

# Oxford and Cambridge Chapel Statistics 2012/2013

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These data come from the collection of statistics from Oxford and Cambridge Chapels and aim to build up a picture of the valuable contribution the chapels make locally and to the national church. Oxford and Cambridge chapels hold a range of regular and special services and the choral traditions in these chapels not only enrich worship for those attending but are also building up the choral traditions we enjoy nationally. These data will enable us not only to appreciate our chapels but crucially act as a starting point for monitoring how chapels contribute to national worship. We hope that this information will be of interest to you locally as a means of understanding and monitoring patterns in your chapels. Nationally this information will help us to gain a more accurate and full picture of the impact of the Church of England, adding an important facet to the information we currently collect from parish churches and Cathedrals.

The survey was conducted for the third time in Cambridge in 2012, where 16 chapels responded; 13 belonging to the Anglican church, the others being ecumenical. In Oxford the survey was undertaken for the first time the following year and 15 chapels responded, all of which reported to be Anglican. Statistics reported are based on just those reporting a figure greater than zero. The base figure for Special Services Attendance gives the number of services reported. This analysis combines figures from both universities.

Overall, students dominated Sunday attendance during term time with an average of 50 attending each college chapel. For students, Sunday services had a higher average attendance than midweek services. The opposite was true for children with an average of 32 attending midweek services compared to an average of just 7 at Sunday services. An average of 30 "other attendees" attended Sunday and midweek services and, on aggregate, they, along with children accounted for almost half of total midweek attendees. The highest attendance at any service averaged 259 for each college with a total, for the 29 colleges, of just over 7,500. Colleges reported 61 Advent and Christmas services with over 13,000 people attending. Note that these figures will include services held on days other than Christmas Eve and Christmas day and so will not fall under the Christmas figures overleaf.

Average Attendance during term time	Min	Max	Total	Average	Base
<b>Sunday</b>					
Students	15	97	1,400	50	28
Others (University members, staff visitors, etc.)	5	130	821	30	27
Children under 16 years of age	1	20	82	7	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Midweek</b>					
Students	2	82	910	33	28
Others (University members, staff visitors, etc.)	1	280	749	29	26
Children under 16 years of age	14	80	128	32	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>1,787</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>28</b>

Highest attendance at any service	Min	Max	Total	Average	Base
	96	700	7,506	259	29

Special Services Attendance	Min	Max	Total	Average	Base (services)
29 Colleges reported at least 2 special services.	15	700	28,078	154	182

Most common or most attended services are given below.

*Remembrance Sunday*      *Founders & Benefactors*      **All Souls**

**Advent & Christmas Carol Service**

**Freshers/ leavers/ end of year service or evensong**      Memorial Service

*Gaudy Service*

Choirs	Min	Max	Total	Average	Base
<b>Adult/student Choir members (Choral Scholars, volunteers &amp; lay clerks)</b>					
Female (excl. organists)	8	20	389	14	28
Male (excl. organists)	7	20	373	13	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Organ students/scholars</b>					
Female	1	2	14	1	13
Male	1	3	47	2	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Child Choristers</b>					
Girl Choristers	0	0	0	0	0
Boy Choristers	14	22	72	18	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>

At least 25%, and up to 96%, of students attended at least one chapel service during their time at College.

No colleges reported attendance or communicants at Easter Day services but 5 reported attendance at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Colleges held, on average, 2 baptisms for each age category (ie under 1 year, 1 to 12 years and over 13 years of age). There was just 1 thanksgiving reported and this was for a child under 1 year old. 13 college chapels held in total 15 services of prayer and dedication after a civil marriage while 29 colleges held an average of 6 marriages in the chapel. College chapels held an average of 1 funeral service, 2 memorial services and 1 funeral at a crematorium/cemetery. There were almost 1,000 events (not services) held across 28 chapels; an average of 36 per college. These events included concerts, conferences and meetings.

Numbers of male and female adult/student choir members were roughly equal with an average of 14 females and 13 males, however, one college reported male but no female choir members. No colleges reported having any girl choristers while 4 colleges had an average of 18 boy choristers. 27 colleges reported having male organists compared with just 13 having female organists.

Easter	Total	Average	Base
Communicants on Easter Day	<i>No services reported</i>		
All age attendance on Easter Day	<i>No services reported</i>		

Christmas	Total	Average	Base
Communicants on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day	203	68	3
All age attendance on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day	692	138	5

Baptisms	Total	Average	Base
Age: under 1 year	40	2	20
Age: 1 to 12	22	2	12
Age: 13+	23	2	13

Thanksgivings for a child	Total	Average	Base
Age: under 1 year	1	1	1
Age: 1 to 12	0	0	0

Marriages	Total	Average	Base
Marriages in the chapel	171	6	29
Prayer & dedication after civil marriage	15	1	13

Funerals	Total	Average	Base
Funeral services	21	1	15
Memorial services (but not a funeral)	29	2	17
Funerals at a crematorium/cemetery	8	1	7

Other events (not services)	Total	Average	Base
Number of other events (not services) held in the chapel (for example, concerts, conferences, meetings).	999	36	28

Uptake by students	Min	Max	Average	Base
Proportion of the student body who attend at least one chapel service during their time at College	25%	96%	63%	28