

# Growing Vocations Everywhere

The growing number of ordinands starting training this year is very encouraging, and thanks in large part to the whole Church's renewed emphasis on growing vocations everywhere.

We can see clearly that God is at work, and we are delighted by these early signs that the renewal we have hoped, prayed and worked towards is bearing fruit.



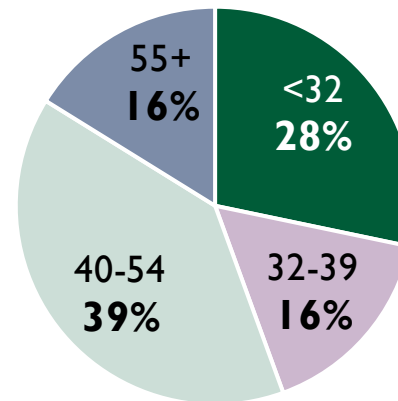
## Women are fuelling the growth.

The number of women starting this year is 19% higher than last year.

Women entering training now make up just over half the total intake.

The number of women entering training is greater and numerically rising faster than at any point in the last ten years.

The overall number of ordinands entering training this year is **544**. This is the **highest in ten years**, and an increase of **14%** on last year.



The age profile of ordinands is getting younger, with 28% in Band I (<32), up from 23% last year.

The proportion in the oldest age band has dropped from 20% to 16%.



The overall number of new young ordinands is up by **39%** on last year, an increase of 42.