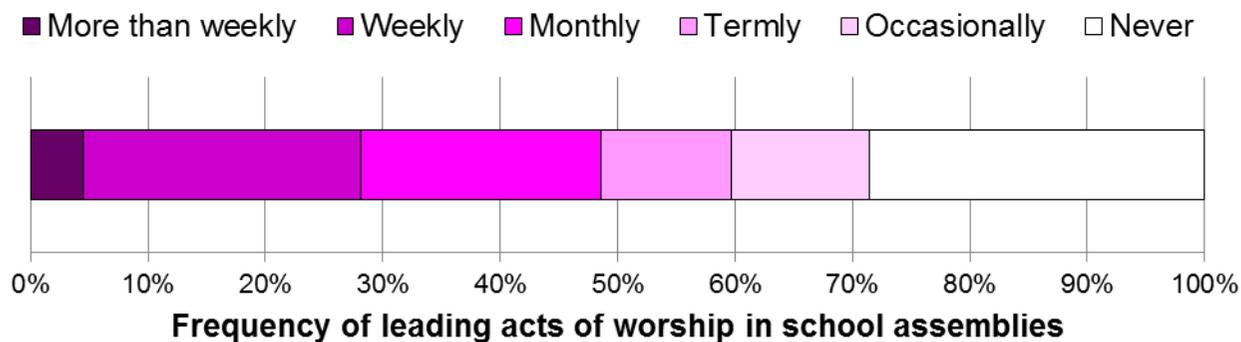
Based on parish-level average Adult weekly plus Child Sunday attendance from 2005-2015, 7% of parishes have experienced statistically significant growth; 23% have experienced statistically significant decline; in 70% there has been no statistically significant trend.

The difference in the figures when using the two different measures of attendance is unsurprising - as already noted, within a single church the October count figures vary more than the Usual Sunday figures from year to year and these fluctuations may swamp trends in attendance.

School assemblies

Approximately half of the responding churches reported that a member of their church ministry team leads an act of worship in schools monthly or more often. Nearly 30% lead acts of worship in schools once a week or more. These figures are based on 13,479 responses.

Figure 18: Frequency with which members of church ministry teams lead acts of worship in schools, 2015



Church facilities: kitchens, toilets, and shops

A one-off section in 2015 asked churches about the facilities within their church or churchyard. Churches were asked about their kitchen and toilet facilities, and whether the church contained a post office and/or a shop (selling at least basic food and domestic necessities). There were 12,258 single-church responses to these questions. Based on these responses, 49% of churches have a kitchen; 64% have a toilet; 48% have both a kitchen and a toilet. There is a full-time or part time shop in 212 churches (slightly fewer than 2% of those responding), and a full-time or part-time post office in 152 churches (slightly more than 1% of those responding).

Confirmations

16,700 people were confirmed in 2015, at over 1,800 confirmation services. 58% of those confirmed were female.

Appendix

The section below contains additional detail, including diocesan-level figures. Values in the data tables are reported to the nearest 100 or nearest 10, as appropriate. Percentages are reported to the nearest 1% or 0.1%, as appropriate. In accordance with standard practice, totals, percentages, and averages have been calculated before rounding, so row and column totals may not always agree with the sums of the stated amounts.

The tables below generally include figures from 2010-2015. For Tables 4-6, which contain figures derived from the October count of attendance, it should be noted that the unusually large changes in attendance from 2012 to 2013 are the result of a change in the question, which from 2013 onwards specifically asked about attendance at services for schools. Attendance at midweek school services has been measured since 2013; in 2014 attendance at school services on Sundays was measured, with explicit guidance that only school services taking place in churches or church buildings should be included. Attendance at these school services is not included in the weekly attendance or Sunday attendance totals for 2013-2015. It is likely that reported attendance before 2013 included some school service attendance, accounting for the large change from 2012 to 2013.

As a result of changes in the questions asked, the most suitable measure based on the October count for assessing trends is the average adult weekly attendance plus the average child Sunday attendance, shown in Table 7.

The Church of England's 16,000 churches serve a population of over 55 million people, including over 32 million Christians. Dioceses vary considerably in their size, population density, and distribution of churches.

Table 3: Diocesan summary statistics, 2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Population	Area (square miles)	Population density (people per square mile)	Number of benefices	Number of parishes	Number of churches	Population per church	Rank	Square miles per church	Rank	Christian population	Christian population per church	Rank	Response rate	Rank
1	Bath & Wells	C	939,000	1,610	580	179	464	562	1,670	36	2.9	22	581,000	1,030	37	87%	24
2	Birmingham	C	1,548,000	290	5,270	140	151	185	8,370	2	1.6	37	788,000	4,260	3	90%	19
3	Blackburn	Y	1,335,000	930	1,440	177	238	274	4,870	12	3.4	13	894,000	3,260	8	72%	39
5	Bristol	C	1,010,000	470	2,150	106	166	203	4,980	10	2.3	35	544,000	2,680	13	96%	9
6	Canterbury	C	952,000	970	980	113	229	319	2,990	26	3.0	16	594,000	1,860	25	84%	30
7	Carlisle	Y	496,000	2,570	190	121	256	338	1,470	38	7.6	2	357,000	1,060	35	85%	29
8	Chelmsford	C	3,138,000	1,530	2,050	312	466	579	5,420	8	2.6	30	1,745,000	3,010	12	99%	3
9	Chester	Y	1,624,000	1,030	1,570	220	272	347	4,680	13	3.0	16	1,107,000	3,190	9	74%	38
10	Chichester	C	1,665,000	1,450	1,150	277	363	481	3,460	20	3.0	16	965,000	2,010	23	82%	31
11	Coventry	C	857,000	700	1,230	123	203	242	3,540	19	2.9	22	512,000	2,120	20	96%	8
12	Derby	C	1,045,000	990	1,050	150	255	318	3,290	23	3.1	14	637,000	2,000	24	94%	12
13	Durham	Y	1,478,000	980	1,510	178	212	268	5,520	7	3.7	11	1,035,000	3,860	5	90%	20
14	Ely	C	758,000	1,530	490	162	311	332	2,280	30	4.6	4	445,000	1,340	30	87%	25
15	Exeter	C	1,168,000	2,570	450	169	495	605	1,930	32	4.2	7	711,000	1,180	31	91%	18
16	Gloucester	C	656,000	1,130	580	97	301	385	1,700	34	2.9	22	416,000	1,080	33	86%	27
17	Guildford	C	1,045,000	530	1,970	140	162	213	4,910	11	2.5	32	650,000	3,050	11	100%	2
18	Hereford	C	323,000	1,650	200	82	340	405	800	41	4.1	10	218,000	540	40	93%	14
19	Leicester	C	1,023,000	830	1,230	107	243	314	3,260	24	2.6	30	522,000	1,660	27	88%	23
20	Lichfield	C	2,125,000	1,730	1,230	254	429	567	3,750	18	3.1	14	1,345,000	2,370	17	94%	10
21	Lincoln	C	1,064,000	2,670	400	193	491	628	1,690	35	4.2	7	712,000	1,130	32	62%	41
22	Liverpool	Y	1,586,000	390	4,020	141	201	245	6,470	5	1.6	37	1,192,000	4,860	1	94%	11
23	London	C	4,242,000	280	15,360	405	395	494	8,590	1	0.6	41	1,848,000	3,740	6	91%	17
24	Manchester	Y	2,130,000	420	5,130	181	258	316	6,740	4	1.3	39	1,271,000	4,020	4	78%	33
25	Newcastle	Y	813,000	2,100	390	130	171	236	3,440	22	8.9	1	512,000	2,170	18	99%	4
26	Norwich	C	897,000	1,800	500	177	557	642	1,400	39	2.8	26	543,000	850	38	75%	37
27	Oxford	C	2,354,000	2,210	1,060	288	617	815	2,890	27	2.7	28	1,363,000	1,670	26	71%	40
28	Peterborough	C	897,000	1,140	790	129	350	380	2,360	29	3.0	16	536,000	1,410	29	87%	26
29	Portsmouth	C	778,000	420	1,860	125	140	171	4,550	15	2.4	33	458,000	2,680	13	98%	5
31	Rochester	C	1,340,000	540	2,500	184	216	262	5,110	9	2.0	36	820,000	3,130	10	76%	34
32	St. Albans	C	1,896,000	1,120	1,700	195	338	408	4,650	14	2.7	28	1,083,000	2,660	15	91%	16
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	665,000	1,430	460	124	445	479	1,390	40	3.0	16	405,000	850	38	86%	28
34	Salisbury	C	942,000	2,050	460	139	447	569	1,660	37	3.6	12	599,000	1,050	36	81%	32
35	Sheffield	Y	1,277,000	610	2,080	148	175	214	5,970	6	2.9	22	771,000	3,600	7	92%	15
36	Sodor & Man	Y	88,000	220	400	14	15	40	2,210	31	5.5	3	-	-	-	100%	1
37	Southwark	C	2,822,000	320	8,780	256	293	359	7,860	3	0.9	40	1,553,000	4,330	2	76%	35
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	1,129,000	840	1,340	147	251	300	3,760	17	2.8	26	638,000	2,130	19	94%	13
39	Truro	C	553,000	1,390	400	117	219	306	1,810	33	4.5	5	330,000	1,080	33	88%	22
41	Winchester	C	1,386,000	1,210	1,150	177	291	400	3,460	20	3.0	16	835,000	2,090	22	97%	7
42	Worcester	C	877,000	670	1,310	98	172	275	3,190	25	2.4	33	582,000	2,120	20	97%	6
43	York	Y	1,432,000	2,670	540	245	449	589	2,430	28	4.5	5	923,000	1,570	28	76%	36
46	Leeds	Y	2,703,000	2,630	1,030	305	463	620	4,360	16	4.2	7	1,536,000	2,480	16	89%	21
	Church of England		55,056,000	50,630	1,090	7,025	12,510	15,685	3,510		3.2		32,575,000	2,080		86%	

Notes: Benefice, Parish, and Church numbers are as listed in the Parish Register maintained by the Research and Statistics unit as at 11th October 2016.

Here and elsewhere, the Province in which a diocese falls is denoted as C (Canterbury) or Y (York).

Cathedral churches are included within the count of churches.

Populations are calculated using mid-year 2015 population estimates from the ONS, mapped onto diocesan boundaries. Figures for the Diocese in Europe are not included in Table 1.

Christian population is calculated using data from the 2011 census. The total for the Christian population of the Church of England does not include the Isle of Man.

Response rate is the percentage of churches for which a complete Statistics for Mission return (i.e. one that did not require any estimation) was received.

960,000 people attended Church of England services each week in October 2015. Additionally, over 160,000 people attended school services in church each week.

Table 4: Diocesan average all age weekly attendance, all age Sunday attendance, and all age school service attendance, 2010-2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Average all age weekly attendance						complete-ness	Average all age Sunday attendance						complete-ness	Average all age weekly school service attendance		
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		2013	2014	2015
1	Bath & Wells	C	24,800	23,200	24,700	23,000	23,200	22,600	95%	21,000	19,700	21,100	19,900	19,900	19,400	95%	2,900	4,000	5,000
2	Birmingham	C	17,500	17,200	17,900	17,000	17,200	16,500	93%	14,500	14,400	14,900	15,000	15,000	14,200	93%	2,800	3,000	2,900
3	Blackburn	Y	27,800	27,200	27,100	26,700	25,700	24,900	76%	23,900	23,600	23,400	23,400	22,300	21,500	77%	2,400	4,300	2,500
5	Bristol	C	16,900	16,700	16,400	15,600	15,000	14,800	97%	14,200	14,000	13,500	13,200	12,800	12,500	97%	2,400	2,000	2,200
6	Canterbury	C	21,400	19,800	21,300	19,900	20,200	19,100	89%	17,200	16,300	17,100	16,700	16,600	15,300	88%	3,100	3,500	3,700
7	Carlisle	Y	15,300	14,900	14,900	14,300	13,500	13,100	91%	12,800	12,200	12,500	12,200	11,600	11,000	91%	2,500	1,700	2,500
8	Chelmsford	C	41,000	40,800	40,200	38,900	38,100	38,400	100%	34,800	34,500	34,600	34,100	33,800	33,300	100%	3,900	4,800	6,200
9	Chester	Y	36,300	36,300	35,900	33,700	33,400	33,600	78%	30,200	30,000	29,200	28,300	28,300	28,000	78%	3,800	4,000	3,300
10	Chichester	C	44,200	43,700	42,700	39,900	38,700	37,700	87%	35,500	35,000	35,700	33,800	33,100	31,900	88%	4,800	5,400	5,600
11	Coventry	C	15,800	15,300	15,600	16,200	15,700	15,000	100%	13,600	13,200	13,100	13,400	13,200	12,500	100%	1,800	3,100	3,400
12	Derby	C	17,100	17,300	17,400	16,000	15,800	16,200	100%	14,700	15,000	14,400	13,800	13,700	13,900	98%	2,400	3,600	3,800
13	Durham	Y	21,200	20,500	20,500	20,400	22,000	20,900	90%	16,300	16,000	15,900	16,100	17,000	16,300	93%	2,700	4,100	3,600
14	Ely	C	18,400	18,200	17,900	18,000	17,900	17,500	95%	15,300	15,400	15,100	15,600	15,300	14,700	95%	1,400	2,700	2,700
15	Exeter	C	25,100	25,200	24,000	23,400	22,900	23,100	95%	22,200	22,000	21,400	21,000	20,400	20,500	95%	1,800	3,900	4,100
16	Gloucester	C	21,100	19,900	19,900	18,100	18,600	18,500	90%	16,100	15,700	16,400	15,400	15,400	15,100	91%	1,800	3,200	4,500
17	Guildford	C	27,900	28,000	28,300	26,700	25,500	24,800	100%	23,400	23,500	23,900	23,500	22,300	21,800	100%	3,800	3,700	3,800
18	Hereford	C	10,500	10,200	10,100	10,000	9,600	9,700	100%	8,700	8,400	8,400	8,100	7,600	7,600	100%	1,100	1,200	2,300
19	Leicester	C	15,100	14,600	15,700	14,800	14,500	14,000	97%	12,500	12,500	12,900	12,700	12,300	11,700	97%	3,800	2,700	3,000
20	Lichfield	C	35,600	35,800	35,900	33,600	33,100	32,200	100%	28,000	27,100	27,800	27,800	27,200	26,400	100%	6,400	8,900	8,800
21	Lincoln	C	18,200	16,900	16,100	15,000	15,400	16,100	86%	14,200	13,600	13,300	12,200	12,300	12,900	87%	1,700	2,900	4,000
22	Liverpool	Y	27,800	28,700	28,200	26,300	25,000	25,000	98%	22,600	23,000	22,200	22,100	20,900	21,200	98%	4,700	3,500	3,900
23	London	C	74,600	76,100	81,800	76,300	73,500	72,400	97%	57,000	57,400	61,500	59,800	58,600	58,300	97%	5,700	10,300	11,600
24	Manchester	Y	32,500	33,200	32,200	30,400	27,900	27,400	79%	26,900	26,800	26,700	26,700	25,400	24,800	78%	4,400	2,800	4,600
25	Newcastle	Y	14,300	14,000	14,900	14,500	14,700	14,700	100%	11,800	11,500	11,700	12,000	11,900	11,700	100%	2,300	2,400	2,500
26	Norwich	C	17,200	18,400	18,100	17,500	17,900	17,500	86%	15,100	15,600	15,500	14,700	15,200	14,800	86%	1,700	2,000	3,200
27	Oxford	C	54,500	52,600	52,900	50,900	50,100	50,100	81%	46,100	44,400	45,300	44,000	44,100	43,900	82%	4,700	6,400	7,400
28	Peterborough	C	18,100	17,400	17,000	16,500	16,200	16,200	95%	14,800	14,200	14,000	14,100	13,700	13,400	96%	2,200	2,800	3,600
29	Portsmouth	C	14,200	13,500	13,500	12,200	12,400	11,800	100%	11,700	11,200	11,400	10,900	10,800	10,200	100%	2,100	2,000	2,500
31	Rochester	C	29,300	28,500	27,900	26,700	25,700	25,600	81%	24,900	23,600	23,800	23,100	22,500	22,400	83%	3,100	3,300	3,300
32	St. Albans	C	36,700	35,900	35,600	33,100	32,200	31,400	95%	28,000	27,100	26,800	26,500	26,300	25,500	95%	5,100	3,800	6,200
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	17,200	16,900	16,600	15,800	15,300	15,100	92%	14,900	13,900	14,000	13,300	12,800	12,800	92%	800	1,700	1,700
34	Salisbury	C	29,900	28,900	28,600	27,900	25,700	23,800	89%	24,600	23,800	23,900	23,700	21,900	20,500	90%	3,500	2,800	4,700
35	Sheffield	Y	19,800	20,100	20,100	18,400	17,600	17,000	97%	15,500	15,000	15,400	15,100	14,900	14,500	97%	2,500	2,500	3,000
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,200	2,300	2,000	2,100	2,100	2,100	100%	1,900	1,900	1,700	1,800	1,500	1,700	100%	100	300	200
37	Southwark	C	44,700	45,200	43,100	39,600	40,500	39,900	80%	39,100	38,700	38,300	36,400	36,100	35,400	80%	-	7,100	5,000
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	16,700	17,000	17,100	16,400	16,100	15,200	97%	13,700	13,800	14,000	13,500	13,400	12,700	99%	4,000	3,200	3,200
39	Truro	C	12,200	11,500	11,800	11,600	11,300	11,200	94%	10,300	9,700	9,800	9,800	9,700	8,900	94%	1,100	1,600	1,800
41	Winchester	C	32,900	33,400	32,000	30,700	28,300	28,000	91%	27,000	26,300	25,500	26,000	24,400	23,900	91%	5,800	3,600	3,900
42	Worcester	C	14,400	14,400	14,800	13,200	13,100	12,300	99%	11,900	11,500	11,900	11,100	11,100	10,400	99%	1,800	2,000	2,800
43	York	Y	28,800	28,200	28,000	27,300	27,200	27,300	86%	22,600	22,600	22,700	21,800	21,500	21,300	85%	3,400	3,700	4,200
44	Europe	C	12,000	11,500	11,400	10,300	10,700	10,300	100%	11,400	10,900	10,800	9,700	9,900	9,500	100%	-	-	-
46	Leeds	Y	41,300	41,000	39,100	40,600	38,500	38,700	93%	33,900	33,500	32,900	34,200	32,500	32,100	93%	6,300	6,700	7,700
	Church of England		1,062,600	1,050,300	1,049,200	999,600	977,800	961,400	91%	874,500	858,400	864,200	846,500	829,100	810,600	92%	122,900	147,100	165,000

Notes: Attendance data were collected during the first 4 weeks of October, 2015.

Attendance at midweek school services has been measured since 2013; in 2014 attendance at school services on Sundays was measured, with explicit guidance that only school services taking place in churches or church buildings should be included. Attendance at these school services is not included in the weekly attendance or Sunday attendance totals for 2013-2015. It is likely that reported attendance before 2013 included some school service attendance, accounting for the unusually large change from 2012 to 2013.

The question about services for schools was not asked of churches in the Diocese of Southwark in 2013.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned. The completeness columns give the percentages of the 2015 values consisting of reports from churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated).

820,000 adults attended church each week in October 2015, 85% of them doing so on a Sunday.

Table 5: Diocesan average adult weekly attendance, adult Sunday attendance, and adult school service attendance, 2010-2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Average adult weekly attendance						complete-ness	Average adult Sunday attendance						complete-ness	Average adult weekly school service attendance		
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		2013	2014	2015
1	Bath & Wells	C	20,200	19,000	20,500	19,700	20,200	19,800	94%	18,500	17,400	18,600	17,800	17,800	17,300	94%	700	900	1,300
2	Birmingham	C	13,800	13,800	14,300	14,400	14,700	14,000	93%	12,200	12,100	12,600	12,700	12,800	12,000	93%	400	600	600
3	Blackburn	Y	21,600	21,200	21,500	21,700	21,000	20,400	76%	19,100	18,900	18,900	19,100	18,200	17,600	77%	400	400	400
5	Bristol	C	13,500	13,300	13,300	13,100	12,800	12,500	97%	11,900	11,700	11,300	11,200	10,900	10,700	97%	300	500	500
6	Canterbury	C	16,400	15,600	16,400	16,300	17,100	16,400	88%	14,200	13,800	14,100	13,900	14,100	13,000	87%	600	900	1,000
7	Carlisle	Y	12,800	12,500	12,800	12,500	11,800	11,400	90%	11,400	10,800	11,200	10,900	10,300	9,900	90%	500	500	700
8	Chelmsford	C	32,500	32,300	32,300	32,400	32,100	32,200	100%	28,900	28,800	28,800	28,500	28,400	27,900	100%	800	1,000	1,600
9	Chester	Y	29,600	29,300	28,600	28,400	28,400	28,600	78%	25,800	25,500	24,800	24,300	24,200	24,100	78%	600	800	800
10	Chichester	C	35,800	35,700	35,000	33,800	33,500	32,800	87%	30,300	30,400	30,600	29,300	28,800	27,900	87%	1,100	1,300	1,300
11	Coventry	C	13,100	13,000	12,800	13,200	13,400	12,900	100%	11,500	11,300	11,100	11,300	11,300	10,700	100%	300	500	700
12	Derby	C	14,400	14,700	14,300	13,700	13,800	14,200	98%	12,700	13,100	12,600	12,100	12,100	12,200	98%	700	1,200	1,200
13	Durham	Y	17,300	17,000	17,000	17,400	19,100	18,300	91%	14,100	13,800	13,800	14,000	15,000	14,300	92%	300	1,100	1,100
14	Ely	C	14,500	14,300	14,200	14,900	14,900	14,500	94%	13,100	13,000	13,000	13,400	13,200	12,700	95%	200	500	500
15	Exeter	C	21,700	21,600	20,800	20,700	20,600	20,900	95%	19,800	19,600	19,200	18,900	18,400	18,700	95%	300	700	800
16	Gloucester	C	17,000	16,400	16,500	15,800	16,300	16,100	90%	13,800	13,600	14,400	13,600	13,600	13,300	90%	500	800	1,000
17	Guildford	C	21,300	21,400	21,800	21,800	20,900	20,500	100%	19,100	19,000	19,300	19,300	18,400	18,100	100%	800	800	1,000
18	Hereford	C	8,900	8,700	8,600	8,800	8,600	8,700	99%	7,800	7,600	7,600	7,500	7,000	7,000	99%	100	500	600
19	Leicester	C	12,300	12,300	12,900	12,500	12,200	11,900	96%	10,800	10,900	11,200	11,000	10,800	10,200	96%	800	600	900
20	Lichfield	C	27,900	27,400	28,300	28,300	28,100	27,600	99%	24,100	23,400	24,200	24,300	23,900	23,300	99%	1,300	1,700	1,900
21	Lincoln	C	14,400	13,900	13,500	13,200	13,500	14,200	86%	12,600	12,100	11,800	11,000	11,100	11,600	87%	300	600	900
22	Liverpool	Y	21,900	22,100	21,900	21,600	20,500	20,500	98%	18,700	18,800	18,400	18,300	17,300	17,600	98%	600	900	900
23	London	C	58,600	59,600	63,900	63,900	62,100	61,300	97%	46,900	47,200	50,000	49,600	48,700	48,200	97%	700	1,300	1,500
24	Manchester	Y	24,500	24,500	24,100	23,800	21,800	21,400	78%	21,400	21,200	21,000	21,000	19,900	19,500	78%	700	500	1,200
25	Newcastle	Y	12,200	11,900	12,500	12,700	12,900	12,700	100%	10,400	10,100	10,300	10,500	10,600	10,300	100%	500	800	700
26	Norwich	C	15,200	16,100	15,900	15,600	16,300	15,900	86%	13,900	14,400	14,200	13,600	14,000	13,700	86%	500	600	800
27	Oxford	C	43,900	42,300	42,600	42,200	42,200	41,900	82%	38,600	37,200	38,000	36,900	37,200	37,000	81%	900	1,500	1,900
28	Peterborough	C	14,500	13,900	13,600	13,800	13,700	13,700	95%	12,400	12,000	11,800	11,900	11,700	11,500	95%	500	600	1,000
29	Portsmouth	C	11,500	10,900	11,000	10,600	10,800	10,400	100%	10,200	9,800	9,900	9,500	9,400	9,100	100%	300	400	700
31	Rochester	C	22,800	21,700	21,900	21,400	21,200	21,000	81%	20,400	19,300	19,600	19,000	18,700	18,600	82%	500	600	600
32	St. Albans	C	27,700	27,100	26,900	26,800	26,100	25,200	94%	23,300	22,700	22,400	22,300	22,300	21,500	95%	1,000	800	1,100
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	14,700	14,200	14,200	13,900	13,600	13,500	91%	13,200	12,400	12,400	11,900	11,600	11,500	92%	100	500	600
34	Salisbury	C	24,600	23,700	23,600	23,700	22,400	21,000	89%	21,500	20,700	20,900	20,800	19,400	18,300	90%	500	700	1,100
35	Sheffield	Y	15,500	15,800	16,100	15,100	14,800	14,200	97%	13,100	12,700	13,100	12,900	12,600	12,300	96%	500	800	900
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,800	1,900	1,800	1,900	1,800	1,800	100%	1,700	1,700	1,500	1,600	1,300	1,500	100%	-	100	100
37	Southwark	C	33,700	33,200	32,300	31,000	32,100	31,500	81%	30,700	30,200	29,900	28,700	28,500	27,900	81%	-	3,600	1,100
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	13,500	13,600	13,900	14,000	14,000	13,200	97%	11,800	11,800	12,000	11,800	11,700	11,100	99%	600	600	500
39	Truro	C	10,600	10,000	10,200	10,600	10,500	9,900	93%	9,400	8,900	8,900	9,100	8,900	8,300	93%	300	400	500
41	Winchester	C	26,200	26,400	25,200	25,800	24,000	24,000	91%	23,000	22,500	21,700	22,400	21,000	20,700	90%	900	900	1,000
42	Worcester	C	12,200	11,700	11,900	11,400	11,300	10,700	98%	10,500	10,200	10,600	9,900	9,800	9,300	98%	300	500	800
43	York	Y	22,900	22,900	22,900	23,300	23,600	23,700	86%	19,600	19,500	19,600	18,800	18,700	18,600	85%	900	800	1,100
44	Europe	C	10,400	10,000	9,900	9,100	9,500	9,200	100%	9,800	9,500	9,400	8,500	8,800	8,500	100%	-	-	-
46	Leeds	Y	33,300	33,300	31,900	34,300	33,000	33,200	93%	29,000	28,500	28,000	29,300	28,000	27,600	93%	1,100	1,600	1,700
	Church of England		851,300	840,100	843,300	839,000	831,100	818,000	91%	741,200	728,300	732,600	722,400	710,400	694,900	91%	22,500	34,100	38,400

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140,000 children attended church each week in October 2015. Additionally, over 120,000 attended school services in church each week.

Table 6: Diocesan average child weekly attendance, child Sunday attendance, and child school service attendance, 2010-2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Average child weekly attendance						complete-ness	Average child Sunday attendance						complete-ness	Average child weekly school service attendance		
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		2013	2014	2015
1	Bath & Wells	C	4,500	4,100	4,100	3,400	2,900	2,800	99%	2,400	2,300	2,400	2,100	2,000	2,000	99%	2,200	3,100	3,700
2	Birmingham	C	3,700	3,300	3,600	2,500	2,500	2,500	95%	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	95%	2,400	2,400	2,300
3	Blackburn	Y	6,200	5,900	5,500	5,000	4,700	4,500	77%	4,600	4,700	4,500	4,300	4,100	3,900	78%	2,000	3,800	2,100
5	Bristol	C	3,300	3,300	3,100	2,500	2,300	2,200	100%	2,200	2,300	2,200	2,000	1,900	1,800	100%	2,100	1,500	1,800
6	Canterbury	C	4,900	4,100	4,800	3,600	3,100	2,700	94%	2,900	2,400	2,900	2,800	2,500	2,300	93%	2,500	2,700	2,700
7	Carlisle	Y	2,500	2,300	2,100	1,800	1,700	1,700	94%	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,200	94%	1,900	1,200	1,800
8	Chelmsford	C	8,300	8,300	7,700	6,500	6,000	6,200	100%	5,700	5,600	5,700	5,600	5,400	5,400	100%	3,000	3,800	4,500
9	Chester	Y	6,700	6,900	7,100	5,300	4,900	5,000	78%	4,400	4,400	4,300	4,000	4,100	3,900	80%	3,200	3,200	2,500
10	Chichester	C	8,300	7,900	7,600	6,100	5,200	4,900	91%	5,000	4,500	5,100	4,500	4,300	4,000	92%	3,800	4,100	4,200
11	Coventry	C	2,600	2,300	2,700	3,000	2,400	2,100	100%	2,000	1,800	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,800	100%	1,600	2,600	2,700
12	Derby	C	2,700	2,600	3,000	2,200	2,000	2,000	100%	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,600	1,700	100%	1,700	2,300	2,700
13	Durham	Y	3,800	3,500	3,500	3,000	2,900	2,700	89%	2,100	2,100	2,000	2,100	2,100	1,900	98%	2,400	3,100	2,500
14	Ely	C	3,800	3,900	3,600	3,100	3,000	3,000	99%	2,100	2,400	2,100	2,200	2,100	2,000	98%	1,200	2,200	2,100
15	Exeter	C	3,300	3,400	3,200	2,600	2,300	2,100	94%	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,100	2,000	1,900	97%	1,500	3,200	3,300
16	Gloucester	C	4,000	3,500	3,400	2,300	2,300	2,400	93%	2,200	2,000	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,800	96%	1,300	2,400	3,500
17	Guildford	C	6,500	6,600	6,400	4,900	4,600	4,300	100%	4,300	4,400	4,500	4,200	4,000	3,700	100%	3,000	2,900	2,900
18	Hereford	C	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,200	1,000	1,000	100%	800	700	700	600	600	500	100%	1,000	600	1,600
19	Leicester	C	2,700	2,300	2,700	2,300	2,300	2,100	100%	1,600	1,500	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,500	100%	3,100	2,100	2,100
20	Lichfield	C	7,500	8,300	7,500	5,300	5,000	4,500	100%	3,700	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,300	3,000	100%	5,100	7,100	7,000
21	Lincoln	C	3,700	2,900	2,500	1,800	1,900	1,800	90%	1,500	1,300	1,400	1,200	1,300	1,300	93%	1,400	2,300	3,100
22	Liverpool	Y	5,900	6,600	6,300	4,700	4,500	4,500	99%	3,900	4,100	3,700	3,800	3,600	3,600	99%	4,100	2,700	3,000
23	London	C	16,000	16,400	17,800	12,400	11,400	11,100	98%	10,000	10,100	11,400	10,200	10,000	10,100	98%	5,100	9,000	10,000
24	Manchester	Y	8,000	8,500	8,100	6,600	6,100	6,000	82%	5,400	5,600	5,700	5,700	5,500	5,300	80%	3,700	2,300	3,400
25	Newcastle	Y	2,100	2,000	2,300	1,900	1,800	1,900	100%	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,500	1,400	1,400	100%	1,800	1,600	1,800
26	Norwich	C	1,900	2,300	2,200	2,000	1,600	1,600	90%	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,100	92%	1,200	1,400	2,500
27	Oxford	C	10,500	10,100	10,200	8,700	8,000	8,100	81%	7,300	7,000	7,100	7,000	6,900	6,900	83%	3,800	5,000	5,500
28	Peterborough	C	3,500	3,400	3,300	2,700	2,500	2,500	98%	2,300	2,200	2,100	2,200	2,000	2,000	100%	1,700	2,200	2,700
29	Portsmouth	C	2,600	2,500	2,400	1,600	1,600	1,400	100%	1,500	1,300	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,200	100%	1,800	1,700	1,800
31	Rochester	C	6,400	6,700	5,900	5,300	4,500	4,500	82%	4,400	4,200	4,100	4,100	3,800	3,800	84%	2,700	2,700	2,700
32	St. Albans	C	8,900	8,700	8,600	6,300	6,100	6,300	97%	4,600	4,300	4,300	4,200	4,000	4,000	98%	4,100	2,900	5,200
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	2,400	2,600	2,300	1,900	1,700	1,600	96%	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,300	97%	700	1,300	1,100
34	Salisbury	C	5,200	5,100	4,900	4,200	3,300	2,800	91%	3,000	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,500	2,200	94%	3,000	2,100	3,600
35	Sheffield	Y	4,200	4,300	3,900	3,300	2,800	2,800	98%	2,400	2,200	2,300	2,200	2,300	2,300	98%	2,100	1,700	2,100
36	Sodor & Man	Y	300	300	200	200	200	300	100%	200	200	200	200	200	200	100%	100	100	100
37	Southwark	C	11,000	11,800	10,800	8,600	8,400	8,400	78%	8,200	8,400	8,300	7,800	7,500	7,500	78%	-	3,500	3,900
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	3,100	3,400	3,100	2,500	2,100	2,000	100%	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,600	100%	3,400	2,600	2,600
39	Truro	C	1,500	1,400	1,600	1,000	800	1,300	100%	800	800	800	700	700	700	100%	800	1,200	1,300
41	Winchester	C	6,700	7,000	6,700	4,900	4,300	4,000	93%	3,900	3,700	3,700	3,600	3,300	3,200	95%	5,000	2,700	3,000
42	Worcester	C	2,200	2,600	2,800	1,900	1,800	1,600	100%	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,300	1,100	100%	1,500	1,500	2,100
43	York	Y	5,700	5,300	5,100	4,000	3,700	3,600	86%	2,900	2,900	3,000	3,000	2,800	2,700	87%	2,500	2,900	3,200
44	Europe	C	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,200	1,100	1,100	100%	1,500	1,300	1,400	1,200	1,100	1,000	100%	-	-	-
46	Leeds	Y	7,900	7,600	7,100	6,200	5,600	5,600	95%	4,800	4,800	4,700	4,900	4,500	4,500	97%	5,200	5,100	6,100
	Church of England		207,900	206,800	202,500	160,600	146,700	143,400	93%	129,900	126,800	128,300	124,100	118,700	115,600	94%	100,500	113,000	126,600

Notes: Attendance data were collected during the first 4 weeks of October, 2015.

Attendance at school services in church has been measured since 2013; attendance at these school services is not included in the weekly attendance or Sunday attendance totals for 2013-2015. It is likely that reported attendance before 2013 included some school service attendance, accounting for the unusually large change from 2012 to 2013.

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As a result of changes in the questions asked, the most suitable measure based on the October count for assessing trends is the average adult weekly attendance plus the average child Sunday attendance.

Table 7: Diocesan average adult weekly attendance plus average child Sunday attendance, 2010-2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Average adult weekly attendance plus average child Sunday attendance						completeness
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
1	Bath & Wells	C	22,600	21,300	22,900	21,800	22,300	21,900	95%
2	Birmingham	C	16,100	16,000	16,500	16,700	16,900	16,200	93%
3	Blackburn	Y	26,200	25,800	26,000	26,000	25,100	24,300	76%
5	Bristol	C	15,800	15,600	15,400	15,200	14,700	14,400	97%
6	Canterbury	C	19,300	17,900	19,300	19,100	19,600	18,700	89%
7	Carlisle	Y	14,100	13,800	14,100	13,700	13,000	12,600	91%
8	Chelmsford	C	38,200	37,800	38,000	37,900	37,400	37,600	100%
9	Chester	Y	34,000	33,700	33,000	32,400	32,500	32,500	78%
10	Chichester	C	40,800	40,200	40,100	38,400	37,800	36,800	87%
11	Coventry	C	15,100	14,800	14,700	15,300	15,300	14,600	100%
12	Derby	C	16,300	16,500	16,100	15,400	15,400	15,900	98%
13	Durham	Y	19,500	19,100	19,100	19,500	21,100	20,200	91%
14	Ely	C	16,600	16,600	16,300	17,100	17,100	16,500	95%
15	Exeter	C	24,000	23,900	22,900	22,800	22,600	22,800	95%
16	Gloucester	C	19,200	18,300	18,400	17,600	18,100	17,900	90%
17	Guildford	C	25,600	25,700	26,300	26,000	24,800	24,200	100%
18	Hereford	C	9,600	9,400	9,300	9,400	9,100	9,200	100%
19	Leicester	C	13,900	13,900	14,500	14,200	13,800	13,500	97%
20	Lichfield	C	31,600	30,900	31,700	31,800	31,400	30,700	100%
21	Lincoln	C	16,000	15,300	14,900	14,400	14,800	15,500	87%
22	Liverpool	Y	25,800	26,200	25,600	25,400	24,100	24,100	98%
23	London	C	68,600	69,700	75,300	74,100	72,000	71,400	97%
24	Manchester	Y	29,800	30,100	29,700	29,500	27,300	26,700	78%
25	Newcastle	Y	13,600	13,300	13,800	14,200	14,300	14,200	100%
26	Norwich	C	16,400	17,200	17,000	16,700	17,400	17,000	86%
27	Oxford	C	51,200	49,400	49,700	49,200	49,000	48,800	82%
28	Peterborough	C	16,800	16,100	15,700	15,900	15,800	15,600	95%
29	Portsmouth	C	13,000	12,300	12,400	12,000	12,100	11,500	100%
31	Rochester	C	27,200	25,900	26,000	25,500	25,000	24,900	82%
32	St. Albans	C	32,400	31,400	31,300	31,000	30,100	29,100	95%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	16,400	15,600	15,600	15,300	14,900	14,800	92%
34	Salisbury	C	27,600	26,600	26,400	26,700	24,900	23,200	90%
35	Sheffield	Y	17,900	18,000	18,400	17,400	17,100	16,500	97%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,100	2,100	1,900	2,100	2,000	2,000	100%
37	Southwark	C	41,900	41,600	40,600	38,800	39,600	39,000	80%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	15,300	15,500	15,900	15,700	15,700	14,800	97%
39	Truro	C	11,500	10,800	11,000	11,300	11,200	10,600	93%
41	Winchester	C	30,100	30,100	28,900	29,500	27,300	27,300	91%
42	Worcester	C	13,500	13,000	13,200	12,500	12,600	11,800	99%
43	York	Y	25,900	25,800	25,900	26,200	26,400	26,400	86%
44	Europe	C	12,000	11,400	11,300	10,300	10,600	10,200	100%
46	Leeds	Y	38,000	38,100	36,600	39,200	37,500	37,700	93%
	Church of England		981,200	966,900	971,600	963,100	949,800	933,600	92%

Attendance at school services in church has been measured since 2013. It is likely that reported attendance before 2013 included some school service attendance, and therefore care is needed when assessing trends in attendance as measured during the October count.

Since the majority of attendance at services for schools relates to children at midweek services, the measure “average adult weekly attendance plus average child Sunday attendance” is likely to be reasonably unaffected by the change in the question and is therefore the most appropriate measure to use when assessing trends. It is not perfect, since it will still include some adult attendance at services for schools before 2013, and it necessarily omits children’s attendance at midweek church services and fresh expressions of Church.

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Over 750,000 people attended church on a usual Sunday in 2015, with about 6 times as many adults as children attending.

Table 8: Diocesan adult and child usual Sunday attendance, 2010-2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	2010			2011			2012			2013			2014			2015			complete-ness
			Adults	Children	All																
1	Bath & Wells	C	17,900	2,300	20,200	18,300	2,500	20,800	17,400	2,400	19,800	17,500	2,400	19,900	17,200	2,100	19,300	16,900	2,100	19,000	92%
2	Birmingham	C	11,600	2,000	13,600	11,500	2,000	13,500	11,700	2,000	13,700	11,500	2,000	13,500	11,300	2,000	13,300	10,900	1,900	12,800	93%
3	Blackburn	Y	17,300	3,900	21,200	17,200	4,000	21,200	16,800	3,800	20,600	17,000	3,800	20,800	15,800	3,600	19,400	15,600	3,400	19,000	76%
5	Bristol	C	10,700	1,900	12,600	10,800	2,000	12,800	10,400	1,900	12,300	10,500	1,900	12,300	10,000	1,700	11,800	10,100	1,800	11,900	98%
6	Canterbury	C	13,900	2,300	16,200	12,900	2,100	15,000	12,800	2,600	15,400	12,900	2,400	15,300	13,000	2,100	15,200	12,300	2,000	14,300	88%
7	Carlisle	Y	9,800	1,100	10,900	9,800	1,000	10,800	9,600	1,000	10,600	9,900	1,000	10,800	9,200	900	10,100	8,900	800	9,700	91%
8	Chelmsford	C	26,800	5,200	32,100	26,700	4,900	31,600	26,200	4,900	31,000	26,600	4,800	31,400	25,700	4,900	30,600	25,700	4,800	30,500	100%
9	Chester	Y	22,900	3,700	26,600	23,200	3,700	26,900	21,600	3,400	25,000	21,100	3,300	24,400	21,300	3,300	24,600	21,200	3,400	24,600	78%
10	Chichester	C	28,400	4,500	32,900	29,000	4,700	33,600	28,500	4,600	33,100	28,300	4,300	32,600	27,800	4,100	31,900	27,400	3,900	31,300	87%
11	Coventry	C	10,900	1,800	12,800	11,000	1,800	12,800	10,700	1,700	12,400	10,500	1,700	12,200	10,500	1,700	12,200	10,100	1,700	11,800	99%
12	Derby	C	11,400	1,600	13,000	11,500	1,600	13,100	11,200	1,500	12,700	10,800	1,500	12,300	11,000	1,300	12,300	10,600	1,400	12,000	97%
13	Durham	Y	11,900	1,900	13,700	11,700	1,600	13,300	11,300	1,600	12,900	11,400	1,500	12,900	11,400	1,500	12,900	11,200	1,500	12,700	92%
14	Ely	C	12,300	2,000	14,300	12,400	2,000	14,400	12,000	2,300	14,300	12,700	2,300	15,000	12,500	2,200	14,600	12,000	2,000	14,000	94%
15	Exeter	C	18,500	2,100	20,600	18,600	2,100	20,700	18,100	1,900	20,000	18,100	1,900	20,000	17,500	1,900	19,400	17,400	1,700	19,100	95%
16	Gloucester	C	14,300	2,100	16,400	13,300	1,800	15,200	13,200	1,800	14,900	13,200	1,800	15,000	13,300	1,800	15,100	12,600	1,600	14,200	89%
17	Guildford	C	18,100	3,700	21,800	17,500	3,700	21,300	17,400	3,700	21,200	17,800	3,600	21,400	17,200	3,600	20,800	16,800	3,400	20,200	100%
18	Hereford	C	7,100	700	7,900	7,300	700	8,100	7,600	800	8,400	7,200	700	7,900	7,100	600	7,700	7,100	600	7,600	98%
19	Leicester	C	10,700	1,600	12,400	11,000	1,600	12,600	10,900	1,600	12,500	11,000	1,600	12,600	10,700	1,600	12,200	10,300	1,400	11,700	92%
20	Lichfield	C	22,900	3,500	26,400	22,800	3,400	26,200	22,900	3,300	26,200	22,200	3,100	25,300	22,200	3,000	25,200	21,500	2,700	24,200	98%
21	Lincoln	C	12,700	1,200	14,000	12,600	1,200	13,900	12,600	1,200	13,800	11,900	1,100	13,100	12,200	1,200	13,400	12,100	1,100	13,200	82%
22	Liverpool	Y	16,100	3,100	19,200	16,200	3,100	19,400	16,000	3,000	19,000	15,300	2,900	18,200	14,800	2,700	17,500	14,500	2,700	17,200	98%
23	London	C	45,900	10,000	55,900	46,500	10,200	56,700	47,900	10,400	58,300	47,500	10,300	57,800	46,600	10,500	57,100	46,600	10,500	57,000	96%
24	Manchester	Y	18,900	5,000	23,900	18,600	4,900	23,500	18,300	4,900	23,300	17,800	4,900	22,700	17,300	4,700	22,000	16,600	4,500	21,200	77%
25	Newcastle	Y	9,500	1,200	10,600	9,300	1,100	10,400	9,100	1,100	10,200	9,200	1,100	10,300	9,100	1,100	10,200	8,800	1,100	9,900	100%
26	Norwich	C	14,000	1,500	15,500	14,500	1,300	15,800	14,400	1,000	15,400	14,800	1,100	15,900	14,900	1,100	16,000	14,900	1,100	16,000	85%
27	Oxford	C	36,000	6,700	42,700	35,500	6,600	42,200	35,700	6,900	42,600	36,100	7,000	43,100	34,900	6,600	41,500	34,900	6,500	41,400	82%
28	Peterborough	C	11,700	2,100	13,800	11,700	2,100	13,800	11,300	1,900	13,200	11,500	2,000	13,400	11,300	1,900	13,200	11,300	1,900	13,200	92%
29	Portsmouth	C	9,700	1,300	11,000	9,100	1,200	10,200	9,000	1,200	10,200	8,800	1,100	9,900	8,700	1,100	9,800	8,500	1,000	9,400	98%
31	Rochester	C	18,600	4,100	22,800	18,200	3,800	22,000	17,100	3,700	20,800	17,300	3,700	21,100	16,800	3,300	20,200	16,900	3,300	20,300	85%
32	St. Albans	C	21,000	4,000	25,000	20,900	4,100	25,000	20,600	3,900	24,400	20,100	3,700	23,900	19,900	3,600	23,500	19,500	3,500	23,000	95%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	13,100	1,700	14,700	12,700	1,500	14,200	12,400	1,300	13,800	12,100	1,400	13,500	12,100	1,300	13,400	12,300	1,300	13,600	90%
34	Salisbury	C	20,200	2,800	23,000	19,700	2,600	22,300	19,400	2,500	21,900	19,100	2,400	21,400	18,500	2,100	20,600	17,800	2,000	19,800	90%
35	Sheffield	Y	11,700	1,900	13,600	11,400	1,900	13,300	11,200	1,900	13,000	11,000	1,900	12,900	10,900	1,800	12,800	10,700	1,900	12,600	97%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,300	200	1,600	1,200	200	1,400	1,200	200	1,300	1,300	200	1,500	1,200	200	1,400	1,200	100	1,400	100%
37	Southwark	C	29,200	7,600	36,800	29,000	7,700	36,700	27,700	7,600	35,300	27,200	7,600	34,900	25,900	7,000	32,900	25,400	6,900	32,300	81%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	11,400	1,600	13,000	12,200	1,700	13,900	11,400	1,700	13,100	11,400	1,700	13,100	11,200	1,600	12,800	10,800	1,500	12,300	97%
39	Truro	C	8,600	800	9,300	8,400	800	9,300	8,000	700	8,700	8,300	700	9,000	8,100	600	8,800	8,000	600	8,600	92%
41	Winchester	C	21,600	3,700	25,300	21,500	3,700	25,200	20,100	3,700	23,800	21,300	3,300	24,600	19,400	3,000	22,400	19,200	2,900	22,100	91%
42	Worcester	C	10,000	1,100	11,100	9,800	1,100	10,900	8,800	1,000	9,800	8,800	900	9,600	8,700	900	9,600	8,600	800	9,400	98%
43	York	Y	17,800	2,400	20,200	17,900	2,300	20,200	17,600	2,300	19,900	17,900	2,300	20,200	17,500	2,200	19,700	17,500	2,100	19,600	83%
44	Europe	C	9,400	1,600	11,000	9,300	1,600	10,900	9,200	1,600	10,800	8,200	1,400	9,600	8,600	1,400	10,000	8,600	1,300	9,900	100%
46	Leeds	Y	26,800	4,100	30,900	26,200	4,000	30,200	25,200	3,900	29,200	25,800	4,200	29,900	25,300	3,900	29,200	24,500	3,700	28,300	92%
	Church of England		692,700	117,700	810,400	689,400	116,000	805,400	674,700	114,400	789,000	672,700	112,300	785,000	658,600	107,600	766,300	647,900	104,600	752,500	91%

Notes: Data in this table refer to attendance on a “usual Sunday, when there is a service”.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned. The completeness column gives the percentages of the 2015 values consisting of reports from churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated).

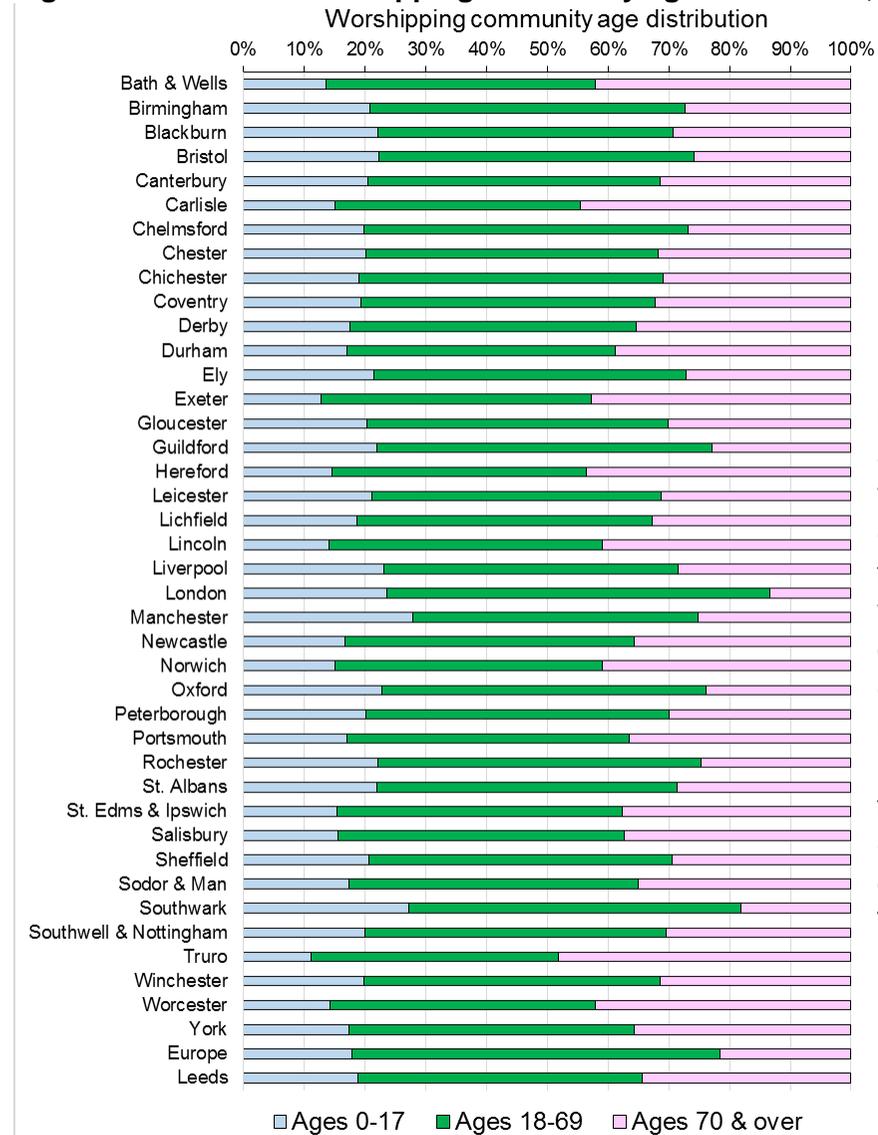
The worshipping community of the Church of England contains over 1.1 million people. 20% are under 18, and 30% are over 70 years old.

Table 9: Diocesan worshipping community, 2013-2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Worshipping community				Age distribution, 2015		
			2013	2014	2015	complete-ness	Ages 0-17	Ages 18-69	Ages 70 & over
1	Bath & Wells	C	25,700	26,700	26,700	88%	14%	44%	42%
2	Birmingham	C	19,600	19,800	20,100	89%	21%	52%	27%
3	Blackburn	Y	25,100	28,700	26,800	72%	22%	49%	29%
5	Bristol	C	16,600	18,000	18,200	90%	22%	52%	26%
6	Canterbury	C	21,100	22,500	21,800	78%	20%	48%	31%
7	Carlisle	Y	13,800	14,800	14,300	81%	15%	40%	45%
8	Chelmsford	C	43,400	45,600	44,400	92%	20%	53%	27%
9	Chester	Y	32,900	35,900	37,100	75%	20%	48%	32%
10	Chichester	C	43,800	45,900	46,500	79%	19%	50%	31%
11	Coventry	C	16,500	18,000	17,500	96%	19%	48%	32%
12	Derby	C	17,100	18,300	18,100	93%	17%	47%	35%
13	Durham	Y	17,700	19,400	19,500	86%	17%	44%	39%
14	Ely	C	19,500	21,700	22,100	91%	21%	51%	27%
15	Exeter	C	25,400	25,400	25,300	89%	13%	45%	43%
16	Gloucester	C	22,400	23,200	22,500	82%	20%	50%	30%
17	Guildford	C	28,200	31,800	32,700	93%	22%	55%	23%
18	Hereford	C	12,300	11,700	12,200	91%	15%	42%	44%
19	Leicester	C	19,400	19,200	19,800	90%	21%	48%	31%
20	Lichfield	C	45,600	45,700	44,800	93%	19%	48%	33%
21	Lincoln	C	17,800	18,700	18,800	78%	14%	45%	41%
22	Liverpool	Y	25,000	27,200	26,600	85%	23%	48%	28%
23	London	C	81,800	90,300	87,900	84%	24%	63%	13%
24	Manchester	Y	28,300	29,200	30,400	70%	28%	47%	25%
25	Newcastle	Y	13,800	14,600	14,300	95%	17%	48%	36%
26	Norwich	C	20,600	21,000	21,500	76%	15%	44%	41%
27	Oxford	C	60,100	63,900	66,800	67%	23%	53%	24%
28	Peterborough	C	18,800	20,700	21,700	83%	20%	50%	30%
29	Portsmouth	C	14,500	15,200	14,900	91%	17%	46%	37%
31	Rochester	C	28,500	29,800	29,200	75%	22%	53%	25%
32	St. Albans	C	36,400	37,300	36,400	84%	22%	49%	29%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	18,700	19,300	19,200	80%	15%	47%	38%
34	Salisbury	C	29,700	31,400	29,900	84%	16%	47%	37%
35	Sheffield	Y	17,500	18,200	18,800	85%	21%	50%	29%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,700	1,900	1,900	88%	17%	48%	35%
37	Southwark	C	49,100*	49,100	49,900	75%	27%	55%	18%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	18,700	19,100	19,800	93%	20%	50%	31%
39	Truro	C	11,700	12,100	12,400	83%	11%	41%	48%
41	Winchester	C	33,900	31,400	31,800	86%	20%	49%	32%
42	Worcester	C	13,500	14,000	13,500	93%	14%	44%	42%
43	York	Y	27,500	30,100	29,700	71%	17%	47%	36%
44	Europe	C	13,600	14,900	15,300	91%	18%	61%	22%
46	Leeds	Y	41,000	40,600	41,300	85%	19%	47%	34%
	Church of England		1,088,400	1,142,200	1,142,400	83%	20%	50%	30%

* Churches in the Diocese of Southwark were not asked this question in 2013. The 2014 figure is used as an estimate.

Figure 19: Diocesan worshipping community age distribution, 2015



Information about the age structure of the worshipping community allows us to identify dioceses with a large proportion of children in their congregations (e.g. Manchester and Southwark) as well as those whose churches serve an older population (e.g. Truro and Carlisle).

Over 1 million people are on the electoral roll of the Church of England.

Table 10: Diocesan electoral roll, 2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Electoral roll 2015
1	Bath & Wells	C	29,900
2	Birmingham	C	15,200
3	Blackburn	Y	27,500
5	Bristol	C	14,600
6	Canterbury	C	16,700
7	Carlisle	Y	17,300
8	Chelmsford	C	41,300
9	Chester	Y	38,400
10	Chichester	C	45,900
11	Coventry	C	15,200
12	Derby	C	14,800
13	Durham	Y	18,600
14	Ely	C	17,200
15	Exeter	C	26,400
16	Gloucester	C	21,300
17	Guildford	C	26,300
18	Hereford	C	14,600
19	Leicester	C	15,400
20	Lichfield	C	37,700
21	Lincoln	C	20,100
22	Liverpool	Y	23,300
23	London	C	68,900
24	Manchester	Y	27,400
25	Newcastle	Y	13,700
26	Norwich	C	17,300
27	Oxford	C	51,300
28	Peterborough	C	17,700
29	Portsmouth	C	14,000
31	Rochester	C	25,700
32	St. Albans	C	32,400
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	19,700
34	Salisbury	C	34,900
35	Sheffield	Y	15,100
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,000
37	Southwark	C	42,000
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	16,400
39	Truro	C	13,200
41	Winchester	C	31,500
42	Worcester	C	14,400
43	York	Y	28,400
44	Europe	C	10,800
46	Leeds	Y	38,300
Church of England			1,033,100

Note: Electoral roll data as provided by diocesan offices are used where this information is not given by churches/parishes. Therefore, no estimation has been carried out in the preparation of this table.

1.3 million people went to church at Easter in 2015, of whom 70% took communion.

Table 11: Diocesan Easter communicants and attendance, 2010-2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Easter communicants					Easter attendance						completeness	
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014		2015
1	Bath & Wells	C	29,300	28,800	27,500	25,100	26,000	25,700	41,800	39,300	38,200	34,100	35,600	36,400	94%
2	Birmingham	C	15,500	15,700	15,600	15,000	14,800	14,100	22,500	21,700	21,600	20,900	20,700	20,500	93%
3	Blackburn	Y	26,700	26,400	25,600	24,100	23,100	23,100	35,400	35,400	33,200	31,200	31,700	31,100	76%
5	Bristol	C	13,700	13,900	13,700	13,600	13,400	13,700	21,000	20,500	20,700	19,800	19,500	20,100	96%
6	Canterbury	C	19,700	19,700	19,300	18,200	18,800	18,500	28,900	28,100	26,900	26,100	27,000	26,300	87%
7	Carlisle	Y	16,700	16,300	15,900	14,400	14,600	13,900	22,800	22,300	23,600	20,100	19,700	19,400	92%
8	Chelmsford	C	39,100	37,600	35,800	34,800	35,400	35,600	54,800	53,200	52,800	50,400	51,100	50,200	100%
9	Chester	Y	30,300	30,300	28,900	25,900	27,700	27,100	44,100	41,800	39,600	36,900	39,400	38,900	81%
10	Chichester	C	42,900	44,100	41,300	40,100	40,500	39,400	61,000	61,000	60,100	56,000	56,500	55,600	87%
11	Coventry	C	14,800	15,200	14,700	13,500	13,700	13,800	20,600	20,300	20,600	18,900	19,100	19,600	99%
12	Derby	C	16,500	16,100	15,700	15,000	14,500	14,700	22,400	21,600	21,300	20,600	20,100	19,800	97%
13	Durham	Y	16,900	16,100	15,800	14,800	15,200	15,100	22,900	21,500	21,400	20,200	20,900	20,600	91%
14	Ely	C	16,600	16,400	16,500	14,800	15,400	15,200	24,500	23,100	22,100	22,600	23,100	22,200	94%
15	Exeter	C	33,100	32,100	31,100	28,500	28,900	29,700	44,300	42,600	40,600	37,800	38,000	38,700	93%
16	Gloucester	C	21,800	21,100	20,500	18,500	19,900	18,700	30,600	29,200	29,700	26,300	28,200	26,800	90%
17	Guildford	C	24,900	25,000	24,400	23,100	24,600	23,300	37,500	37,500	37,100	34,600	36,500	34,600	100%
18	Hereford	C	13,200	13,100	12,900	11,300	11,000	11,800	17,600	17,100	17,600	14,800	14,600	15,300	98%
19	Leicester	C	15,200	14,800	15,100	14,600	14,100	13,900	20,700	19,900	21,000	20,000	20,000	19,200	94%
20	Lichfield	C	33,200	32,400	31,800	30,500	29,900	29,900	44,600	42,300	42,100	41,300	40,000	40,300	98%
21	Lincoln	C	18,800	18,200	16,800	15,100	15,900	15,700	24,000	23,400	23,800	19,900	20,800	21,000	84%
22	Liverpool	Y	22,600	23,100	21,800	20,600	21,000	19,800	29,600	31,000	29,400	26,900	27,300	26,100	98%
23	London	C	57,700	55,700	54,400	50,100	56,300	53,100	85,900	84,700	85,300	90,500	89,200	85,000	96%
24	Manchester	Y	24,400	25,100	24,500	23,100	22,800	22,500	33,500	34,100	33,000	32,200	32,000	31,400	78%
25	Newcastle	Y	13,200	12,800	12,800	11,800	11,700	12,200	18,400	17,600	18,200	16,800	17,700	17,400	100%
26	Norwich	C	22,400	23,100	21,300	19,000	20,300	20,400	29,800	29,700	27,100	26,000	27,800	27,800	84%
27	Oxford	C	51,800	50,800	47,800	44,400	49,200	46,600	74,700	73,300	72,700	67,300	71,600	68,700	83%
28	Peterborough	C	18,500	18,600	17,700	16,400	17,300	16,600	24,500	24,400	23,600	23,100	24,000	23,000	93%
29	Portsmouth	C	15,900	15,400	14,600	13,900	14,200	13,700	21,300	20,500	20,300	19,400	19,900	18,500	99%
31	Rochester	C	23,600	23,800	22,800	21,600	22,700	22,000	35,700	35,100	35,400	33,300	34,300	33,100	82%
32	St. Albans	C	30,600	30,300	30,100	28,300	28,400	28,500	43,000	43,000	44,400	40,000	42,000	41,400	95%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	20,500	20,100	19,000	17,500	17,800	17,500	28,400	27,000	26,600	24,000	25,100	24,000	90%
34	Salisbury	C	32,900	32,600	32,000	29,600	29,700	29,100	45,400	44,000	44,200	40,800	41,900	40,700	91%
35	Sheffield	Y	13,900	13,500	13,700	13,300	13,200	12,500	20,300	19,600	19,600	18,700	19,500	19,300	96%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,300	2,100	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,800	3,000	2,800	2,600	2,700	2,500	2,500	100%
37	Southwark	C	41,000	39,700	37,500	37,900	37,700	37,500	59,700	58,700	54,000	58,300	55,900	55,500	79%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	15,000	14,400	13,900	13,900	14,100	14,100	20,700	19,700	19,600	19,700	19,000	19,400	98%
39	Truro	C	15,500	15,100	14,700	13,100	13,900	14,300	20,500	20,400	20,300	18,200	19,000	18,900	91%
41	Winchester	C	31,600	31,400	30,200	29,300	30,000	28,300	44,500	44,700	42,900	41,800	41,400	41,100	91%
42	Worcester	C	15,000	14,000	13,400	12,500	12,300	12,300	20,000	19,000	18,200	17,400	16,700	16,800	98%
43	York	Y	27,600	25,600	25,500	23,300	23,900	23,500	37,700	35,400	34,700	31,700	33,500	32,900	86%
44	Europe	C	15,100	15,000	14,700	12,900	13,300	13,200	19,400	19,200	19,100	16,700	17,100	16,800	100%
46	Leeds	Y	40,000	38,700	37,000	35,400	36,500	35,700	53,100	52,500	48,700	46,900	48,200	47,800	93%
Church of England			1,010,200	994,100	960,200	900,600	925,600	908,000	1,411,200	1,378,200	1,353,600	1,284,700	1,308,100	1,284,700	91%

Notes: Figures include communicants and attendance at any services on Easter Day or vigil services on Easter Eve.

Communicants are a subset of those attending.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned. The completeness column gives the percentages of the 2015 values consisting of reports from churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated).

2.5 million people went to church at Christmas in 2015. Special services in Advent for church congregations and churches' local communities were attended by 2.3 million people. Special services in Advent for civic organisations and schools were attended by 2.7 million people.

Table 12: Diocesan Christmas communicants and attendance, 2010-2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Christmas communicants						Christmas attendance						complete-ness	Advent attendance, 2015	
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		Congregation & community services	Civic and school services
1	Bath & Wells	C	26,700	31,000	28,700	27,600	28,100	28,200	62,000	76,900	69,000	66,000	67,900	71,700	93%	79,600	81,700
2	Birmingham	C	12,500	15,100	13,900	13,200	12,800	12,500	31,400	38,100	39,000	36,000	36,500	37,400	93%	37,200	51,900
3	Blackburn	Y	20,500	22,100	21,200	19,800	18,600	18,300	42,600	48,300	50,600	47,400	43,300	44,000	75%	34,400	46,100
5	Bristol	C	13,700	15,900	15,800	15,300	14,200	14,400	39,200	45,900	43,600	41,300	39,500	41,800	97%	51,200	50,100
6	Canterbury	C	19,500	20,500	18,400	18,200	18,200	18,900	57,400	60,500	54,700	52,600	54,400	59,600	86%	42,700	60,000
7	Carlisle	Y	14,200	15,700	14,500	13,200	13,400	13,100	31,400	35,700	36,100	31,800	32,400	33,300	87%	30,500	29,800
8	Chelmsford	C	33,500	37,300	31,700	31,200	31,200	32,600	94,500	111,800	97,600	96,600	96,000	104,600	99%	95,900	123,400
9	Chester	Y	28,200	31,800	28,000	24,600	26,500	25,900	71,700	81,400	74,500	71,800	78,200	78,600	80%	59,900	84,800
10	Chichester	C	42,800	46,400	40,600	37,900	37,700	39,600	114,000	127,200	107,900	103,600	105,200	111,800	86%	88,900	93,600
11	Coventry	C	13,400	15,600	13,900	13,800	13,900	14,400	38,700	43,700	42,600	43,300	41,000	41,300	99%	39,500	41,600
12	Derby	C	13,400	15,500	13,500	13,300	13,800	13,500	37,500	42,400	37,300	41,500	39,500	41,800	96%	45,600	50,700
13	Durham	Y	13,500	14,600	12,900	12,200	12,700	13,200	33,200	38,700	37,100	33,800	38,000	39,300	91%	33,300	65,200
14	Ely	C	16,600	17,900	16,200	15,400	15,500	16,300	46,700	51,600	47,100	48,300	48,000	51,700	92%	49,300	50,200
15	Exeter	C	26,600	33,400	28,800	26,900	28,300	29,100	61,600	77,500	65,600	66,100	67,900	70,700	95%	78,300	67,000
16	Gloucester	C	22,300	24,900	20,700	19,800	21,100	21,000	51,800	63,200	56,600	54,800	55,900	57,900	90%	46,900	42,700
17	Guildford	C	25,000	27,200	24,500	23,400	24,300	23,800	84,700	92,200	86,000	78,900	81,200	84,000	100%	69,000	75,000
18	Hereford	C	12,500	14,200	12,500	12,400	12,200	12,800	24,300	29,500	25,900	24,400	24,200	28,200	96%	29,600	21,200
19	Leicester	C	14,200	16,000	14,800	14,500	13,700	13,200	33,200	37,200	37,700	38,200	39,400	41,100	94%	37,600	53,300
20	Lichfield	C	30,000	34,000	30,900	30,900	29,600	29,900	67,700	79,400	76,500	79,100	75,000	82,200	98%	73,900	118,600
21	Lincoln	C	18,300	18,800	17,800	16,100	15,900	16,900	43,100	45,500	43,800	37,500	38,900	42,000	80%	49,400	54,600
22	Liverpool	Y	17,500	21,000	18,500	18,500	16,800	17,200	31,600	39,000	32,100	36,000	36,200	37,800	98%	51,600	51,900
23	London	C	52,300	57,300	53,800	50,300	53,300	53,500	112,600	123,700	119,800	118,800	124,100	125,200	96%	136,000	185,700
24	Manchester	Y	19,400	21,500	20,400	19,000	18,200	18,000	36,400	42,400	43,100	40,900	37,100	37,400	76%	43,000	54,300
25	Newcastle	Y	11,000	12,000	11,200	10,800	10,900	10,800	35,600	40,600	40,100	37,900	38,900	38,200	100%	31,500	47,100
26	Norwich	C	20,300	21,800	19,400	18,200	18,700	19,200	55,600	62,800	53,800	54,700	53,100	58,700	84%	50,500	51,600
27	Oxford	C	54,000	56,900	50,200	48,900	52,100	52,100	143,600	154,100	139,600	138,100	150,600	157,700	80%	112,500	107,700
28	Peterborough	C	17,700	19,900	18,000	17,600	17,400	16,700	45,200	53,400	51,600	47,100	47,800	52,000	93%	48,700	46,000
29	Portsmouth	C	15,300	15,900	13,800	13,300	13,600	13,600	39,200	44,200	42,100	39,100	41,100	40,500	100%	38,600	53,400
31	Rochester	C	22,000	24,200	21,000	19,800	19,800	20,400	66,900	75,500	67,800	64,100	66,000	68,800	83%	56,000	74,700
32	St. Albans	C	30,200	32,800	30,700	28,900	29,500	28,500	87,800	96,500	96,500	90,300	93,800	97,900	95%	74,800	118,400
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	18,800	19,800	18,300	16,700	16,700	17,000	48,100	52,300	46,600	44,600	44,000	47,600	90%	45,200	46,200
34	Salisbury	C	32,200	35,700	32,600	32,000	31,800	30,000	74,900	80,600	77,500	78,800	78,100	74,400	90%	66,400	70,000
35	Sheffield	Y	11,600	13,100	10,600	10,700	10,400	10,700	30,700	34,700	32,800	32,900	32,500	34,300	97%	40,800	50,700
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,600	1,800	1,800	2,000	1,800	1,700	4,100	4,400	3,500	3,900	3,900	4,100	100%	5,200	7,200
37	Southwark	C	39,500	42,200	37,900	39,400	36,800	37,600	98,700	105,100	99,300	104,400	97,400	106,000	79%	93,300	101,300
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	13,100	14,900	12,500	12,600	12,800	12,800	35,000	42,600	36,500	37,900	37,600	40,200	98%	42,500	48,900
39	Truro	C	12,800	14,400	12,800	12,000	12,500	12,700	30,600	34,700	31,300	28,900	28,000	29,900	92%	34,200	34,200
41	Winchester	C	33,300	36,400	31,700	32,200	32,200	32,300	83,800	94,500	89,000	84,100	84,200	86,900	89%	74,500	86,700
42	Worcester	C	12,300	15,200	13,200	12,600	12,400	12,400	31,500	38,600	36,700	37,400	36,700	37,900	98%	35,100	53,000
43	York	Y	24,900	27,100	24,600	23,700	23,300	23,600	63,500	75,700	67,100	65,500	65,800	66,800	84%	57,400	71,400
44	Europe	C	10,500	13,300	10,800	10,000	10,500	11,100	17,600	21,100	17,700	16,400	16,600	17,400	100%	29,700	2,000
46	Leeds	Y	35,500	37,400	32,800	33,500	33,100	33,700	89,200	98,400	91,300	94,300	97,900	103,800	92%	86,300	108,400
	Church of England		923,800	1,022,500	916,100	882,400	886,200	893,500	2,328,800	2,641,500	2,444,700	2,389,200	2,413,600	2,526,400	90%	2,326,700	2,732,000

Notes: Figures include communicants and attendance at any services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Communicants are a subset of those attending.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned. The completeness column gives the percentages of the 2015 values consisting of reports from churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated).

1.7% of the population (3.0% of the Christian population) attended a Church of England church each week in October 2015. At Christmas, 4.6% of the population (7.8% of the Christian population) went to a Church of England church.

Table 13: Diocesan participation as a percentage of diocesan population and as a percentage of diocesan Christian population, 2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Total					% of population					% of Christian population				
			Average weekly attendance	Usual Sunday attendance	Worshipping community	Easter attendance	Christmas attendance	Average weekly attendance	Usual Sunday attendance	Worshipping community	Easter attendance	Christmas attendance	Average weekly attendance	Usual Sunday attendance	Worshipping community	Easter attendance	Christmas attendance
1	Bath & Wells	C	22,640	19,000	26,700	36,360	71,670	2.4%	2.0%	2.8%	3.9%	7.6%	3.9%	3.3%	4.6%	6.3%	12.3%
2	Birmingham	C	16,450	12,840	20,100	20,490	37,430	1.1%	0.8%	1.3%	1.3%	2.4%	2.1%	1.6%	2.6%	2.6%	4.8%
3	Blackburn	Y	24,940	19,050	26,790	31,120	44,040	1.9%	1.4%	2.0%	2.3%	3.3%	2.8%	2.1%	3.0%	3.5%	4.9%
5	Bristol	C	14,760	11,910	18,180	20,120	41,780	1.5%	1.2%	1.8%	2.0%	4.1%	2.7%	2.2%	3.3%	3.7%	7.7%
6	Canterbury	C	19,120	14,260	21,770	26,330	59,560	2.0%	1.5%	2.3%	2.8%	6.3%	3.2%	2.4%	3.7%	4.4%	10.0%
7	Carlisle	Y	13,120	9,750	14,300	19,390	33,280	2.6%	2.0%	2.9%	3.9%	6.7%	3.7%	2.7%	4.0%	5.4%	9.3%
8	Chelmsford	C	38,400	30,470	44,400	50,200	104,630	1.2%	1.0%	1.4%	1.6%	3.3%	2.2%	1.7%	2.5%	2.9%	6.0%
9	Chester	Y	33,560	24,620	37,070	38,850	78,630	2.1%	1.5%	2.3%	2.4%	4.8%	3.0%	2.2%	3.3%	3.5%	7.1%
10	Chichester	C	37,660	31,310	46,520	55,580	111,800	2.3%	1.9%	2.8%	3.3%	6.7%	3.9%	3.2%	4.8%	5.8%	11.6%
11	Coventry	C	14,980	11,800	17,550	19,610	41,280	1.7%	1.4%	2.0%	2.3%	4.8%	2.9%	2.3%	3.4%	3.8%	8.1%
12	Derby	C	16,210	11,990	18,080	19,800	41,840	1.6%	1.1%	1.7%	1.9%	4.0%	2.5%	1.9%	2.8%	3.1%	6.6%
13	Durham	Y	20,940	12,690	19,490	20,590	39,280	1.4%	0.9%	1.3%	1.4%	2.7%	2.0%	1.2%	1.9%	2.0%	3.8%
14	Ely	C	17,540	14,040	22,090	22,230	51,740	2.3%	1.9%	2.9%	2.9%	6.8%	3.9%	3.2%	5.0%	5.0%	11.6%
15	Exeter	C	23,060	19,140	25,270	38,720	70,660	2.0%	1.6%	2.2%	3.3%	6.1%	3.2%	2.7%	3.6%	5.4%	9.9%
16	Gloucester	C	18,460	14,170	22,480	26,840	57,930	2.8%	2.2%	3.4%	4.1%	8.8%	4.4%	3.4%	5.4%	6.4%	13.9%
17	Guildford	C	24,760	20,240	32,710	34,600	84,010	2.4%	1.9%	3.1%	3.3%	8.0%	3.8%	3.1%	5.0%	5.3%	12.9%
18	Hereford	C	9,670	7,630	12,180	15,340	28,200	3.0%	2.4%	3.8%	4.7%	8.7%	4.4%	3.5%	5.6%	7.0%	12.9%
19	Leicester	C	13,980	11,740	19,750	19,220	41,060	1.4%	1.1%	1.9%	1.9%	4.0%	2.7%	2.2%	3.8%	3.7%	7.9%
20	Lichfield	C	32,150	24,210	44,790	40,260	82,220	1.5%	1.1%	2.1%	1.9%	3.9%	2.4%	1.8%	3.3%	3.0%	6.1%
21	Lincoln	C	16,050	13,170	18,770	20,990	42,050	1.5%	1.2%	1.8%	2.0%	4.0%	2.3%	1.8%	2.6%	2.9%	5.9%
22	Liverpool	Y	24,990	17,180	26,610	26,130	37,830	1.6%	1.1%	1.7%	1.6%	2.4%	2.1%	1.4%	2.2%	2.2%	3.2%
23	London	C	72,440	57,010	87,880	85,010	125,160	1.7%	1.3%	2.1%	2.0%	3.0%	3.9%	3.1%	4.8%	4.6%	6.8%
24	Manchester	Y	27,400	21,150	30,420	31,380	37,360	1.3%	1.0%	1.4%	1.5%	1.8%	2.2%	1.7%	2.4%	2.5%	2.9%
25	Newcastle	Y	14,660	9,930	14,340	17,420	38,250	1.8%	1.2%	1.8%	2.1%	4.7%	2.9%	1.9%	2.8%	3.4%	7.5%
26	Norwich	C	17,510	16,010	21,530	27,800	58,710	2.0%	1.8%	2.4%	3.1%	6.5%	3.2%	2.9%	4.0%	5.1%	10.8%
27	Oxford	C	50,060	41,410	66,830	68,660	157,660	2.1%	1.8%	2.8%	2.9%	6.7%	3.7%	3.0%	4.9%	5.0%	11.6%
28	Peterborough	C	16,150	13,180	21,660	22,980	51,990	1.8%	1.5%	2.4%	2.6%	5.8%	3.0%	2.5%	4.0%	4.3%	9.7%
29	Portsmouth	C	11,760	9,440	14,920	18,490	40,480	1.5%	1.2%	1.9%	2.4%	5.2%	2.6%	2.1%	3.3%	4.0%	8.8%
31	Rochester	C	25,590	20,270	29,230	33,080	68,780	1.9%	1.5%	2.2%	2.5%	5.1%	3.1%	2.5%	3.6%	4.0%	8.4%
32	St. Albans	C	31,430	23,040	36,380	41,370	97,900	1.7%	1.2%	1.9%	2.2%	5.2%	2.9%	2.1%	3.4%	3.8%	9.0%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	15,120	13,580	19,190	23,990	47,570	2.3%	2.0%	2.9%	3.6%	7.2%	3.7%	3.3%	4.7%	5.9%	11.7%
34	Salisbury	C	23,760	19,780	29,910	40,680	74,450	2.5%	2.1%	3.2%	4.3%	7.9%	4.0%	3.3%	5.0%	6.8%	12.4%
35	Sheffield	Y	17,020	12,640	18,840	19,270	34,290	1.3%	1.0%	1.5%	1.5%	2.7%	2.2%	1.6%	2.4%	2.5%	4.4%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,080	1,360	1,890	2,520	4,060	2.4%	1.5%	2.1%	2.9%	4.6%	-	-	-	-	-
37	Southwark	C	39,920	32,310	49,940	55,550	105,960	1.4%	1.1%	1.8%	2.0%	3.8%	2.6%	2.1%	3.2%	3.6%	6.8%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	C	15,160	12,320	19,780	19,410	40,160	1.3%	1.1%	1.8%	1.7%	3.6%	2.4%	1.9%	3.1%	3.0%	6.3%
39	Truro	Y	11,230	8,560	12,400	18,910	29,910	2.0%	1.5%	2.2%	3.4%	5.4%	3.4%	2.6%	3.8%	5.7%	9.1%
41	Winchester	C	28,040	22,120	31,810	41,140	86,910	2.0%	1.6%	2.3%	3.0%	6.3%	3.4%	2.7%	3.8%	4.9%	10.4%
42	Worcester	C	12,290	9,400	13,540	16,760	37,950	1.4%	1.1%	1.5%	1.9%	4.3%	2.1%	1.6%	2.3%	2.9%	6.5%
43	York	Y	27,300	19,600	29,720	32,850	66,800	1.9%	1.4%	2.1%	2.3%	4.7%	3.0%	2.1%	3.2%	3.6%	7.2%
44	Europe	C	10,280	9,910	15,270	16,840	17,430	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Leeds	Y	38,740	28,270	41,330	47,770	103,780	1.4%	1.0%	1.5%	1.8%	3.8%	2.5%	1.8%	2.7%	3.1%	6.8%
	Church of England		961,370	752,460	1,142,440	1,284,660	2,526,450	1.7%	1.4%	2.1%	2.3%	4.6%	3.0%	2.3%	3.5%	3.9%	7.8%

Notes: Percentage figures do not include the Diocese in Europe.

Figures relating to the Christian population for the Church of England exclude the Sodor & Man and the Diocese in Europe. Note that Christian population includes those affiliated with the Church of England and with other Christian denominations.

There were almost 110,000 infant and child baptisms and 10,000 mature baptisms in the Church of England in 2015.

Table 14: Diocesan baptisms and thanksgivings, 2010-2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Infant and child baptisms					Infant baptisms		Child baptisms		Mature baptisms					Thanksgivings					
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015	complete-ness	2015	complete-ness	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	
1	Bath & Wells	C	2,520	2,640	2,540	2,420	2,340	2,090	1,460	94%	630	97%	180	170	200	170	150	150	130	80	80	
2	Birmingham	C	2,080	2,280	2,190	2,260	1,960	1,940	1,210	94%	730	93%	230	200	220	270	230	230	170	70	60	
3	Blackburn	Y	3,830	4,130	4,040	4,200	3,910	3,730	2,440	71%	1,290	66%	200	210	210	240	220	190	80	50	80	
5	Bristol	C	1,660	1,750	1,680	1,670	1,500	1,470	930	96%	550	95%	140	120	130	140	160	140	30	40	40	
6	Canterbury	C	2,670	2,700	2,560	2,610	2,400	2,290	1,360	86%	930	80%	240	220	220	240	230	180	90	110	60	
7	Carlisle	Y	2,100	2,070	2,170	2,280	2,060	1,950	1,550	86%	400	84%	90	100	90	110	100	70	40	30	20	
8	Chelmsford	C	4,710	4,750	4,630	4,740	4,340	4,040	2,370	100%	1,670	100%	650	700	680	730	670	650	330	350	190	
9	Chester	Y	4,530	4,580	4,330	4,350	4,130	3,980	2,610	69%	1,370	75%	280	310	290	320	250	270	310	340	300	
10	Chichester	C	3,470	3,590	3,480	3,190	2,990	2,900	1,750	88%	1,150	84%	260	230	300	300	230	220	140	130	120	
11	Coventry	C	1,770	1,790	1,740	1,790	1,590	1,580	980	98%	600	100%	160	170	180	150	150	140	130	130	80	
12	Derby	C	2,260	2,330	2,330	2,230	2,010	2,040	1,390	95%	650	96%	140	130	140	140	150	150	170	90	120	
13	Durham	Y	4,860	5,040	5,000	5,000	4,670	4,470	3,150	91%	1,320	88%	250	290	300	320	360	330	260	190	220	
14	Ely	C	1,700	1,770	1,840	1,760	1,710	1,570	1,070	93%	500	98%	130	140	180	130	180	130	60	70	70	
15	Exeter	C	2,850	2,910	2,700	2,640	2,430	2,220	1,510	94%	710	93%	240	250	240	200	190	220	80	90	40	
16	Gloucester	C	2,120	2,080	2,090	1,700	1,880	1,820	1,840	1,300	88%	540	88%	230	220	260	240	210	180	60	50	50
17	Guildford	C	2,810	2,970	2,770	2,580	2,500	2,460	1,510	100%	950	100%	190	210	230	180	190	210	110	130	110	
18	Hereford	C	1,220	1,300	1,270	1,180	1,140	1,130	800	98%	340	99%	70	90	90	90	60	80	10	10	10	
19	Leicester	C	1,700	1,620	1,730	1,700	1,530	1,520	1,000	89%	530	90%	150	140	170	160	150	180	40	30	40	
20	Lichfield	C	5,800	5,760	5,670	5,550	5,190	4,880	3,220	97%	1,660	98%	430	480	480	430	420	400	390	390	280	
21	Lincoln	C	3,620	3,870	3,920	3,520	3,410	3,370	2,350	83%	1,030	84%	190	210	250	230	190	180	60	50	40	
22	Liverpool	Y	4,530	4,680	4,280	4,210	4,070	3,810	2,310	98%	1,490	98%	250	280	280	310	300	380	140	130	140	
23	London	C	4,300	4,430	4,200	4,090	3,880	3,610	1,990	96%	1,620	95%	650	620	650	620	710	630	130	170	190	
24	Manchester	Y	5,180	4,950	5,120	5,160	4,660	4,490	2,700	80%	1,790	81%	390	390	410	420	480	410	360	300	310	
25	Newcastle	Y	2,160	2,230	2,130	2,130	2,190	2,180	1,520	100%	650	100%	120	150	150	190	150	170	20	20	20	
26	Norwich	C	2,080	2,090	2,010	2,110	1,900	1,830	1,220	87%	610	73%	180	190	200	220	180	200	90	80	90	
27	Oxford	C	5,660	5,770	5,420	5,460	4,930	4,750	3,090	75%	1,660	71%	430	440	430	410	430	380	210	190	190	
28	Peterborough	C	1,890	1,900	1,920	1,940	1,770	1,710	1,080	88%	630	84%	150	150	160	180	180	150	70	70	60	
29	Portsmouth	C	1,670	1,740	1,780	1,740	1,640	1,580	930	100%	650	100%	130	160	160	140	130	110	60	50	70	
31	Rochester	C	2,970	3,090	2,960	2,970	2,750	2,690	1,500	77%	1,190	77%	330	300	290	320	300	250	220	200	170	
32	St. Albans	C	3,630	3,610	3,530	3,390	3,240	3,080	1,780	92%	1,310	91%	320	330	370	320	320	310	130	150	150	
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	1,440	1,510	1,530	1,440	1,290	1,300	950	91%	350	93%	120	110	90	90	90	100	50	60	50	
34	Salisbury	C	2,800	2,890	2,830	2,720	2,590	2,390	1,580	83%	810	89%	220	260	230	210	240	190	70	80	60	
35	Sheffield	Y	3,160	3,300	3,230	3,100	2,840	2,680	1,800	95%	880	95%	350	360	320	400	330	300	290	230	230	
36	Sodor & Man	Y	270	250	190	240	250	180	140	100%	40	100%	20	20	10	10	20	10	10	-	-	
37	Southwark	C	4,360	4,360	4,010	2,610	3,610	3,410	2,070	76%	1,340	85%	520	470	460	480	360	330	290	170	140	
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	2,110	2,190	2,170	2,130	1,960	1,780	1,210	97%	570	95%	280	240	280	270	300	230	80	90	70	
39	Truro	C	1,450	1,660	1,590	1,570	1,390	1,390	980	93%	410	94%	100	110	110	100	110	90	30	30	20	
41	Winchester	C	3,660	3,680	3,670	3,660	3,270	3,070	2,050	88%	1,020	86%	190	230	260	230	250	220	190	170	140	
42	Worcester	C	2,510	2,490	2,370	2,430	2,230	2,080	1,380	98%	700	99%	140	180	180	160	140	170	260	140	100	
43	York	Y	4,630	4,540	4,480	4,380	3,980	3,870	2,820	78%	1,060	76%	260	350	340	310	280	300	130	130	140	
44	Europe	C	530	480	490	390	350	390	220	100%	170	100%	80	80	80	100	100	120	30	30	30	
46	Leeds	Y	5,740	6,040	5,950	5,870	5,370	5,190	3,420	88%	1,770	85%	460	540	660	580	600	640	430	390	340	
Church of England			125,020	127,820	124,500	121,280	113,790	108,900	70,660	88%	38,240	88%	10,140	10,510	10,960	10,840	10,460	9,970	5,940	5,280	4,730	

Notes: Here, infants are those aged under 1 year. Children are those aged 1-12 years. Mature baptisms are those aged 13 years and over.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned. The completeness columns give the percentages of the 2015 values consisting of reports from churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated).

Over 44,000 couples were married in Church of England churches in 2015.

Table 15: Diocesan marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages, 2010-2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Marriages							Services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages						
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	complete-ness	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	complete-ness
1	Bath & Wells	C	1,450	1,320	1,640	1,410	1,350	1,430	85%	70	90	70	80	50	70	94%
2	Birmingham	C	980	940	920	810	840	770	94%	30	50	50	60	50	60	92%
3	Blackburn	Y	1,090	1,110	1,160	1,110	1,040	1,000	69%	60	60	50	50	40	50	80%
5	Bristol	C	890	800	810	710	700	650	97%	40	50	40	40	30	40	95%
6	Canterbury	C	1,250	1,220	1,250	1,150	1,110	1,100	85%	100	70	80	80	70	60	90%
7	Carlisle	Y	810	730	790	770	820	750	88%	50	50	40	40	40	30	89%
8	Chelmsford	C	2,720	2,380	2,290	1,930	1,790	1,730	100%	120	130	130	110	100	120	100%
9	Chester	Y	1,670	1,670	1,780	1,630	1,550	1,450	71%	50	80	50	70	90	110	46%
10	Chichester	C	1,840	1,880	1,940	1,700	1,580	1,490	87%	150	150	140	120	100	100	83%
11	Coventry	C	930	910	1,020	910	830	770	98%	50	60	40	50	40	40	100%
12	Derby	C	1,100	1,100	1,170	1,060	1,030	1,010	92%	60	70	40	40	40	50	98%
13	Durham	Y	1,170	1,110	1,200	1,060	1,090	1,020	91%	70	60	50	80	50	50	92%
14	Ely	C	970	910	1,010	920	870	830	95%	50	60	40	30	40	50	98%
15	Exeter	C	1,560	1,570	1,680	1,540	1,460	1,440	90%	120	90	90	90	70	70	95%
16	Gloucester	C	1,100	1,130	1,300	1,140	1,080	1,130	87%	70	70	70	60	60	50	89%
17	Guildford	C	1,230	1,130	1,200	1,090	990	970	100%	80	80	60	60	60	40	100%
18	Hereford	C	660	650	670	630	610	620	97%	40	40	40	30	30	50	100%
19	Leicester	C	1,020	980	1,010	880	890	780	93%	60	50	50	50	50	40	89%
20	Lichfield	C	2,260	2,120	2,300	2,080	1,960	1,860	98%	110	130	100	90	80	90	95%
21	Lincoln	C	1,420	1,320	1,500	1,260	1,180	1,100	82%	80	80	90	70	70	60	83%
22	Liverpool	Y	1,020	940	1,090	930	880	820	98%	60	80	50	40	60	50	100%
23	London	C	1,620	1,400	1,420	1,250	1,180	1,100	95%	160	170	130	140	130	130	96%
24	Manchester	Y	1,230	1,090	1,130	1,060	990	950	80%	60	70	60	60	70	70	64%
25	Newcastle	Y	670	650	710	610	620	530	100%	30	30	30	30	30	40	100%
26	Norwich	C	1,210	1,250	1,280	1,210	1,180	1,040	81%	70	100	60	60	50	50	92%
27	Oxford	C	2,810	2,710	2,800	2,550	2,390	2,340	76%	160	150	180	150	140	170	74%
28	Peterborough	C	1,050	1,020	1,110	1,020	1,010	980	87%	50	40	60	60	50	60	84%
29	Portsmouth	C	920	920	1,000	850	820	740	100%	60	70	60	60	50	50	100%
31	Rochester	C	1,190	1,070	1,190	1,100	1,030	1,010	71%	80	100	70	80	90	80	67%
32	St. Albans	C	1,640	1,540	1,620	1,470	1,420	1,410	91%	80	80	80	80	60	80	97%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	1,080	1,120	1,090	900	870	830	86%	40	60	60	40	70	50	77%
34	Salisbury	C	1,460	1,400	1,490	1,400	1,330	1,250	86%	100	110	100	70	70	60	65%
35	Sheffield	Y	1,080	1,050	1,140	960	920	840	96%	60	60	40	30	30	30	97%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	110	130	130	100	90	100	100%	20	10	-	10	10	10	100%
37	Southwark	C	1,950	1,360	1,300	1,270	1,110	980	76%	90	90	70	70	80	70	83%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	1,180	1,050	1,150	1,050	1,000	940	98%	60	80	60	60	60	40	91%
39	Truro	C	940	890	1,140	960	980	930	93%	60	70	60	50	40	30	100%
41	Winchester	C	1,940	1,790	1,850	1,810	1,510	1,460	86%	120	120	90	150	80	80	81%
42	Worcester	C	1,140	1,130	1,150	1,040	940	890	99%	60	70	50	50	40	40	100%
43	York	Y	1,600	1,610	1,750	1,650	1,610	1,600	80%	70	70	80	80	70	60	70%
44	Europe	C	90	100	100	110	100	80	100%	390	330	280	240	230	250	100%
46	Leeds	Y	2,280	2,290	2,300	2,210	2,090	1,980	92%	120	110	90	80	80	90	91%
	Church of England		54,320	51,460	54,550	49,250	46,800	44,670	88%	3,440	3,580	3,040	2,950	2,730	2,800	88%

Note: Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned. The completeness columns give the percentages of the 2015 values consisting of reports from churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated).

There were over 83,000 funeral services held in Church of England churches, and over 64,000 funerals conducted on behalf of Church of England churches by members of church/parish ministry teams at crematoria/cemeteries in 2015.

Table 16: Diocesan funeral services held in church and at crematoria/cemeteries, 2010-2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Funerals in church							Funerals at crematoria/cemeteries						
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	complete-ness	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	complete-ness
1	Bath & Wells	C	2,360	2,260	2,240	2,270	2,050	2,170	94%	1,520	1,500	1,470	1,630	1,350	1,460	97%
2	Birmingham	C	1,240	1,200	1,170	1,240	1,130	1,220	95%	2,800	2,690	2,770	2,830	2,360	2,290	94%
3	Blackburn	Y	2,390	2,390	2,210	2,280	2,030	2,090	72%	1,700	1,730	1,720	2,070	1,630	1,620	77%
5	Bristol	C	1,060	1,090	970	970	840	940	98%	1,200	1,080	1,010	770	850	770	95%
6	Canterbury	C	1,320	1,220	1,200	1,150	1,150	1,120	86%	2,270	2,130	1,780	1,730	1,620	1,580	83%
7	Carlisle	Y	1,840	1,840	1,780	1,770	1,740	1,780	92%	1,080	1,060	1,000	1,070	920	900	94%
8	Chelmsford	C	2,830	2,740	2,810	2,820	2,730	2,690	100%	4,030	3,760	3,640	3,270	2,890	3,070	100%
9	Chester	Y	3,490	3,410	3,360	3,410	3,150	3,230	77%	2,580	2,450	2,620	2,620	2,300	2,230	81%
10	Chichester	C	2,150	2,200	2,180	2,180	2,020	2,170	87%	2,780	2,470	2,350	2,320	1,980	2,050	87%
11	Coventry	C	1,600	1,560	1,590	1,620	1,470	1,570	99%	960	1,000	930	850	810	740	100%
12	Derby	C	2,480	2,240	2,380	2,260	2,180	2,280	95%	1,490	1,360	1,310	1,200	980	1,050	96%
13	Durham	Y	3,600	3,410	3,260	3,310	3,110	3,130	92%	2,130	1,920	1,910	1,950	1,820	1,830	91%
14	Ely	C	1,580	1,490	1,410	1,490	1,510	1,490	93%	880	880	870	880	860	920	94%
15	Exeter	C	2,710	2,640	2,720	2,680	2,560	2,630	93%	1,430	1,340	1,370	1,210	1,140	1,130	95%
16	Gloucester	C	1,730	1,800	1,960	1,830	1,820	1,810	89%	1,250	1,230	1,170	1,180	1,050	1,040	86%
17	Guildford	C	1,330	1,230	1,270	1,290	1,280	1,340	100%	1,880	1,820	1,710	1,670	1,300	1,360	100%
18	Hereford	C	1,460	1,350	1,310	1,450	1,180	1,350	98%	660	670	600	680	590	680	97%
19	Leicester	C	1,640	1,520	1,660	1,550	1,480	1,500	93%	1,170	1,040	1,120	1,050	890	830	90%
20	Lichfield	C	5,270	4,960	5,060	5,030	4,420	4,890	97%	4,400	3,850	3,830	3,590	3,440	3,370	97%
21	Lincoln	C	2,390	2,360	2,340	2,270	2,070	2,200	84%	1,700	1,560	1,810	1,420	1,410	1,530	85%
22	Liverpool	Y	3,440	3,170	3,150	3,280	3,100	3,130	97%	1,970	1,990	2,090	2,010	1,850	1,700	99%
23	London	C	1,420	1,450	1,440	1,490	1,430	1,520	95%	2,190	2,190	2,090	2,070	1,800	1,860	95%
24	Manchester	Y	2,280	2,270	2,200	2,280	2,040	2,090	82%	2,240	2,100	2,230	2,300	1,960	2,020	77%
25	Newcastle	Y	1,310	1,230	1,210	1,160	1,190	1,240	100%	1,400	1,300	1,280	1,290	1,290	1,290	100%
26	Norwich	C	2,330	2,250	2,220	2,330	2,200	2,320	82%	2,270	2,110	2,050	2,250	2,230	2,310	81%
27	Oxford	C	3,450	3,440	3,570	3,530	3,330	3,300	76%	3,160	2,930	2,940	2,590	2,400	2,420	83%
28	Peterborough	C	1,470	1,520	1,400	1,500	1,410	1,460	88%	750	760	790	850	840	750	94%
29	Portsmouth	C	1,150	1,150	1,130	1,220	1,060	1,080	100%	1,500	1,350	1,330	1,320	1,280	1,230	100%
31	Rochester	C	1,420	1,450	1,380	1,370	1,320	1,360	78%	3,490	3,280	3,170	2,760	2,560	2,470	79%
32	St. Albans	C	2,510	2,450	2,420	2,230	2,180	2,340	96%	2,590	2,400	2,400	2,120	2,150	2,130	94%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	1,850	1,800	1,740	1,710	1,640	1,670	89%	920	930	1,000	950	940	910	91%
34	Salisbury	C	2,270	2,100	2,190	2,450	2,120	2,250	83%	1,440	1,560	1,480	1,520	1,320	1,290	84%
35	Sheffield	Y	2,400	2,280	2,150	2,340	2,140	2,130	94%	2,350	2,020	2,050	1,810	1,580	1,370	96%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	270	280	230	250	250	300	100%	190	110	140	170	140	140	100%
37	Southwark	C	1,230	1,250	1,200	1,270	1,170	1,220	80%	3,010	2,860	2,670	2,630	2,240	2,260	76%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	2,270	2,140	2,270	2,130	2,110	2,090	94%	1,940	1,810	1,580	1,660	1,630	1,450	97%
39	Truro	C	1,500	1,540	1,510	1,550	1,340	1,420	93%	700	650	560	660	630	560	95%
41	Winchester	C	2,240	2,180	2,100	2,310	2,140	2,220	87%	1,710	1,670	1,520	1,770	1,570	1,610	90%
42	Worcester	C	1,870	1,720	1,670	1,710	1,590	1,670	98%	1,650	1,500	1,540	1,820	1,470	1,280	99%
43	York	Y	2,950	2,980	2,900	2,910	2,740	2,940	82%	2,610	2,190	2,010	2,150	1,860	1,830	81%
44	Europe	C	230	230	270	190	240	200	100%	660	550	490	410	440	460	100%
46	Leeds	Y	4,080	4,260	4,130	4,160	4,020	4,080	88%	3,530	3,240	3,170	3,380	2,980	2,900	89%
	Church of England		88,420	86,050	85,340	86,200	80,650	83,590	90%	80,170	75,070	73,550	72,440	65,330	64,650	90%

Notes: Values include all funerals conducted on behalf of a church/parish by any minister.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned. The completeness columns give the percentages of the 2015 values consisting of reports from churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated).

Each week in 2015 the Church of England carried out approximately 1,400 infant baptisms and 2,800 funerals.

Table 17: Diocesan infant baptisms and funerals as a percentage of births and deaths, 2015

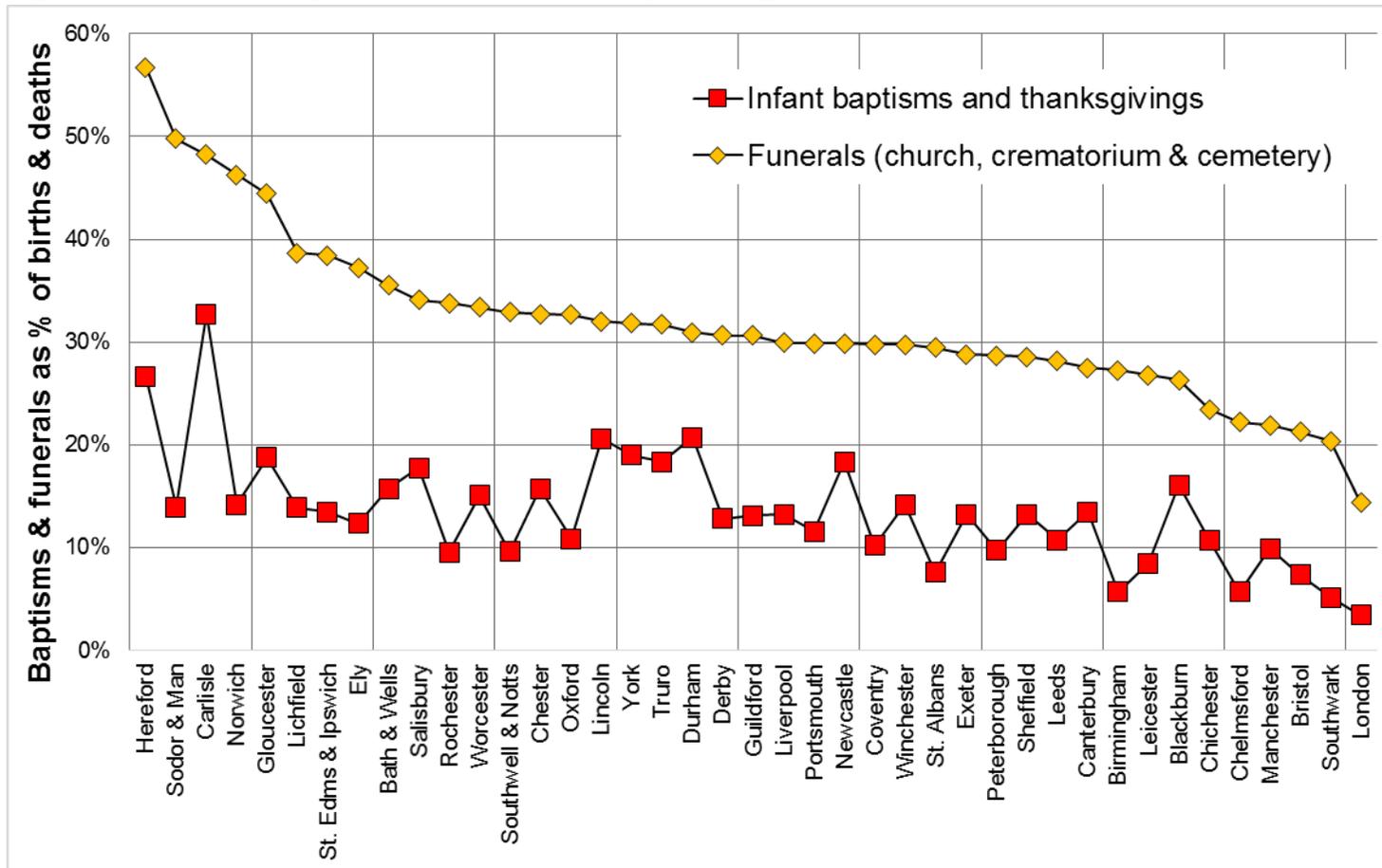
Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Births	Infant baptisms & thanksgivings	%	Deaths	Funerals in churches, crematoria, & cemeteries	%
1	Bath & Wells	C	9,650	1,520	16%	10,230	3,630	36%
2	Birmingham	C	22,060	1,250	6%	12,850	3,510	27%
3	Blackburn	Y	15,490	2,490	16%	14,080	3,710	26%
5	Bristol	C	12,950	950	7%	8,010	1,700	21%
6	Canterbury	C	10,420	1,410	13%	9,840	2,700	27%
7	Carlisle	Y	4,780	1,560	33%	5,560	2,680	48%
8	Chelmsford	C	43,860	2,490	6%	25,890	5,750	22%
9	Chester	Y	18,040	2,840	16%	16,680	5,460	33%
10	Chichester	C	16,960	1,820	11%	18,000	4,220	23%
11	Coventry	C	10,160	1,040	10%	7,760	2,310	30%
12	Derby	C	11,390	1,460	13%	10,860	3,330	31%
13	Durham	Y	15,970	3,300	21%	16,040	4,960	31%
14	Ely	C	8,980	1,110	12%	6,470	2,410	37%
15	Exeter	C	11,620	1,540	13%	13,070	3,760	29%
16	Gloucester	C	7,130	1,340	19%	6,420	2,850	44%
17	Guildford	C	12,100	1,590	13%	8,810	2,700	31%
18	Hereford	C	3,000	800	27%	3,560	2,020	57%
19	Leicester	C	12,180	1,030	8%	8,710	2,330	27%
20	Lichfield	C	24,670	3,430	14%	21,360	8,260	39%
21	Lincoln	C	11,540	2,380	21%	11,640	3,730	32%
22	Liverpool	Y	18,180	2,410	13%	16,150	4,830	30%
23	London	C	60,940	2,100	3%	23,480	3,380	14%
24	Manchester	Y	29,260	2,900	10%	18,800	4,120	22%
25	Newcastle	Y	8,380	1,540	18%	8,450	2,530	30%
26	Norwich	C	9,100	1,290	14%	9,990	4,620	46%
27	Oxford	C	29,580	3,210	11%	17,530	5,720	33%
28	Peterborough	C	11,610	1,130	10%	7,680	2,200	29%
29	Portsmouth	C	8,340	960	12%	7,750	2,320	30%
31	Rochester	C	16,770	1,600	10%	11,320	3,830	34%
32	St. Albans	C	24,730	1,880	8%	15,150	4,470	29%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	7,280	980	13%	6,700	2,580	38%
34	Salisbury	C	9,090	1,610	18%	10,370	3,540	34%
35	Sheffield	Y	14,780	1,960	13%	12,260	3,500	29%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,000	140	14%	870	430	50%
37	Southwark	C	42,270	2,160	5%	17,070	3,480	20%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	13,150	1,260	10%	10,770	3,540	33%
39	Truro	C	5,420	1,000	18%	6,220	1,970	32%
41	Winchester	C	15,080	2,130	14%	12,860	3,830	30%
42	Worcester	C	9,650	1,460	15%	8,830	2,950	33%
43	York	Y	15,370	2,920	19%	14,980	4,770	32%
46	Leeds	Y	34,190	3,660	11%	24,740	6,970	28%
	Church of England		667,120	73,620	11%	497,830	147,590	30%

Table 17 and Figure 20 show the percentage of live births for which there was an infant baptism/thanksgiving in 2015 and the percentage of deaths for which there was a funeral. Whilst Table 17 and Figure 20 show figures for infant baptisms and thanksgivings, as has already been shown (Table 14) a large number of child and mature baptisms also take place. Official statistics on the number of marriages are not available at a spatial scale that permits a similar exercise.

Notes: Totals do not include the Diocese in Europe.

Numbers of live births and deaths are calculated using estimates from the ONS, mapped onto diocesan boundaries.

Figure 20: Diocesan baptisms and funerals as a percentage of births and deaths, 2015



The patterns shown in Figure 20 may be explained by the differences in age and religion profile between dioceses, as well as the mobility of populations. When compared with the measures of participation shown in Figures 1 and 2, there is a less clear alignment between the quantities shown. Although Hereford, Carlisle, and Gloucester score highly in both measures, the large numbers of baptisms in Carlisle and Blackburn stand out.

For ease of visualisation, in Figure 20 dioceses have been ordered by their number of funerals as a percentage of deaths.

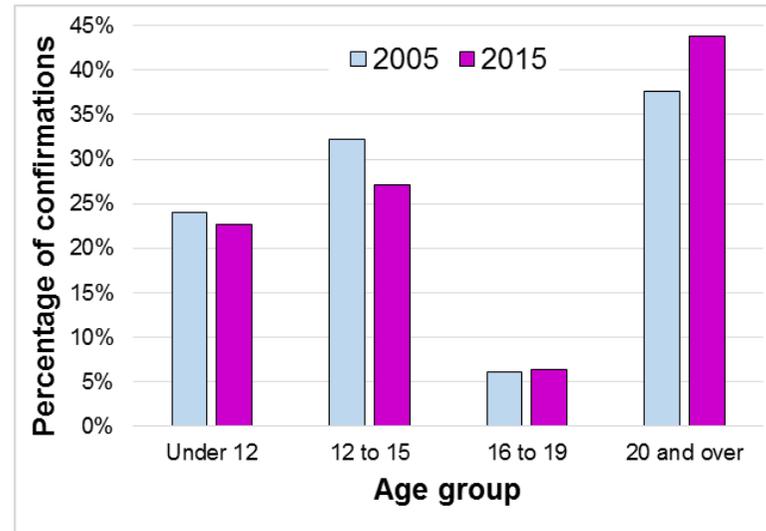
16,700 people were confirmed in 2015, at over 1,800 confirmation services.

Table 18: Diocesan confirmations by gender, 2015

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Confirmations			Number of services
			Male	Female	Total	
1	Bath & Wells	C	103	148	251	22
2	Birmingham	C	97	142	239	60
3	Blackburn	Y	369	557	926	70
5	Bristol	C	107	125	232	16
6	Canterbury	C	162	277	439	41
7	Carlisle	Y	85	130	215	36
8	Chelmsford	C	335	495	830	66
9	Chester	Y	245	429	674	90
10	Chichester	C	247	360	607	46
11	Coventry	C	55	111	166	18
12	Derby	C	56	103	159	40
13	Durham	Y	181	231	412	30
14	Ely	C	112	141	253	16
15	Exeter	C	134	212	346	52
16	Gloucester	C	73	106	179	25
17	Guildford	C	170	218	388	27
18	Hereford	C	46	65	111	23
19	Leicester	C	76	113	189	27
20	Lichfield	C	306	393	699	105
21	Lincoln	C	60	131	191	18
22	Liverpool	Y	233	331	564	40
23	London	C	530	606	1,136	109
24	Manchester	Y	315	421	736	59
25	Newcastle	Y	82	117	199	38
26	Norwich	C	74	120	194	46
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37	Southwark	C	277	407	684	64
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	126	166	292	15
39	Truro	C	21	44	65	12
41	Winchester	C	117	155	272	30
42	Worcester	C	75	118	193	34
43	York	Y	147	222	369	62
44	Europe	C	102	114	216	34
46	Leeds	Y	281	383	664	90
Church of England			6,972	9,751	16,723	1,821

Of those confirmed in 2015, 58% were female. Since 2005, the annual number of confirmations has fallen from 29,800 to 16,700. There has been a slight shift towards a greater proportion of those confirmed being aged over 20, from 38% of confirmations in 2005 to 44% in 2015 (Figure 21).

Figure 21: Age distribution of confirmations, 2005 and 2015



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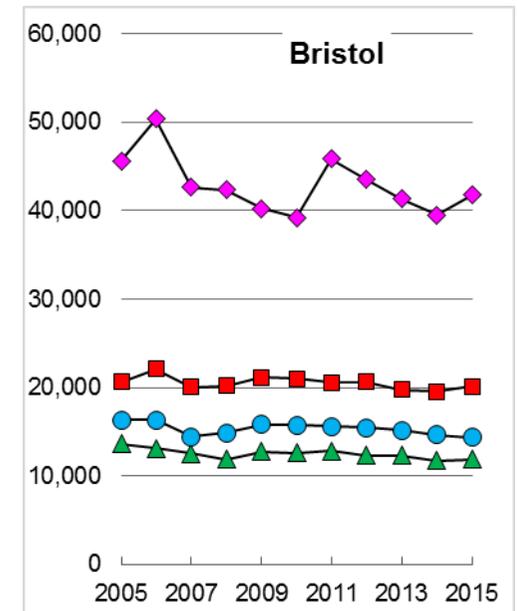
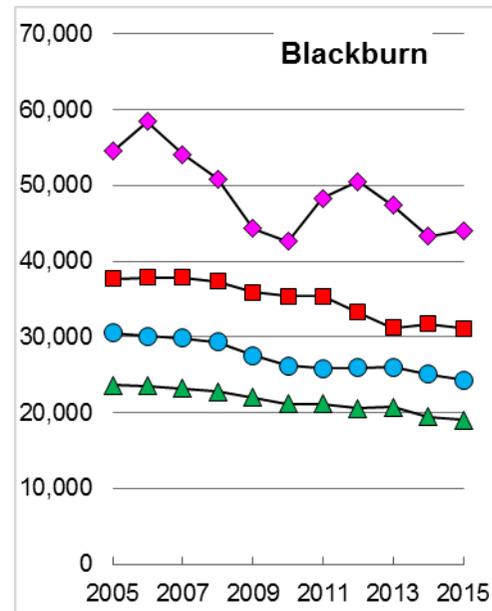
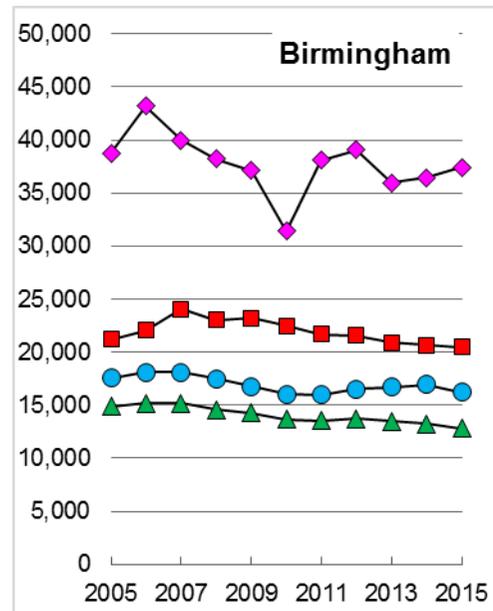
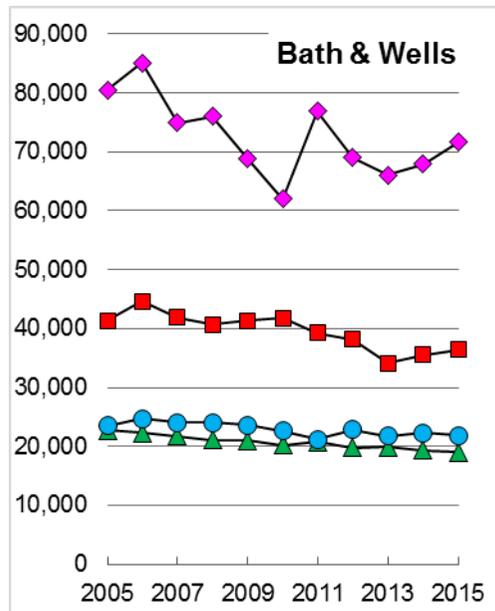
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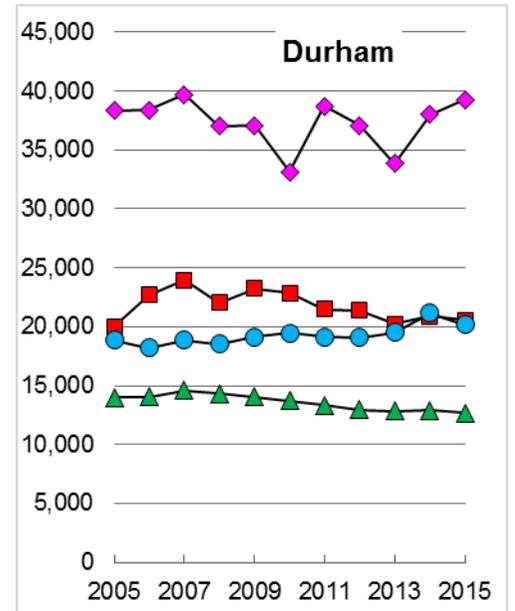
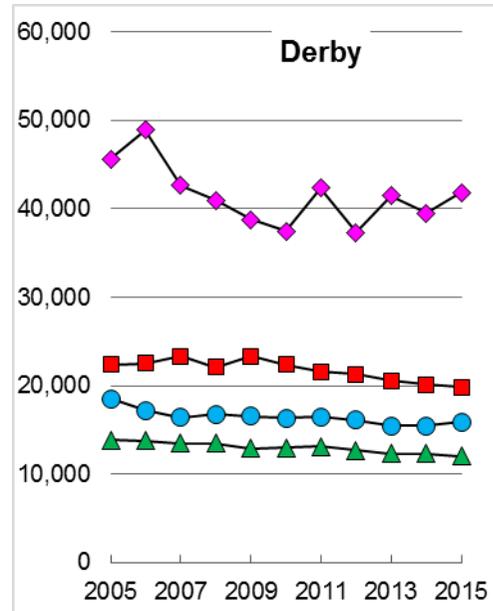
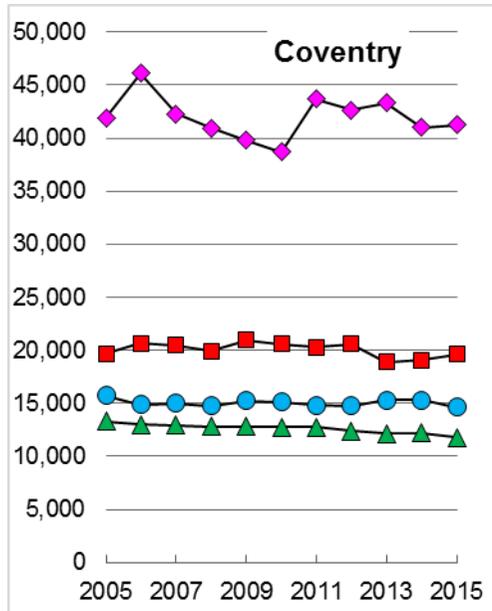
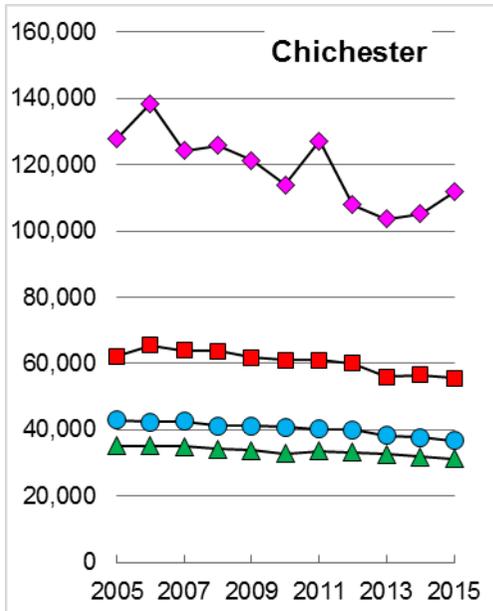
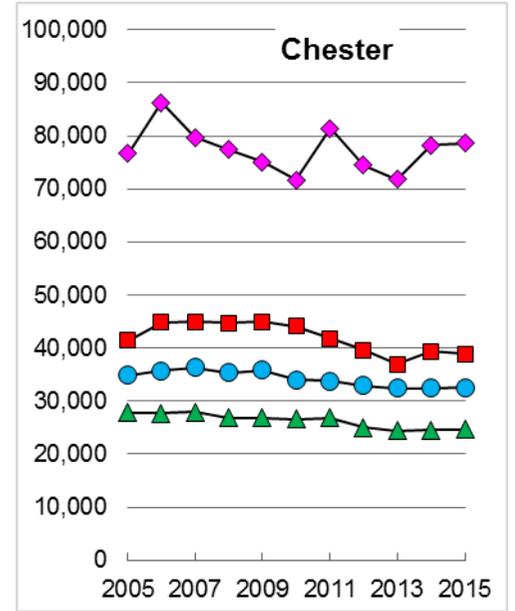
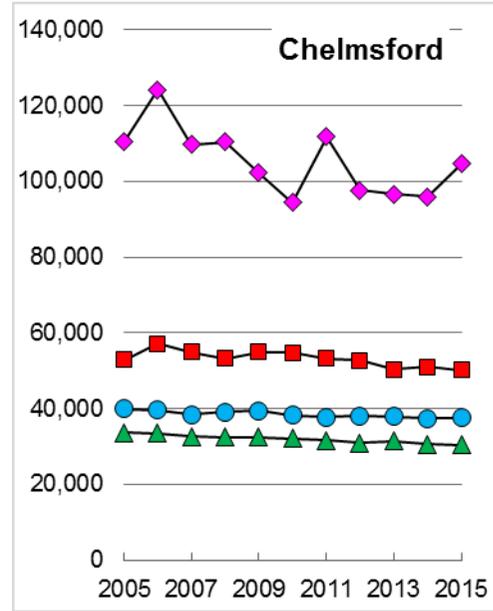
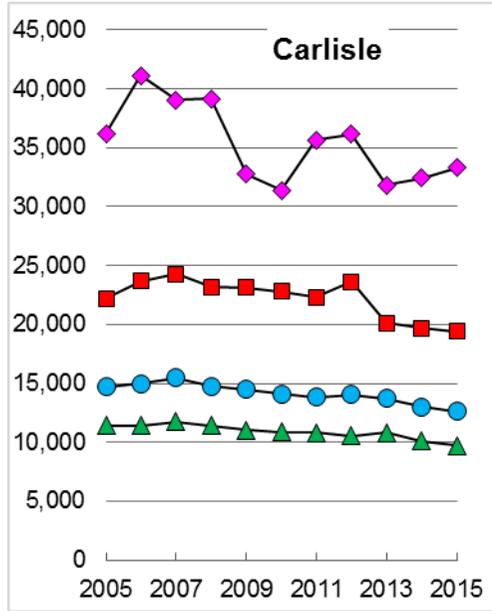
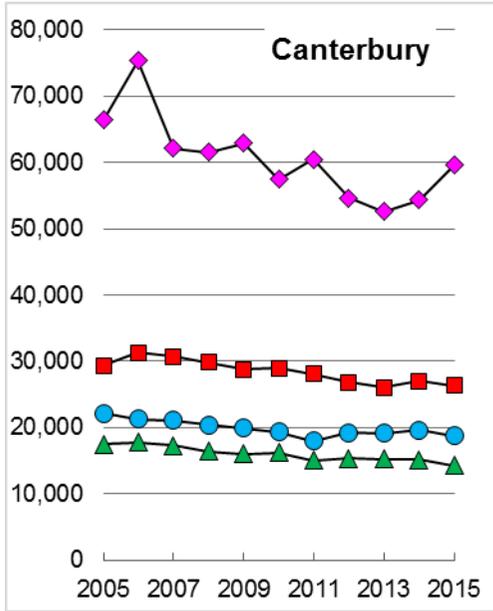
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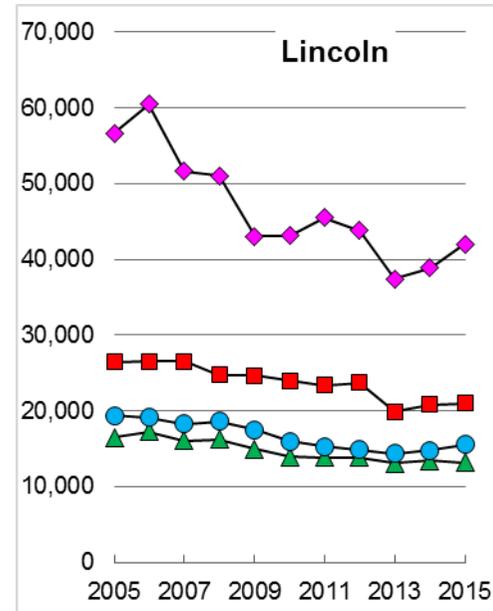
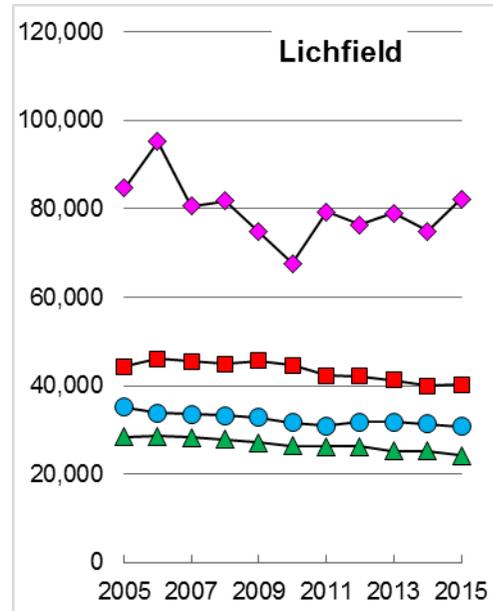
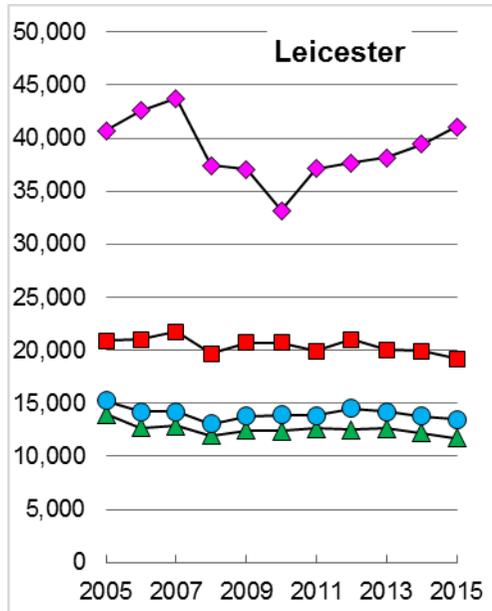
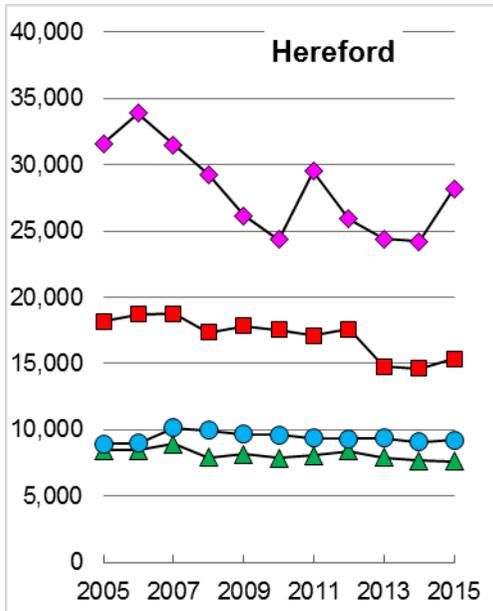
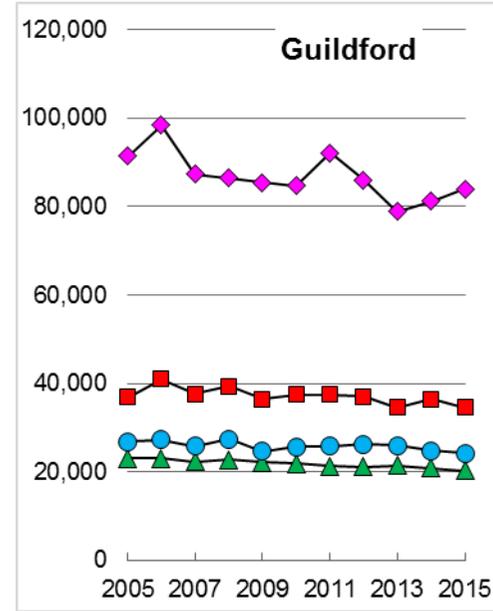
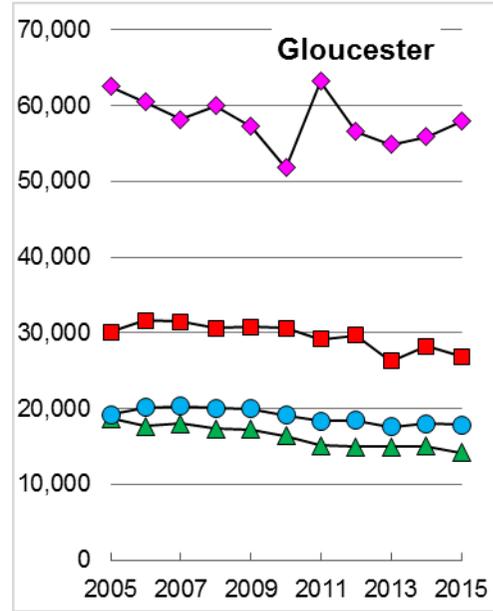
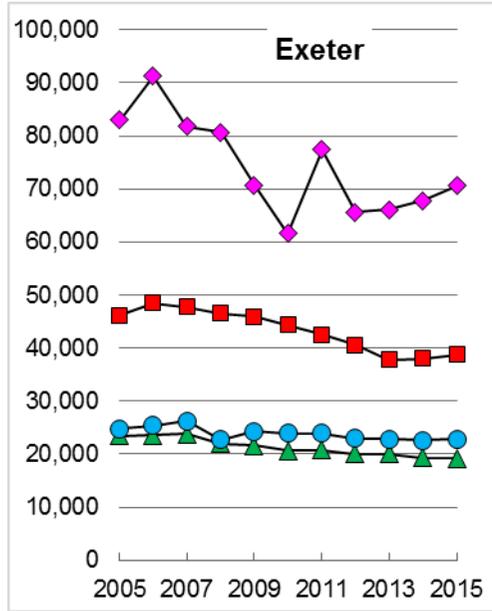
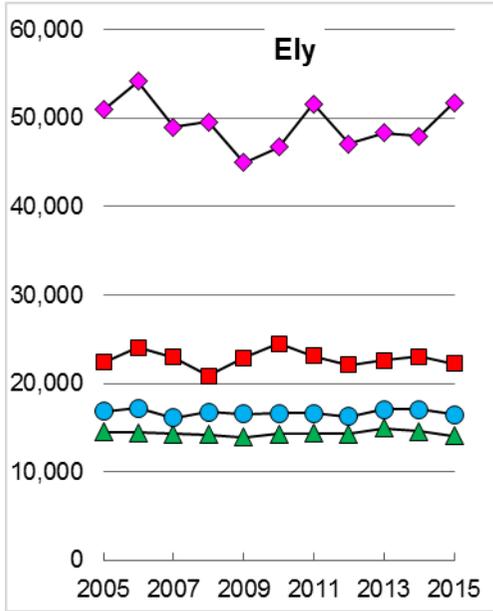
Diocesan summary of participation, 2005-2015

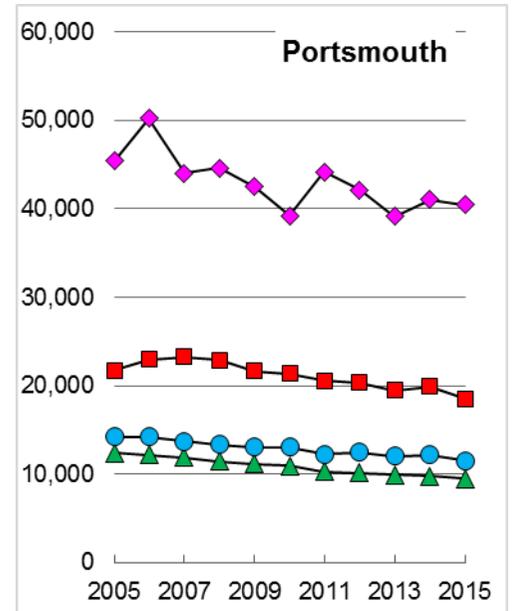
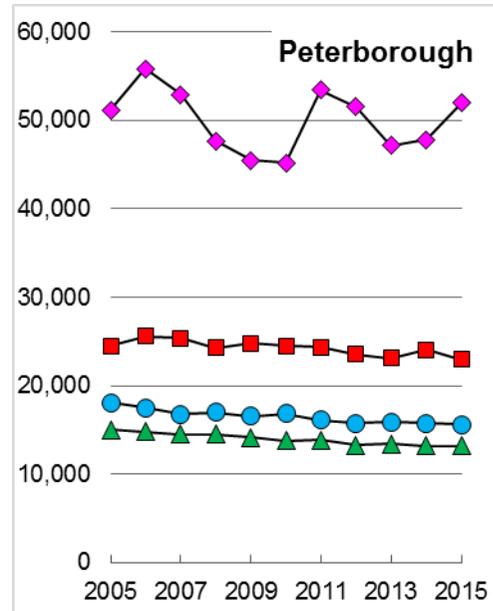
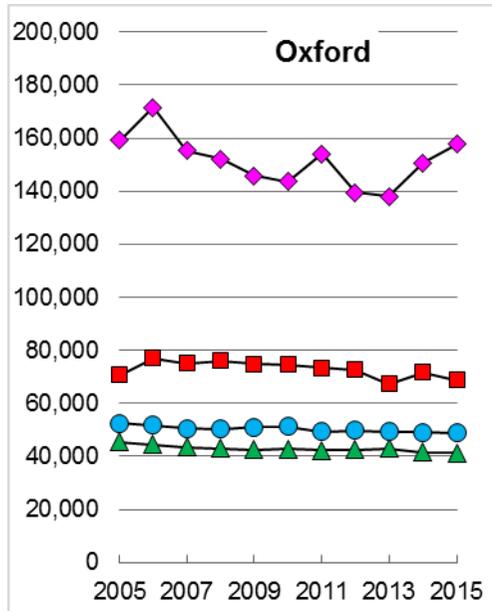
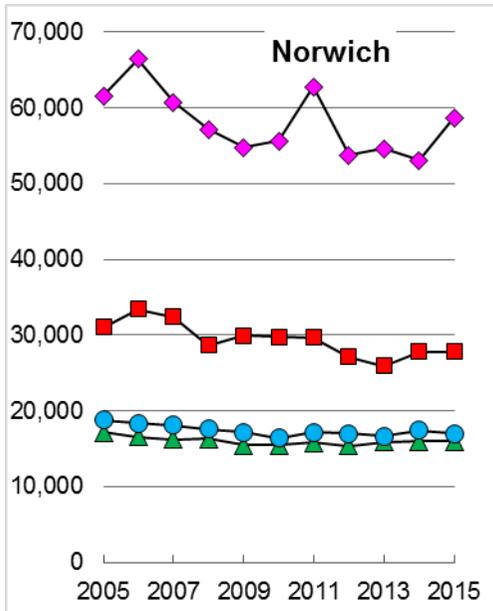
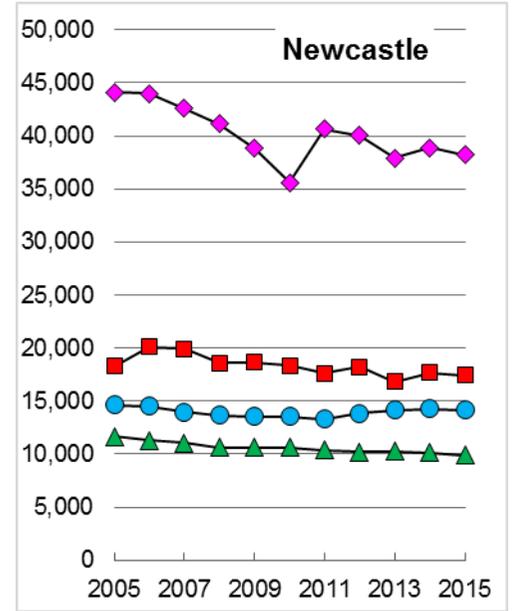
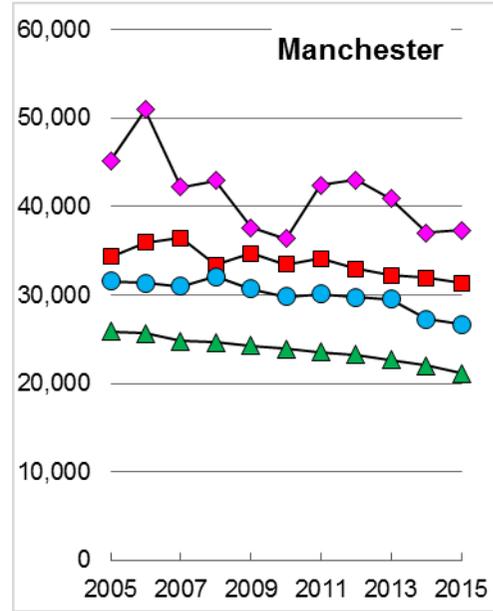
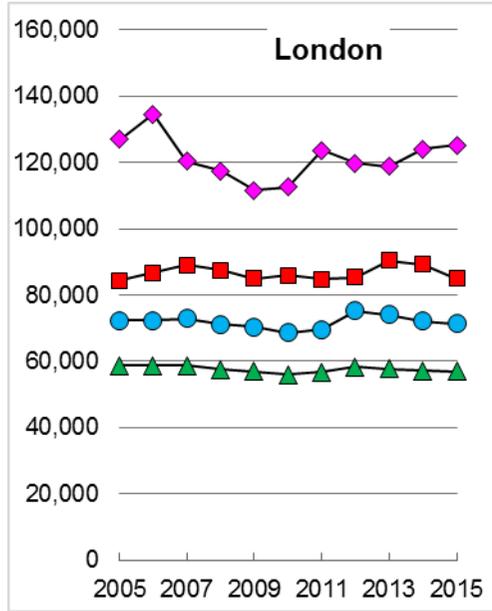
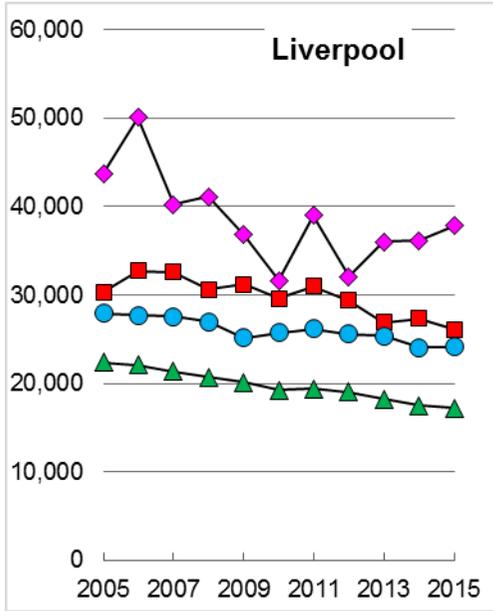
The graphs below show the levels of participation as measured by average Adult weekly plus Child Sunday attendance (based on the October count), usual Sunday attendance, Christmas attendance, and Easter attendance within each diocese from 2005-2015. Most dioceses display the same general pattern of a gradual decrease in participation, although there is some variation between dioceses. Christmas attendance, as has been noted above, can be seen to be more variable from year to year than other measures.

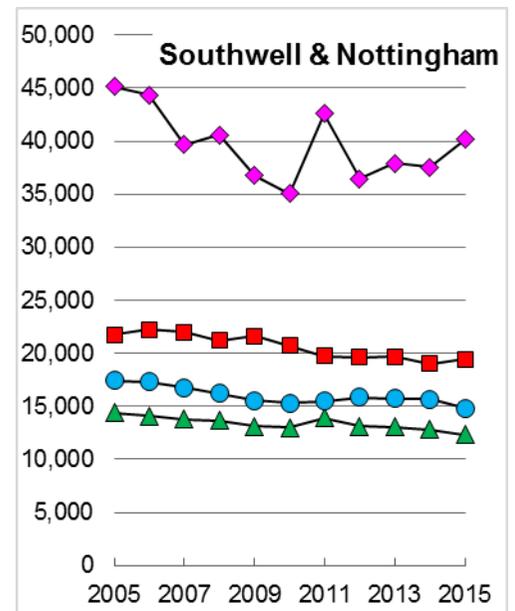
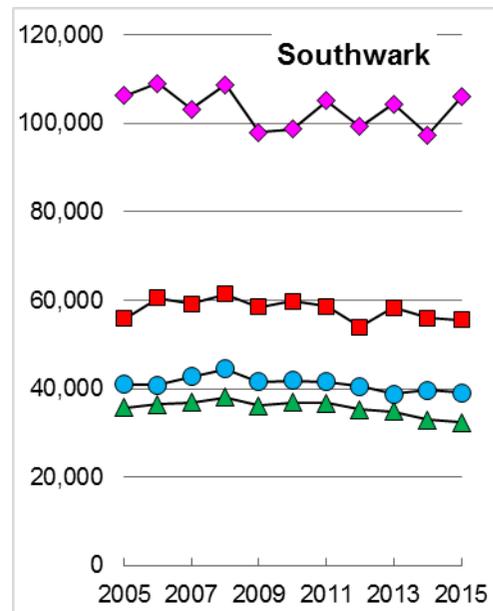
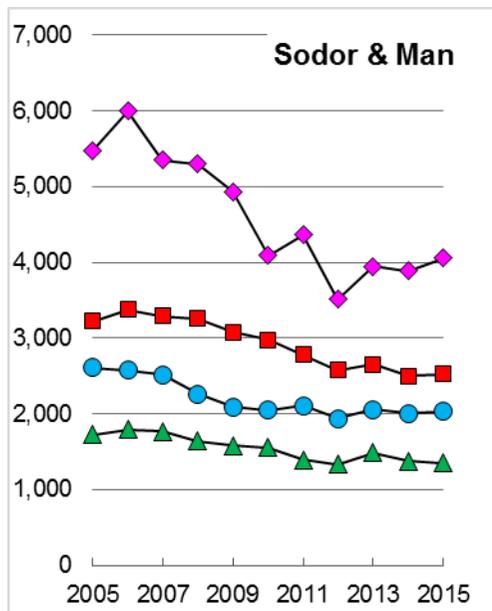
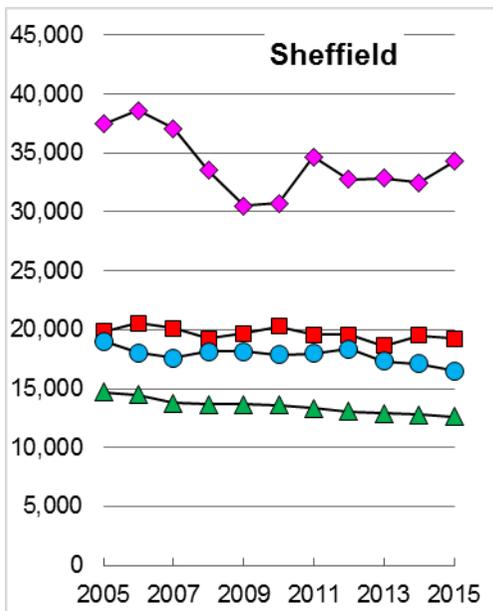
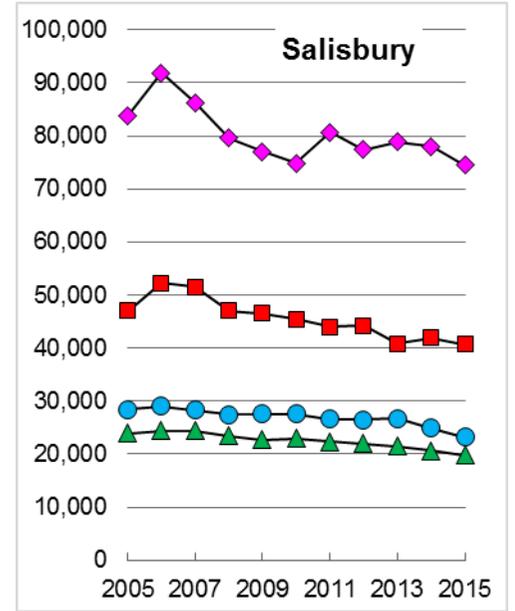
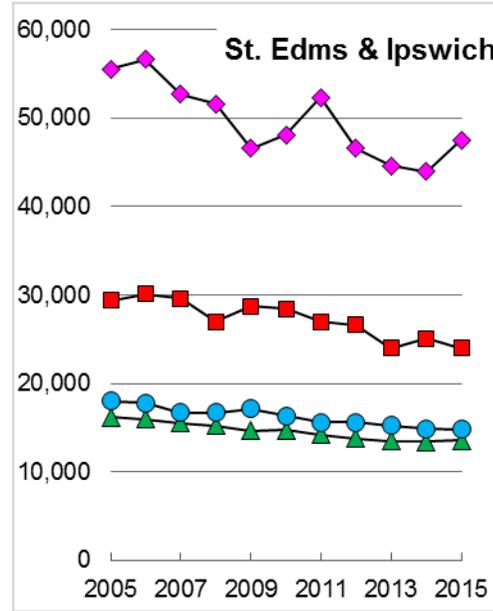
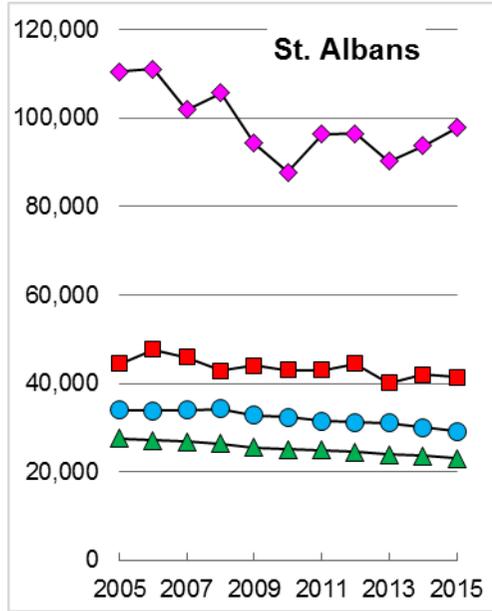
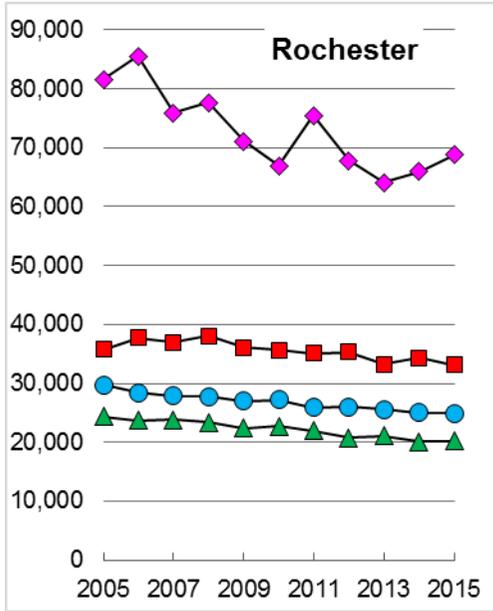
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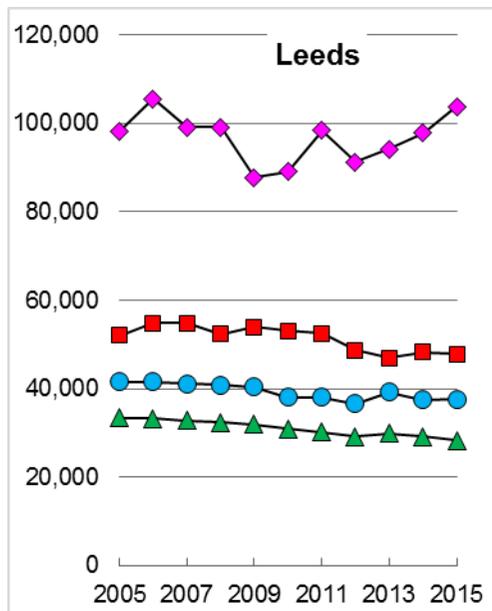
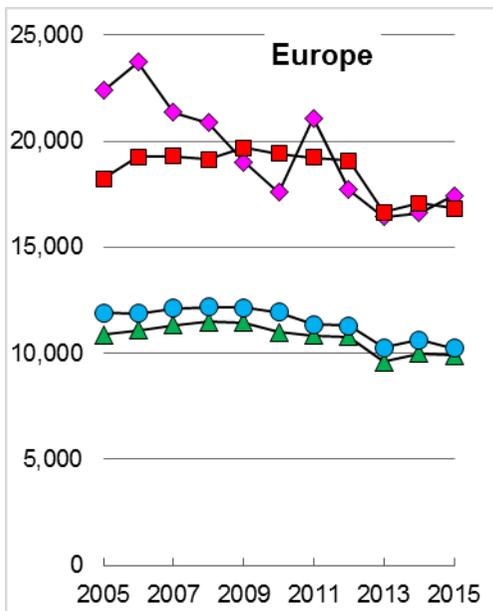
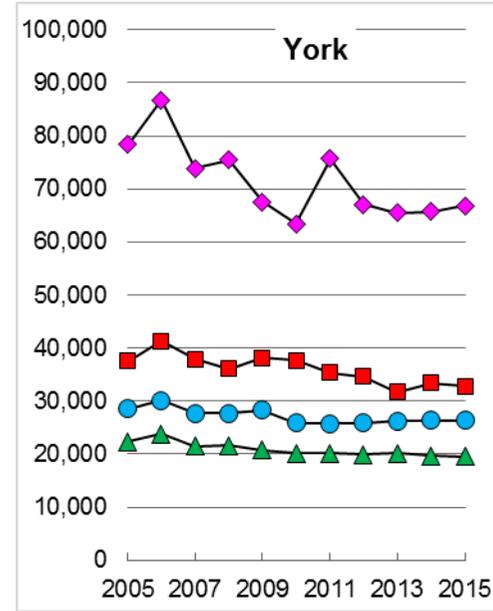
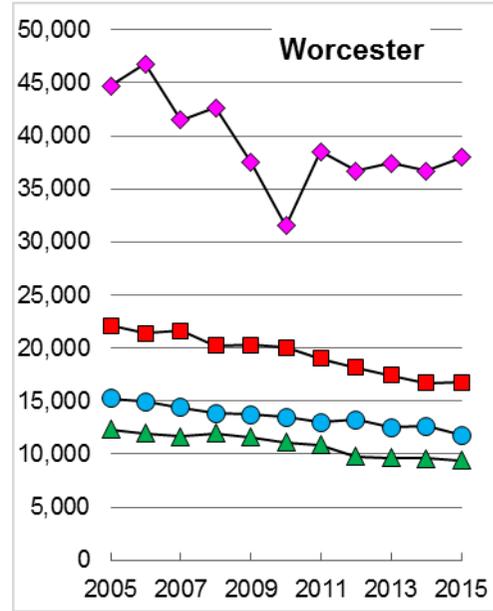
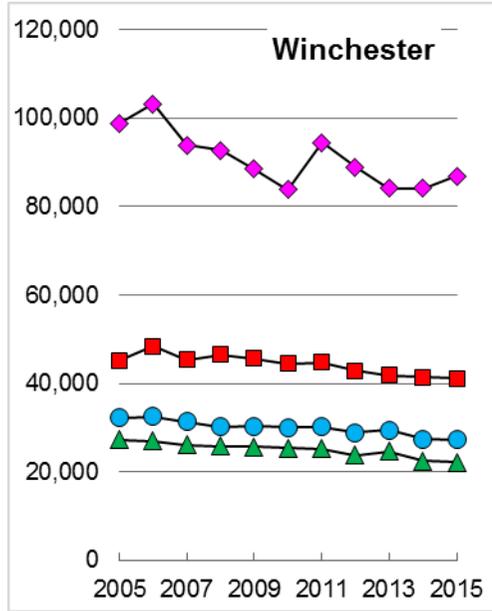
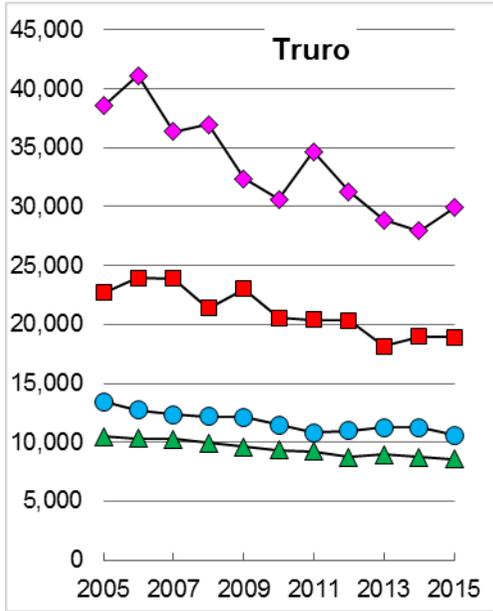












Methodology

This report uses data submitted through annual parochial returns and government statistics. The annual Statistics for Mission return was available for completion by each of the almost 16,000 Church of England churches. The majority (86%) of churches in the Church of England submitted complete data, with most submissions relating to a single church.

Most returns were submitted through the online parish returns system (<https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>). A small number of dioceses used different electronic systems, and some churches completed paper forms that were subsequently entered electronically.

In most fields, diocesan figures include figures from cathedrals, reported through separate Cathedral Statistics returns (<https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/facts-stats/research-statistics/cathedral-statistics.aspx>). In some fields - attendance at services for schools and Advent attendance - differences between the questions asked mean that it has not been possible to include cathedral attendance in diocesan figures.

The content of Statistics for Mission

The annual Statistics for Mission return attempts to measure several different aspects of church life. While no study could cover every facet of the ministry and service of the Church of England, Statistics for Mission seeks to provide a broad picture of those key elements that are common to the vast majority of churches.

A large part of Statistics for Mission is concerned with attendance at worship services. Attendance is measured in a number of different ways

- 1) Usual Sunday attendance, on Sundays when there is a service (adults and children);
- 2) Number of people attending and number of people taking communion at Easter (including vigil services on Easter Eve);
- 3) Number of people attending and number of people taking communion at Christmas (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day);
- 4) October count: the number of adults and children attending during each of the first 4 weeks of October 2015, at church services, fresh expressions of Church, and services for schools held in churches. Sunday and weekday attendance is asked about, with the instruction that those attending on Sunday and during the week in any given week should only be counted once that week (on Sunday) if possible;
- 5) Worshipping community: any person attending the church regularly, for example at least once a month (or those who would attend if not prevented by illness, infirmity, or temporary absence), including attendance at church services and fresh expressions of Church;
- 6) The electoral roll of the church.

The October count data are used to calculate average weekly and average Sunday attendance, for adults and children. Average Sunday attendance is defined as the total number of reported attendances at church services or fresh expressions of Church on Sundays over the 4 weeks of the October count, divided by 4. Average weekly attendance is defined as the total number of reported attendances at church services or fresh expressions of Church on Sundays or weekdays over the 4 weeks of the October count, divided by 4. Attendance at services for schools taking place in the church or church buildings is not included in the average attendance figures, and is instead reported separately.

Churches are asked to report the age distribution of their worshipping community and the numbers of adults and children leaving and joining their worshipping community, including estimating the numbers of people leaving and joining for different reasons.

A further aspect of Statistics for Mission is concerned with numbers of baptisms and services of thanksgiving for the gift (birth or adoption) of a child, marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages; and funeral services conducted on behalf of the church/parish by any minister held in church or at a crematorium or cemetery (excluding committal only and burial of ashes only). Note that funerals conducted by licensed Church of England ministers that are not held on behalf of a church/parish may not be included in the reported figures.

Additionally, Statistics for Mission asks about attendance at special services during Advent; members of ministry teams leading assemblies in schools; details about fresh expressions of Church; and (in 2015) facilities in churches, including kitchens, toilets, shops, and post offices.

For reference, the 2015 Statistics for Mission form, including all questions and explanatory notes, can be found at the end of this report.

Data accuracy and data checking

Data reported by each church were compared with figures from previous years, and substantial changes were on occasion queried with churches and/or dioceses. Predominantly, these checks were carried out to correct typographical errors occurring during data entry, although they also highlighted occasions when questions had been misinterpreted. The first stage of checks happened automatically, immediately on the entry of data, for those returns that were submitted through the online parish returns system. Further checking was carried out by staff in the Research and Statistics unit, with particular scrutiny of figures that had changed significantly from year to year, and of unusually large (or small) values. Useful additional explanation and information was often provided by churches in the comments boxes on the Statistics for Mission return; all comments were read and acted on where appropriate. Where it was necessary to query any of the figures submitted, in the vast majority of cases this was done directly with the person who entered the data, rather than the previous slow and circuitous route via diocesan offices.

Draft figures and estimates were circulated to dioceses in July 2016, giving dioceses an opportunity to further scrutinise their figures. The Research and Statistics unit was pleased to have been able to discuss these draft figures with the majority of dioceses during the summer of 2016. Further queries were followed up, and a small number of additional late returns included in the final dataset.

Particular efforts were made to include figures from new worshipping communities in Statistics for Mission 2015. These include new churches, church plants, fresh expressions of Church, and congregations with Bishops' Mission Orders. We relied on colleagues in diocesan offices to help identify such groups and obtain the required information, and are confident that the 2015 dataset is more complete than it has been in previous years. However, it is likely that returns were not received from all new worshipping communities, and as others are founded this exercise will continue in future years.

Where data were missing in 2014, 2015 submissions have been used to improve previously-published estimates. Late returns from 2014, received after Statistics for Mission 2014 was published, have been included. Where we have identified or been notified of historical inaccuracies in the data, these have been corrected. The figures contained in this report should therefore be taken to supersede all previously published figures.

Values in the data tables are reported to the nearest 100 or nearest 10, as appropriate. Percentages are reported to the nearest 1% or 0.1%, as appropriate. Missing data are indicated with a dash (-). Totals, percentages, and averages have been calculated before rounding, so row and column totals may not always agree with the sums of the stated amounts.

Estimation

For those churches that did not submit a return, we used data from that church from other years to estimate the missing values. Data from 2011-2014 were used to estimate missing 2015 figures, assuming that past trends will be continued but at a slower pace. Non-integer attendance figures have been rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Estimation calculations were carried out in R version 3.2.1.

If no return was received from a church, and there was no indication that data were included in a return from another church, we estimated values for that church. If a partial return was received and there was no indication that the church was closed for all or part of the year, we estimated those values that were missing; partial returns were considered section by section: October count attendance; usual Sunday attendance; Easter attendance; Christmas attendance; baptisms, marriages, and funerals. If any data were submitted in a given section, any missing values in that section were treated as zeros. If no data were submitted in a section, values for that section were estimated.

When no return has been received from a church for more than 5 years, missing values were treated as zeros. In common with previous years, no church/parish level estimation was carried out for the Diocese in Europe.

Information about worshipping communities has only been collected since 2012, so there are insufficient data on which to base church-level estimation. Diocesan worshipping community values were calculated by scaling up the reported worshipping community by comparing the all age Usual Sunday attendance of those churches within the diocese that did report worshipping community figures with the all age Usual Sunday attendance for the whole diocese.

Figures for attendance at school services in churches (on Sundays and weekdays), and attendance at special services held in Advent were not estimated where missing. These fields are recent inclusions in Statistics for Mission and therefore there is insufficient evidence on which to base estimates. Similarly, no estimation was carried out for numbers of joiners and leavers of worshipping communities. For these fields, figures shown in this report are as reported by churches/parishes.

Completeness of reported figures

As Table 3 shows, complete returns (i.e. those for which no estimation was carried out) were received from 86% of all Church of England churches. In some cases, those churches that did not submit data are large, in other cases small. To indicate the impact of estimation, where it has taken place, we have reported a “completeness” score – this is the percentage of the total value that consists of reported data, with the rest being estimated. For example, if Diocese A is shown to have 1000 marriages with a completeness of 90%, this means that churches in Diocese A reported 900 marriages and those churches that did not submit a report were estimated to have carried out 100 marriages. The higher the completeness score the more likely it is that the totals are not being skewed by any estimation that has been carried out.

Age groups

Ideally, a single set of age groups would be used throughout the Statistics for Mission return. However, for a variety of reasons, this has not been the case, and the desire to be able to make comparisons with historical data has discouraged further changes.

Usual Sunday attendance and October count attendance are divided into adults (aged 16 and over) and children (aged under 16).

Worshipping community age groups are 0-10; 11-17; 18-69, and 70+, while worshipping community leavers and joiners are categorised as adults (aged 18+) and children.

Baptisms and thanksgivings are categorised as infants (aged <1 year); children aged 1-4 years; children aged 5-12 years; and youths/adults (aged 13+).

Year to year comparisons

Some questions, such as the usual Sunday attendance, have been asked in almost the same form for many years. Others have changed, to reflect changes in patterns of church services or the evolving interests of those making use of the data. Any changes, although they may provide useful information, potentially make it difficult to compare figures from one year to the next. For example, in 2013 a question about attendance at school services during October was introduced; previously, it is likely that some, but not all, such attendance was recorded during the October count. In 2014 new guidance was added that specified that only attendance at school services “taking place in church or church buildings” should be included and that school assemblies should not be included if they took place in school. While this clarification resulted in a more logical question, it means that it is not sensible to make direct detailed comparisons of average weekly attendance values (with or without including school service attendance) from before and after 2012. Since the majority of attendance at school services is of children on weekdays, in this report trends in the October count figures are assessed using average Adult weekly attendance plus average Child Sunday attendance (both derived from the October count data, and in both cases including attendance at church and fresh expressions of Church, but not including attendance at services for schools) since these are likely to be relatively unaffected by the change in the question.

Parish-level trends

Figures for all churches within a parish were aggregated to produce parish-level attendance figures from 2005-2015. A simple linear regression model was used to evaluate for each parish whether there had been a statistically significant change in attendance over time. Where the model-generated coefficient of time was positive with a p-value less than 0.05, this is described as statistically significant growth. Where the model-generated coefficient of time was negative, with a p-value less than 0.05, this is described as statistically significant decline. Otherwise, there is no statistically significant growth or decline. To avoid misleading conclusions caused by the opening or closing of churches, only those parishes for which data were submitted in 2005 or 2006 and in 2014 or 2015 were included in this analysis. It should be noted that “statistically significant” describes the confidence with which we describe a parish as growing or declining, and is not a judgement about whether the amount of growth or decline is noteworthy. For example, a parish with an attendance in 2005 of 400 people and whose reported attendance increased by one person each year until 2015 would have growth that is statistically significant – i.e. we are confident that it is growing; whether a change from 400 to 410 over 10 years is important is a matter of opinion, not statistics.

Diocesan boundaries

Diocesan and parish boundaries as of 1st January 2015 were used as the basis for the collection of Statistics for Mission data. It should be noted that parish reorganisations take place frequently, with more than one hundred changes to parish boundaries each year. In April 2014 the Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon & Leeds, and Wakefield were combined to create the Diocese of Leeds, and this new structure appears in this report for the first time. To allow trends over time to be considered, figures have been reported as though this structure were in place in previous years.

Figures for the Channel Islands are included in the Diocese of Winchester although episcopal oversight of the Channel Islands is being exercised by the Bishop of Dover.

Population data

Diocesan population statistics have been estimated using data published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/index.html>), mapped on to diocesan boundaries. This mapping is an approximation, since the boundaries of regions at which population data are reported do not coincide with diocesan boundaries. The latest available data have been used wherever possible; population estimates and numbers of births and deaths are from mid-2015; religious affiliation data (specifically, percentage Christian) are from the 2011 census. Data for the Isle of Man have been taken from http://countrymeters.info/en/Isle_of_Man; data for the Channel Islands have been taken from http://countrymeters.info/en/Channel_Islands. These sources do not include information about religious affiliation – in the case of the Channel Islands this has been estimated to be the same as that in the rest of the Diocese of Winchester.

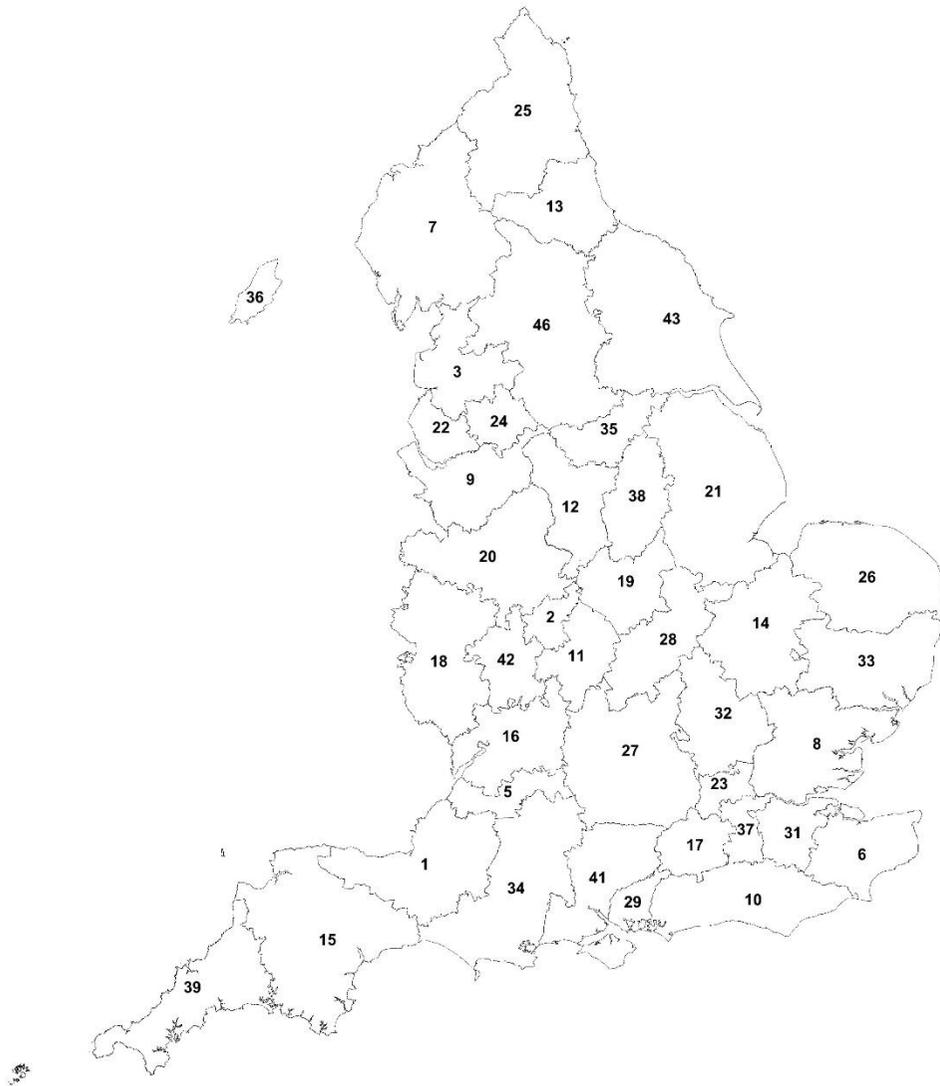
Further information

Any reader who would like further details regarding the methodology behind this report is encouraged to get in touch: please see the contact details on page 1.

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The attempt to collect data from every church in the Church of England is ambitious and time-consuming. It relies on input from thousands of incumbents, Parochial Church Council members, church staff, and volunteers in parishes, to whom we are extremely grateful. The efforts and energy of a large number of staff in diocesan offices are also crucial. It has been a pleasure for us in the Research and Statistics unit to have forged closer links with a large number of dioceses during the preparation of this report, and we look forward to strengthening these links in the future. We would like to thank all those who have taken part and assisted in other ways in facilitating Statistics for Mission for their time and commitment.

Reference map of dioceses, 2015



Ref. no.	Diocese	Province
1	Bath & Wells	C
2	Birmingham	C
3	Blackburn	Y
5	Bristol	C
6	Canterbury	C
7	Carlisle	Y
8	Chelmsford	C
9	Chester	Y
10	Chichester	C
11	Coventry	C
12	Derby	C
13	Durham	Y
14	Ely	C
15	Exeter	C
16	Gloucester	C
17	Guildford	C
18	Hereford	C
19	Leicester	C
20	Lichfield	C
21	Lincoln	C
22	Liverpool	Y
23	London	C
24	Manchester	Y
25	Newcastle	Y
26	Norwich	C
27	Oxford	C
28	Peterborough	C
29	Portsmouth	C
31	Rochester	C
32	St. Albans	C
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C
34	Salisbury	C
35	Sheffield	Y
36	Sodor & Man	Y
37	Southwark	C
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y
39	Truro	C
41	Winchester	C
42	Worcester	C
43	York	Y
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Note: The diocesan boundaries reflect the structure as of 1st January 2015 to match the structure on which data have been collected.

Statistics for Mission form, 2015

 STATISTICS FOR MISSION: JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2015	
Church name:	Parish name:
Deanery:	Diocese:
Church code: 6 _____ (If you are entering your form online then you will not need this code.)	

REMINDER: IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLINE

<http://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>

The online returns system has existing information about your church already saved, which is why you do not need the church code to access it. It automatically checks for minor mistakes and gives you the opportunity to correct any figures before finally submitting the information. You can see the data for your church over time and download copies for your records.

- ✓ Please complete this form for your **CHURCH**. If there is more than one church in your parish, then please complete and submit a separate form for each church.
- ✓ Questions about the **Electoral Roll** request the PARISH Electoral Roll first: this refers to the ecclesiastical parish. The question on Church Electoral Roll is optional and only applies if you are in a multi-church parish AND keep a separate roll for your church. If you are a single church parish this figure should be identical to your parish Electoral Roll.
- ✓ **Fresh expressions of church** should be included in your numbers, unless they prefer to complete a separate return. If the fresh expression of church works with a parish please provide the parish name with the return (above). For help in identifying fresh expressions of Church please visit <https://www.churchofengland.org/media/1839845/freshexpressionschoicetree.pdf>
- ✓ Please complete all questions as far as possible. Any empty fields will be treated as incomplete and may be queried later as missing data.
- ✓ In rare circumstances where a single congregation worships evenly between a number of churches (i.e. there is no difference in who attends and how often at each church), a single return may be submitted. The churches included in the return should be noted below.

A single return is submitted on behalf of (please list all included churches here, with church codes):

The first question is about the number of people on the **ELECTORAL ROLL**, as reported at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2015.

- ✓ Please write "unknown" if the figure is not available.

1. How many people are on the parish Electoral Roll?

1. Number on the PARISH Electoral Roll	
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If your parish has more than one church **and** also keeps a separate roll for your church, please also provide the total electoral roll for the church.

- ✓ Please write "N/A" if this is not applicable to your church.

1b. How many people are on the church Electoral Roll?

1b. Number on the CHURCH Electoral Roll	
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The next question is about church attendance on a "**USUAL**" SUNDAY.

- ✓ A usual Sunday is one which is not a major festival or contained in a peak holiday period
- ✓ Wherever possible, please do not count the same person multiple times – if someone attends more than once during Sunday, please only count them once
- ✓ Only think about the Sundays when you hold at least one service (ignore the Sundays when you do not hold a service at your church)

2. How many people attend your church on a usual Sunday, when there is a service?

2a. Adults (over 16 years old)	
2b. Children and young people (under 16 years)	

The following questions are about **how many people attended** a service or act of worship at **Easter** (Easter Day and vigil services on Easter Eve), **Advent** (Advent Sunday until 23rd December) and **Christmas** (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).

- ✓ If you did not hold any services or acts of worship at your church during these periods, please enter "no services" in the relevant box.

3. How many people came to your church at Easter 2015?

3a: Number of communicants at all/any service on Easter Day and vigil service on Easter Eve	
3b. Total number, including communicants, attending worship at all/any service on Easter Day and vigil service on Easter Eve	

4. How many people came to special services run by your church during Advent 2015?

4a. Total number attending special services run by the church during advent (Advent Sunday until 23 rd December), for example nativities, carols on the green, crib services etc, which were held for the congregation and local community	
4b. Total number attending special services run by the church during advent (Advent Sunday until 23 rd December), for example nativities, carols on the green, school carol services etc, which were held specifically for civic or school organisations	

5. How many people came to your church at Christmas 2015?

5a. Number of communicants at all/any service on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day	
5b. Total number, including communicants, attending worship at all/any service on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day	

The next question is about the **OCTOBER COUNT** of the number of people who come to your church. This includes the number of people attending **services and acts of worship**, on Sunday and during the week.

You are asked to enter a count for each of the four consecutive weeks. Each weekly count should be allocated by Sunday or weekdays; adults or children; and type of service (Church, fresh expressions of church or school services). For help identifying fresh expressions of church, please refer to: <https://www.churchofengland.org/media/1839845/freshexpressionschoicetree.pdf>

Wherever possible, please do not count the same person multiple times in the same week – if someone attends more than once during Sunday, please only count them once. If someone attends on a Sunday, please do not include them again in midweek count.

Number of services: how many services were held, split between the Sunday or during the week. Enter "0" if there were none.

Fresh expressions of church: include fresh expressions of church unless they have opted to submit their own return.

School services: These are services held in your church (or church building) which are attended by a school/s. There is a separate question about school assemblies (acts of worship taken into schools).

Adults: Over 16 years old. Please include those leading the service/s.

Children and young people: Under 16 years old.

Weekdays: People who attended **ONLY** during the week and **NOT** on Sunday, i.e. if they have already attended a Sunday service, please try not to count them again if they attend another activity during the week.

- ✓ **INCLUDE:** Activities in which worship is the primary purpose and predominant feature
- ✓ The number of adults and children attending services and Sunday schools or equivalent activities
- ✓ Clergy and other ministers who received communion/ attended services
- ✓ All visitors at services, for example those attending baptisms
- ✓ Those celebrating the Eucharist outside the church, for example at home, in prison or in hospital (include as Church or fresh expression attendance, as appropriate)

Please **DO NOT** include:

- ✗ Activities with only some worship element, such as house groups, parent and toddler groups, Alpha course, social events such as harvest supper and some prayer groups.
- ✗ Also, please do not report here attendance from weddings or funeral services

6. How many people came to your church in October 2015?

✓ Please complete a count for each of the following four weeks.

1.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 4 th October							
Weekdays 5 th – 10 th							

2.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 11 th October							
Weekdays 12 th – 17 th							

3.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 18 th October							
Weekdays 19 th – 24 th							

4.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 25 th October							
Weekdays 26 th – 31 st							

7. How often does your ministry team lead acts of worship in schools?

- ✓ This question refers acts of worship that are held within school buildings rather than your own church or church building (services held for schools within your own church are included within the October count, Easter and Christmas figures).
- ✓ Please include any school-based acts of worship that are led by a person who holds office or responsibility for ministry within your church.
- ✓ 'Usually' refers to during term-time or when the school is open, ignoring school holidays.
- ✓ Please tick one box as the closest estimate.

Never	Occasionally/ ad hoc	Once a term	Usually once a month	Usually once a week	Usually more often than weekly

The following questions are about your "worshipping community". Think about your regular worshipping community at the end of 2015. There is an additional question to record any changes that have occurred across the year, such as joiners or leavers. For more information, please refer to <http://www.churchofengland.org/media/1529895/worshippingcommunityinfo.pdf>

- ✓ Any person who attends your church regularly, for example at least once a month, or would attend if they were not prevented by illness, infirmity or temporary absence
- ✓ Include all congregations in your church, including fresh expressions
- ✗ Do not include visitors, e.g. holidaymakers, baptism parties etc.
- ✗ Do not include people who consider their 'home' church to be another church
- ✗ Do not include people who left the church earlier in the year (they are counted in the next question as 'leavers') and are not part of your worshipping community at the end of 2015

8. How many people are in your "worshipping community" at the end of 2015?

- ✓ Please complete all of the boxes, as far as you can. If there is no-one in that category, please write "0". If the age groups of the worshipping community are unknown, please write "unknown" and enter the total figure only.

Children (Age 0-10)	Young people (Age 11-17)	Adults (Age 18-69)	Adults (Age 70+)	TOTAL

9. How has your worshipping community changed during 2015?

- ✓ Please complete all of the boxes, as far as you can. If there is no-one in that category, please write "0". If the reasons for leaving or joining are unknown, please write "unknown" and enter the total figure only.

9a. How many adults and children have joined your church during 2015?

	Worshipping for the first time	Moved into the area	Moved from a local church	Returned to church	TOTAL
Adults (Age 18+)					
Children and young people					

9b. How many adults and children have left your church during 2015?

	Death or illness	Moved away	Moved to a local church	Not worshipping anywhere	TOTAL
Adults (Age 18+)					
Children and young people					

The next questions are about fresh expressions of church. 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. Here you are asked to describe aspects of the way the fresh expression is run, rather than providing numbers on attendance.

- ✓ For help in identifying fresh expressions of church please visit <http://www.churchofengland.org/media/1839845/freshexpressionschoicetree.pdf> or visit <http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk>

- ✓ Fresh expressions of church can be quite varied. If you remain unsure about whether an activity or service meets the definition of a fresh expression, please DO include it here.
- ✓ We have included space for three fresh expressions of church. If you have more, please continue on an additional sheet.
- ✗ Do not include Alpha courses or outreach activities that do not include worship.

10. What regular fresh expressions are supported by your church?

No fresh expressions of church (If your church did NOT hold fresh expressions of church during 2015 please tick here and leave the rest of this page blank.)

Name of fresh expression	
Description of activity	
Where is it held?	<input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Church Hall <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please note where): _____
How often?	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
Age group aimed at? (please tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL ages <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> 0-4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-17 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-39 <input type="checkbox"/> 40-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65+
Are attendees also worshippers at other services in your parish?	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular <input type="checkbox"/> Previous attendees <input type="checkbox"/> Never (please tick all that apply)

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Are attendees also worshippers at other services in your parish?	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular <input type="checkbox"/> Previous attendees <input type="checkbox"/> Never (please tick all that apply)

The following questions are about occasional services: **baptisms, marriages and funerals.**

11. How many baptisms and thanksgiving for the gift of a child were held at your church between 1st January 2015 and 31st December 2015?

- ✓ If separate services of thanksgiving and baptism were held for an individual both should be recorded here

	Infants (<1 year)	Children (1-4 years)	Children (5-12 years)	Youth/ adults (13+)
Number of persons baptised				
Number of children for whom a thanksgiving service for the gift (birth or adoption) of a child was held				

12. How many marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriage were held at your church between 1st January 2015 and 31st December 2015?

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

13. How many funeral services were held by or on behalf of your church between 1st January 2015 and 31st December 2015?

- ✓ Include all funerals that were conducted on behalf of the church/parish by any minister including Readers, stipendiary clergy, non-stipendiary clergy and retired clergy
- ✗ Do not include services that performed only a burial of ashes or only a committal

Number of deceased for whom a funeral service was held in the church	
Number of deceased for whom a full funeral service was conducted (on behalf of this church) at a crematorium or cemetery, excluding committal only and burial of ashes only	

Finally, there is a special focus question about church facilities.

14. What facilities do you have inside your church or churchyard?

- ✓ Please select one option in each of the following boxes
- ✓ A kitchen should have as a minimum a tap with drinking water, a sink, a fridge and a means of heating food.
- ✗ Do not include shops that only sell postcards, greeting cards and church guides. Only include church shops that sell at least basic food and domestic necessities.

Toilet/WC	Yes	
	No	

Kitchen	Yes	
	No	

A post office	Yes (Full time)	
	Yes (Part time)	
	No	

A shop or community shop (that sells at least basic food and domestic necessities)	Yes (Full time)	
	Yes (Part time)	
	No	

Thank you for completing your annual return on behalf of your church.

Please take a moment to review your answers and make sure that you have completed every question as far as possible and not left any questions blank (use "0" or "unknown" or "no services" where necessary). Blank answers are often queried with the Diocese later.

Please record below the contact details for the person who has completed this form (or the lead person if more than one individual has helped with the return).

Name:

Position:

Telephone or email:

Date of completion:

Looking back across 2015, were there any exceptional circumstances or significant changes that may have led to unusual figures?

Is there anything additional that should be noted when including your annual return within the Statistics for Mission?

Many thanks for taking the time to complete this form. Your contribution is essential to the on-going care and understanding of our churches and congregation; and your diligence, time and effort are highly appreciated.