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Definitions and notes

While many figures in this report have been rounded, totals, percentages and averages were calculated before rounding. Hence row and column totals will not always agree exactly with the sum of the stated amounts.

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This is the third time the exercise has been carried out with previous collections in 2005 and 2009.

Figures reported in this booklet have been collated via an online survey of chaplains at Cambridge University.

College	Cambridge University, was founded in 1209. Initially it consisted of a group of houses, or “colleges,” housing students who attended lectures given intermittently by scholars. These colleges remain autonomous, with internal procedures, buildings and staff.
Chapel	A small building or room used for Christian worship with an altar. Chapels are not associated with parish structure and are not officiated by stipendary clergy. Whilst some of the chapels responding to this study are associated with the Church of England, others are not.
Student	For the purpose of this return a “student” is anyone who is enrolled or attends classes at a school, college, or university.
Full time students	The number of full time undergraduate and postgraduate students as reported by Cambridge University in October of the reported year.
Midweek attendance	Attendance at any service taking place Monday to Saturday during university terms.
Average Sunday attendance	Average attendance during university terms.
Average attendance	A weekly ‘average’ over the period of all university terms excluding vacations.
Others	Adults not in the category of students, for example, university staff, visitors, etc.
Specially arranged services	Specially arranged services can be classified as: Advent and Christmas Carol services, Commemoration/Benefactors service, graduation service, services in response to a special occasion, for example, celebration of first chaplain, fresher’s service for new students etc.
Matriculation	New students of the University matriculate (or join the roll) when they enrol or register at their College, signing a declaration that they will obey the University regulations.

Summary

Introduction

Chapel Statistics 2012 contains information provided by chaplains across Cambridge University in a project initiated by Duncan Dormor, Dean of Chapel at St John's College, Cambridge.

This is the third time the exercise has been carried out with previous collections in 2005 and 2009.

Fewer college chapels participated in this study in 2012 (16) than in 2009 (22). Most notable of those not responding in 2012 was King's College which has a large number of visitors attending services.

Attendance

On average around 700 students attend a Sunday service in one of the 16 college chapels that responded in 2012, making up about 60% of the congregation attending on Sundays (table 1). If we account for those chapels that did not submit a response, there could be as many as 900 students attending the 22 chapels who have taken part in this study at any time.

Midweek, around 540 students (about 5% of the university's student population) attend chapel making up about 70% of congregations. The highest midweek student attendance recorded at a chapel was about 80 people.

Only one chapel reported children attending midweek services (table 1).

The highest attendance at a service held in a college chapel in 2012 was 700 (table 1).

About half of chapels report that, during their time studying, at least 65% of students have attended at least one service and three chapels say that 90% of students or more attend a service during their studies. This figure varied between 30% and 96% (Table 1).

Christmas, Easter and specially arranged services

Nearly 4,700 people attended 26 Advent and Christmas carol services held in college chapels during 2012 (table 6).

Easter fell between the spring and summer terms, and there were no services held in chapels on Easter Day.

Three chapels held services on Ash Wednesday, attended by a total of 165 people (table 2).

Chapels reported attendance at 71 major services (excluding carol services), with a combined attendance of 8,700. 10 chapels reported holding a Benefactor's Service, attended by a total of 1,210 people. 1,220 people attended graduation services and 850 people attended freshers or matriculation services (table 2).

Baptisms, marriages and funerals

Most chapels carried out at least one baptism during 2012. Most of those baptised were under the age of 12, however there were 10 baptisms of those aged 13 or over (table 9).

Most college chapels require that the bride and/or groom have a close relationship to the college (either a current or previous student at the college or their offspring). As chapels are not part of a parish, a special licence is required from the bishop, as opposed to publishing the banns of marriage. During 2012 over 90 marriages were conducted at college chapels, and a further 8 secular marriages were blessed (table 11).

24 funeral and memorial services were conducted by clergy from college chapels, both in the chapel and at the crematorium / cemetery (table 11).

Choirs and organ scholars

All the chapels who took part in the study reported having adult singers both male and female. Only one college has child choristers. There are slightly more women (208) singing in college choirs than men (193) and more than three quarters of organ scholars are male (table 13).

On an average term time Sunday in 2012, a total of around 700 students attended a chapel service in Cambridge

Table 1: Attendance at college chapels (Cambridge University) in 2012

	Average Sunday attendance				Average midweek attendance				Total Average Sunday plus total average midweek attendance	Highest attendance at any service at chapels during 2012	Proportion of the student body who attend at least one chapel service during their time at College
	Students	Other adults	Children	Total	Students	Other adults	Children	Total			
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number			
Highest	65	130	4	197	82	40	18	90	287	700	96%
Lowest	30	5	1	37	8	2	18	11	48	96	30%
Average	44	27	2	72	34	12	18	46	118	238	63%
Base	16	16	4	16	16	15	1	16	16	16	15
Total	707	438	9	1,154	536	187	18	741	1,895	3,809	

Figure 1: Attendance at Sunday services 2012

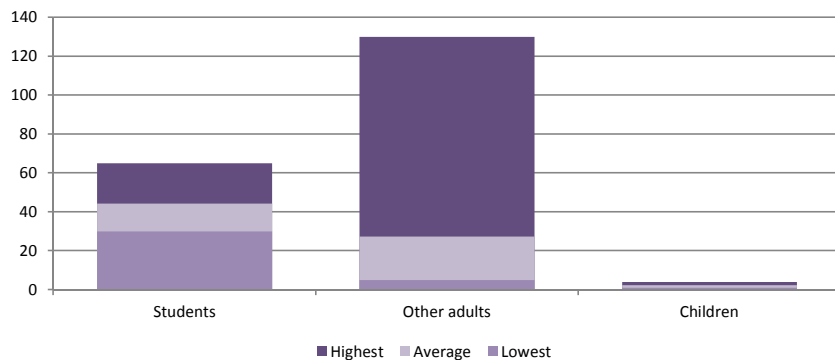
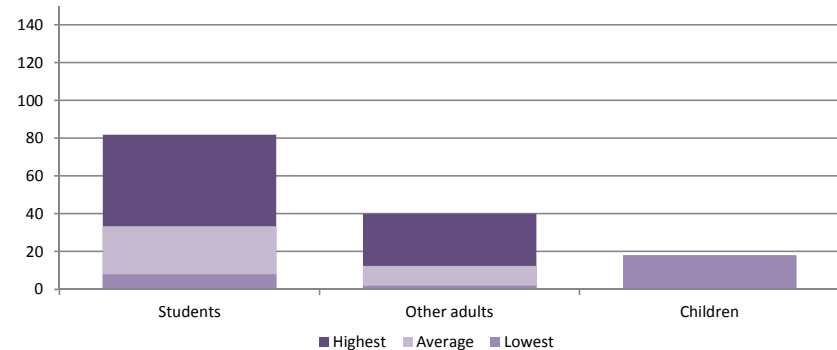


Figure 2: Attendance at midweek services 2012



On an average Sunday in 2012, a total of around 700 students attended a chapel service in Cambridge, constituting around 60% of all attendees on an average Sunday. Fewer students attended an average midweek service in 2012, around 500, however they continued to form the majority of attendees (around 70%). Around 400 others (adults and children), on average, attended a Sunday service and around 200 attend a midweek service. An average week in 2012 saw almost 2,000 people attending a Cambridge college chapel service. Further, if we consider each chapel's greatest attendance at any service in 2012, while these may not have fallen on the same week, almost 4,000 people attended. On average, 63% of the student body attended at least one chapel service during their time at college.

College chapels can play a large part in the life of their college, hosting special services throughout the year reflecting aspects of the academic year. Responding chapels were asked to give details of well attended services.

All 16 chapels reported at least two special services and 8 chapels reported 6 or more services.

Table 2: Attendance in 2012 at specially arranged services as recorded on returns

Service Description	Total Attendance at services reported	Average Attendance at services reported	Number of services reported
Advent & Christmas carol service	4,663	179	26
Commemoration of Benefactors	1,209	121	10
Freshers/ Matriculation Service	852	122	7
Graduation/ leavers/ end of year service	1,221	153	8
Remembrance Sunday	714	102	7
Funeral / Memorial service	988	165	6
Ash Wednesday	165	55	3
Visiting Choir	650	108	6
Other services	2,912	121	24
Total	13,374	138	97

Note: Service descriptions with similar functions have been combined.

Fewer college chapels participated in this study in 2012 (16) than in 2009 (22). Most notable of those not responding in 2012 was King's College, which has a large number of visitors attending services.

Table 3: Participation in study by year and number of full-time students at participating colleges

College	Participated in study			Number of students		
	2005	2009	2012	2005	2009	2012
Christ's College	Yes	Yes	Yes	519	551	572
Churchill	-	Yes	-	694	755	726
Clare College	Yes	Yes	Yes	606	748	671
Corpus Christi	Yes	Yes	Yes	398	458	422
Downing	Yes	Yes	Yes	613	667	590
Emmanuel	Yes	Yes	Yes	633	673	648
Fitzwilliam	-	Yes	-	650	716	663
Girton	Yes	Yes	Yes	674	719	650
Gonville & Caius	Yes	Yes	Yes	696	793	756
Jesus	Yes	Yes	Yes	685	766	737
King's	Yes	Yes	-	530	655	601
Magdalene	-	Yes	Yes	485	525	482
Pembroke	Yes	Yes	Yes	599	668	587
Peterhouse	-	Yes	Yes	366	397	367
Queens'	Yes	Yes	Yes	785	916	844
Robinson	Yes	Yes	-	489	551	504
Selwyn	-	Yes	Yes	491	562	515
Sidney Sussex	Yes	Yes	Yes	498	550	520
St Catharine's	Yes	Yes	-	593	656	621
St. John's	Yes	Yes	-	811	949	817
Trinity	Yes	Yes	Yes	1,001	1,062	934
Trinity Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	534	640	552
Total	17	22	16	13,350	14,977	13,779

Since not all colleges have responded each year, in order to allow adequate comparison, estimated totals have been calculated for those that did not respond each year. Matched sample analysis shows the trend for those that responded in all three years.

Table 4: Average Sunday attendance 2005, 2009, 2012

Students

	2005		2009		2012	
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)
Total Reported attendance	492	12	902	22	707	16
Average Reported	41	12	41	22	44	16
Total Matched attendance	402	10	440	10	430	10
Average Matched	40	10	44	10	43	10

Others

	2005		2009		2012	
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)
Total Reported attendance	944	12	1,027	22	438	16
Average Reported	79	12	47	22	27	16
Total Matched attendance	159	10	238	10	214	10
Average Matched	16	10	24	10	21	10

Children

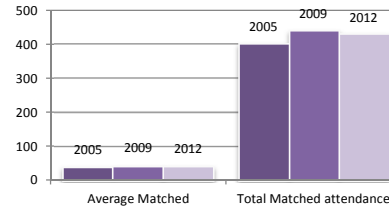
	2005		2009		2012	
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)
Total Reported attendance	Not asked		Not asked		9	4
Average Reported					2	4
Total Matched attendance					8	3
Average Matched					3	3

Total

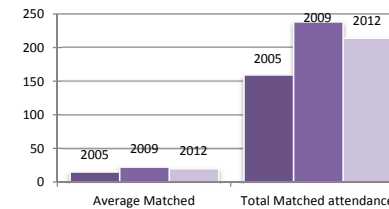
	2005		2009		2012	
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)
Total Reported attendance	1,737	17	1,929	22	1,154	16
Average Reported	102	17	88	22	72	16
Total Matched attendance	735	13	953	13	964	13
Average Matched	57	13	73	13	74	13

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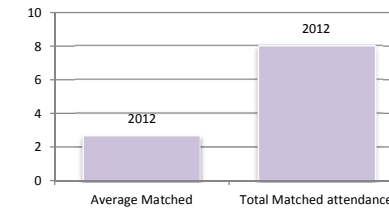
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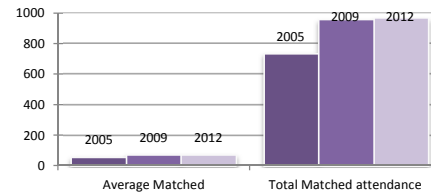
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Children



Total



As different colleges have provided data in different years, in order to gauge any trend, it is important to look at matched sample comparisons. There were 13 colleges that responded in all three years, however they did not all respond to each question and, therefore, some bases are lower.

Note that since the number of children attending on an average Sunday was not collected prior to 2012, these were probably included within the *others* category for 2005 and 2009. Therefore we would expect the *others* category in 2012 to be lower than in previous years. For both students and *others*, matched sample Sunday attendance showed an increase in 2009 on 2005, followed by a decrease in 2012. Three additional colleges are included in the total average Sunday attendance matched sample comparisons as just aggregate figures were provided for these colleges in 2005. The result of this is that in total, average Sunday attendance has shown an increase overall.

If we were to assume that the average Sunday attendance was the same for colleges not responding in 2012 (7 colleges, one of which also reported no Sunday attendance in 2009) as they had reported in 2009, the total number of students attending on an average Sunday would be 878 in 2012 compared to 902 in 2009. The total number of *others* attending an average Sunday in 2012 would be 1,069 compared to 1,027 in 2009. And the total number of all attendees on an average Sunday would be 1,957 in 2012 compared to 1,929 in 2009, an increase of about 1%.

Table 5: Average midweek attendance 2005, 2009, 2012

Students

	2005		2009		2012	
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)
Total Reported attendance	236	11	757	21	536	16
Average Reported	21	11	36	21	34	16
Total Matched attendance	211	10	335	10	302	10
Average Matched	21	10	34	10	30	10

Others

	2005		2009		2012	
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)
Total Reported attendance	406	11	1,622	20	187	15
Average Reported	37	11	81	20	12	15
Total Matched attendance	75	8	106	8	91	8
Average Matched	9	8	13	8	11	8

Children

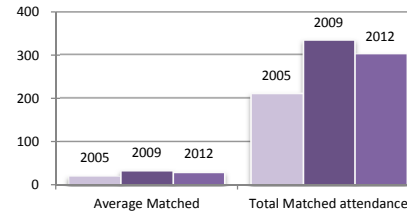
	2005		2009		2012	
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)
Total Reported attendance	Not asked		Not asked		18	1
Average Reported					18	1
Total Matched attendance					18	1
Average Matched					18	1

Total

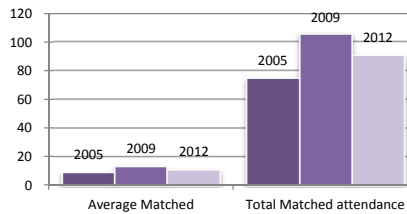
	2005		2009		2012	
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)
Total Reported attendance	1,258	17	2,379	21	741	16
Average Reported	74	17	113	21	46	16
Total Matched attendance	405	13	628	13	599	13
Average Matched	31	13	48	13	46	13

Figure 4: Average midweek attendance 2005, 2009, 2012

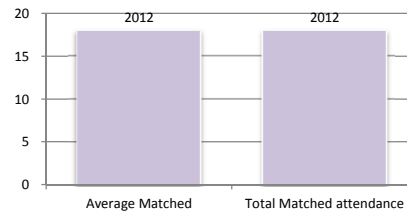
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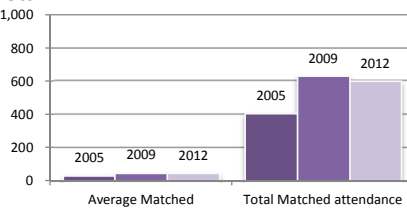
Others



Children



Total



Note again that since the number of children attending an average midweek service was not collected prior to 2012, these were probably included within the *others* category for 2005 and 2009. As such the number of *others* in 2012 may be lower than it would otherwise have been had the data been recorded as in previous years. For both students and *others*, matched sample midweek attendance showed an increase in 2009 on 2005, followed by a decrease in 2012. This may have been an increase in 2012 for *others* if children had been included. The base for *others* is 8 as one college in 2009 and one college in 2012 reported no 'others', however, as they did report students, it could be considered that these were truly zero and could be included in the average. Three additional colleges are included in total average midweek attendance matched sample comparisons as just aggregate figures were provided for these colleges in 2005. Total average midweek attendance has, however, also shown a slight decrease overall in 2012 from 2009.

If we were to assume that the average midweek attendance was the same for colleges not responding in 2012 (7 colleges, one of which also reported no midweek attendance in 2009) as they had reported in 2009, the total number of students attending on an average midweek service would be 757 in 2012, the same as in 2009. The total number of *others* attending an average midweek service in 2012 would be 1,648 compared to 1,622 in 2009. And the total number of attendees at an average midweek service would be 2,405 in 2012 compared to 2,379 in 2009, an increase of about 1%.

All chapels held at least one Advent or Christmas carol service in 2012. Attendance varied depending on the size of the chapel and the number of services held. In total nearly 4,700 people attended carol services held in these chapels.

Only three chapels reported holding a service on Christmas Eve/Day 2012; combined attendance was 250 people.

There were no services held in chapels on Easter Day 2012.

Table 6: Carol services at college chapels (Cambridge University) in 2012

	Advent	Christmas
	Number	Number
Highest	700	313
Lowest	89	80
Average	205	139
Colleges holding services	16	10
Total	3,276	1,387

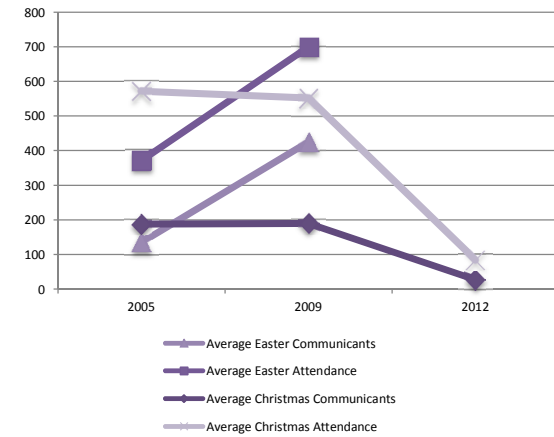
Table 7: Christmas services at college chapels (Cambridge University) in 2012

	Christmas Eve and Christmas Day	
	Communicants	Attendees
	Number	Number
Highest	50	125
Lowest	3	3
Average	27	84
Colleges holding services	2	3
Total	53	252

Table 8: Easter and Christmas services 2005, 2009, 2012

	2005		2009		2012	
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)
Easter Communicants						
Total Reported	405	3	425	1	0	0
Average Reported	135	3	425	1	0	0
Easter Attendance						
Total Reported	1,114	3	700	1	0	0
Average Reported	371	3	700	1	0	0
Christmas Communicants						
Total Reported	562	3	570	3	53	2
Average Reported	187	3	190	3	27	2
Christmas Attendance						
Total Reported	2,287	4	2,208	4	252	3
Average Reported	572	4	552	4	84	3

Figure 5: Easter and Christmas services 2005, 2009, 2012



Note that King's College did not respond in 2012, which likely accounts for the large drop in Christmas average figures.

Table 9: Baptisms and Thanksgivings 2012

	Baptisms ¹			Thanksgivings	
	Under 1 year	Age 1 to 12	Age 13+	Under 1 year	Age 1 to 12
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Highest	2	4	3	0	0
Lowest	1	1	1	0	0
Average	2	2	2		
Base	10	5	6	0	0
Total	17	9	10	0	0

1. Includes baptisms at University Confirmation service

Most chapels carried out at least one baptism during 2012. Most of those baptised were under the age of 12, however there were 10 baptisms of those aged 13 or over.

Also, there were no thanksgivings reported by the chapels in 2012.

Table 10: Baptisms and Thanksgivings 2005, 2009, 2012

	2005		2009		2012	
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)
Baptisms Under 1 year						
Total Reported	21	10	38	17	17	10
Average Reported	2	10	2	17	2	10
Baptisms Age 1 to 12						
Total Reported	12	4	16	9	9	5
Average Reported	3	4	2	9	2	5
Baptisms Age 13+						
Total Reported	18	9	13	9	10	6
Average Reported	2	9	1	9	2	6
Thanksgivings Under 1 year						
Total Reported	1	1	1	1	0	0
Average Reported	1	1	1	1	0	0
Thanksgivings Age 1 to 12						
Total Reported	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average Reported	0	0	0	0	0	0

Figure 6: Baptisms and Thanksgivings 2005, 2009, 2012

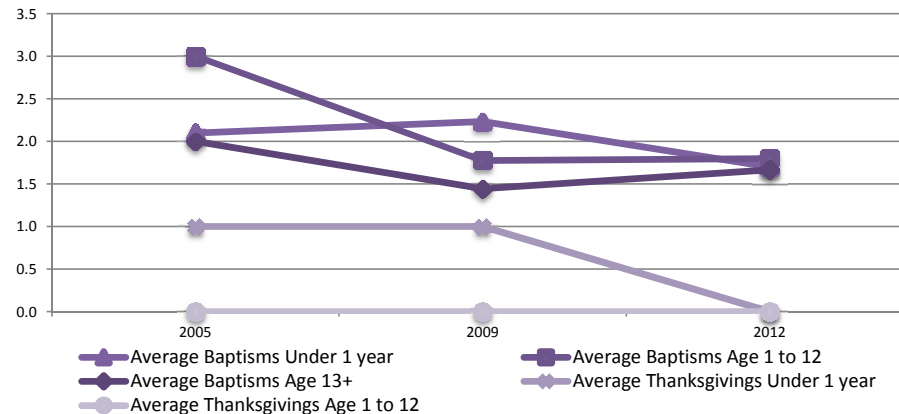


Table 11: Marriages and Funerals 2012

	Marriages		Funerals		
	Marriages ¹	Services of Prayer and dedication after a civil marriage ²	Full funeral service held in the chapel	Memorial Service	Full funeral service held at a crematorium/ cemetery
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Highest	12	2	2	3	2
Lowest	1	1	1	1	1
Average	6	1	1	2	1
Colleges included	15	6	8	6	3
Total	93	8	10	10	4

1. Marriages are of "couples newly married".

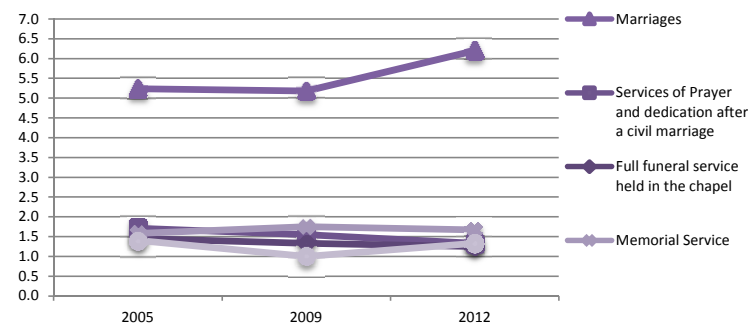
2. Prayer and dedication of marriage are of "couples for whom a service of blessing (after secular marriage conducted by a registrar) was held in the chapel" and does not include the renewal of vows.

Most college chapels require that the bride and or groom have a close relationship to the college (either a current or previous student at the college or the offspring of students). As chapels are not part of a parish, a special licence is required from the bishop, as opposed to publishing the banns of marriage. During 2012 over 90 marriages were conducted at college chapels, and a further 8 secular marriages were blessed. 24 funeral and memorial services were conducted by clergy from college chapels, both in the chapel and at the crematorium / cemetery.

Table 12: Marriages and Funerals 2005, 2009, 2012

	2005		2009		2012	
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)
Marriages						
Total Reported	89	17	114	22	93	15
Average Reported	5	17	5	22	6	15
Services of Prayer and dedication after a civil marriage						
Total Reported	12	7	17	11	8	6
Average Reported	2	7	2	11	1	6
Full funeral service held in the chapel						
Total Reported	16	11	12	9	10	8
Average Reported	1	11	1	9	1	8
Memorial Service						
Total Reported	19	12	24	15	10	6
Average Reported	2	12	2	15	2	6
Full funeral service held at a crematorium/ cemetery						
Total Reported	7	5	6	6	4	3
Average Reported	1	5	1	6	1	3

Figure 7: Marriages and Funerals 2005, 2009, 2012



All the chapels who took part in the study reported having adult singers both male and female. Only one college has child choristers. There are slightly more women (208) singing in college choirs than men (193) , however, more than three quarters of organ scholars are male.

Table 13: Choristers and organ scholars at college chapels (Cambridge University) 2012

	Adult/Student Choristers			Child Choristers			Organ scholars		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Highest	16	18	34	22	0	22	2	2	2
Lowest	7	8	15	22	0	22	1	1	1
Average	12	13	25	22	0	22	2	1	2
Base	16	16	16	1	0	1	15	6	16
Total	193	208	401	22	0	22	24	7	31