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## Executive summary

This report presents information about worship and other activities taking place in Church of England cathedrals from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. Data are collected from all 42 Church of England cathedrals, and from Westminster Abbey, in the annual cathedral statistics survey. Among other things, the survey asks about attendance at Sunday and midweek services; Easter and Christmas services; school visits; baptisms, marriages, and funerals; musical activities and volunteering. For reference, the survey form and guidance notes can be found in the appendix.

### Attendance (pages 7 to 11)

- 37,000 people per week (82% adults and 18% children aged under 16) were reported attending cathedral services in 2016. This remains the same as in 2015, but is an increase of 17% from 31,600 in 2006.
- Community roll increased by 2% from 15,900 in 2015 to 16,200 in 2016; there was a slight decline of 1% from 16,300 in 2006.
- The annual attendance at regular services conducted at least once a month (including fresh expressions and schools services) was 574,000 people in 2016 – an increase of 22% from 472,000 in 2015.
- 941,000 people were reported at 2,900 specially arranged services and events in 2016.
- Over 1.2 million people were reported at 5,900 public / civic events held in cathedrals in 2016.

### Visitors (page 19)

- 9 million people visited cathedrals in 2016, with just under half (47%) of these paying / donating for entry. A further 1.1 million visited Westminster Abbey. Visitors at cathedrals dropped by 5% from 9.5 million in 2015, but increased 6% over the last ten years from 8.5 million in 2006.

### Festival attendance (pages 12 to 13)

- Total attendance reported at Easter services in 2016 was 53,000 with almost half of these taking communion; total attendance was 2% lower than 54,000 in 2015 but 2% higher than in 2006 (52,000). Attendance during Holy Week (from Palm Sunday to Good Friday) was 94,000, 1% higher than 93,000 reported in 2015.
- Reported total Christmas attendance was 131,000 in 2016, just over a quarter of whom took communion. Total attendance increased 5% from 125,000 in 2015 and 1% from 130,000 in 2006. Services during Advent, the period leading up to Christmas, had a reported attendance of 635,000 in 2016, an increase of 2% from 624,000 in 2015.

### Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals (pages 14 to 15)

- 240 infant baptisms, 220 for those aged 1 to 12 years old and 300 for those aged 13+ took place in cathedrals in 2016, with a further 10 thanksgiving services. Total baptisms increased by 1% from 760 in 2015 to 770 in 2016, and by 8% from 710 in 2006.

- In 2016, 260 marriages and 30 blessings of marriage were conducted in cathedrals, meaning total marriage services remained steady at 290 from 2015 but declined by 22% from 370 in 2006.
- 350 funeral services and 140 memorial services were conducted by cathedral clergy in 2016. Funeral services declined by 10% from 390 in 2015 but increased by 3% from 340 in 2006 whilst memorial services increased by 17% from 120 in 2015.

### **Education (pages 16 to 17)**

- In 2016, the number of children and young people attending organised educational events in cathedrals increased by 10% from 282,000 in 2006 to 310,000 in 2016, but decreased by 3% from 320,000 in 2015. The largest proportion of those attending events in 2016 was Primary / Prep school, accounting for almost half (46%) of all reported attendances.
- A total of 16,900 children were reported at cathedral schools or schools formally associated with cathedrals in 2016, an increase of 76% from 13,400 in 2015 and 76% from 9,600 in 2006. Half of these were at Secondary / Senior school level.

### **Cathedral activities and volunteers (pages 18 to 19)**

- In 2016, Diocesan meetings and events accounted for the largest proportion of reported events supported by cathedral personnel, at 43% (2,600 events) – an increase of 8% from 2,400 in 2015.
- Reported volunteers at cathedrals remained steady between 2015 and 2016 at 15,000, but rose by 15% from 13,000 in 2006.

### **Choristers and musicians (pages 20 to 22)**

- A total of 2,000 choristers was reported at cathedrals in 2016, with three quarters (1,550) children and one quarter (500) adults. Total choristers decreased by 5% from 2,100 in 2006, but remained steady at 2,000 from 2015.
- A further 490 children and 1,300 adults were reported in voluntary choirs in 2016, a decrease of 5% from 1,900 total in 2015.
- 40 male, 30 female and 80 mixed cathedral choirs, with 850 visiting choirs were reported at cathedrals in 2016. In total, this was an increase of 9% from 910 in 2015 to 990 in 2016.
- 1,100 regular and 660 occasional musicians were reported as being involved in services at cathedrals in 2016 – a decrease of 4% from 1,140 regular musicians in 2015, but an increase of 6% from 620 occasional musicians in 2015.

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## Regular Attendance

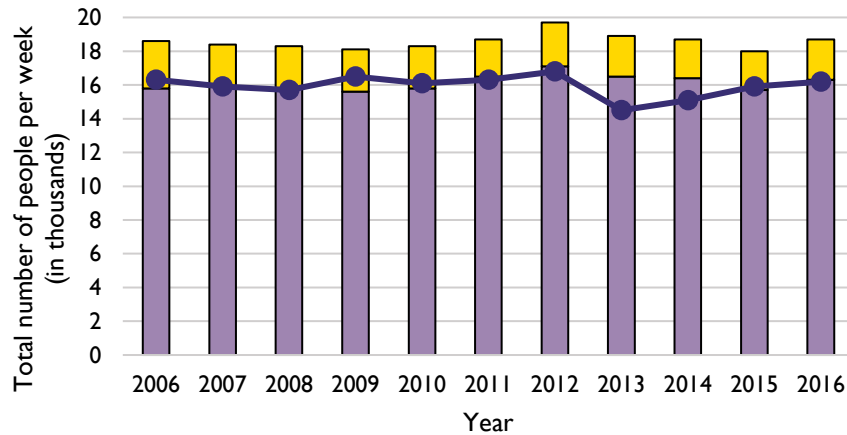
### Sunday and Midweek Attendance

In 2016, 37,000 people (adults and children) were reported at cathedral services each week. Over the last ten years, this is an increase of 17% from 31,600 in 2006. Midweek attendance continues to be a significant part of worship, particularly for under 16s who were more commonly reported at midweek services than Sunday services. Total Midweek attendance accounts for almost all of the increase in attendance over the past decade, with an increase of 56% since 2006 in those aged 16 and over, and 40% increase for all ages attending midweek services. Total reported attendance at Sunday services has remained relatively stable over the last ten years, increasing by 1% from 18,600 in 2006 to 18,700 in 2016, but Under 16 attendance has fallen by 14% in the last ten years. Community Roll has increased by 2% between 2015 (15,900) and 2016 (16,200), but has overall seen a slight decline of 1% in the last decade, falling from 16,300 in 2006.

As mentioned in the definitions and notes section, Westminster Abbey is not a cathedral but a Royal Peculiar, and therefore is not included in figure 1. As such, here and throughout the report these figures will be reported separately, as follows: Midweek attendance - 430 adults and 20 children; Sunday attendance - 1,550 adults and 80 children. No community roll was reported.

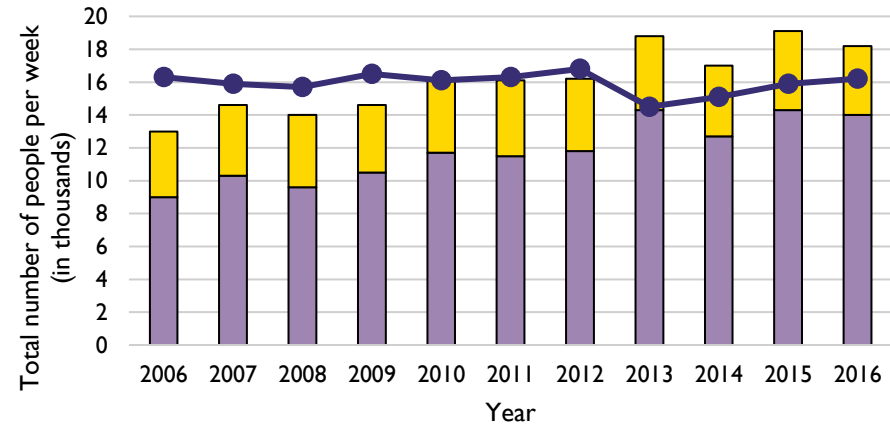


Figure 1a: Sunday attendance (per week) at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016



■ Sunday attendance: Under 16  
■ Sunday attendance: 16 and over  
● Community roll

Figure 1b: Midweek attendance (per week) at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016



■ Midweek attendance: Under 16  
■ Midweek attendance: 16 and over  
● Community roll

Figures 1a and 1b show the total number of people reported, per week, at all 42 Church of England cathedrals at services on the weekly calendar in a 'normal' week. A 'normal' week refers to those weeks which are not major festivals or contained in a peak holiday period, and with no special events or services. Data are separated into Sunday (figure 1a) and midweek (figure 1b) attendance, where the midweek count only includes services held Monday to Saturday and excludes Sunday services. People attending more than one service on the same day were, wherever possible, only counted once no matter how many services they attended.

The number of people on the cathedral community roll is also shown, for comparison. Lay members of either gender of seventeen years of age and over, who are baptised and are resident in the cathedral parish or, if not resident, have habitually attended public worship in the cathedral during a period of six months prior to enrolment are entitled to have their names entered upon the roll of a cathedral. The community roll was last renewed in 2013, which may account for the notable change between 2012 and 2013.

## Additional Regular Services

Over the course of 2016 over half a million (574,000) people were reported at regular services conducted at least once a month (including fresh expressions and schools services). Of these, half were reported at school services (285,300 people). Those reported at Fresh Expressions have increased since 2013, by 12% over the last 4 years from 14,700 in 2013 to 16,500 in 2016.

Westminster Abbey reported no Fresh Expressions or other services attendance, and 84,800 schools attendance in 2016.

Figure 2a shows the total reported annual attendance for 2016 at ‘regular’ services. These refer to additional services which happen at least once a month but not necessarily weekly, and are not part of the weekly pattern of regular services (therefore not included in figure 1). Data are shown in three categories – regular fresh expressions of Church (and other community services), regular services for schools and all other regular services.

A fresh expression of Church is a form of church established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet “members” of any church. Further information about identifying fresh expressions of Church is available here: <http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk>. Data for fresh expressions of Church are also shown in figure 2b, to show the change between years more clearly.

Figure 2a: Total annual attendance at regular services at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2016<sup>1</sup>

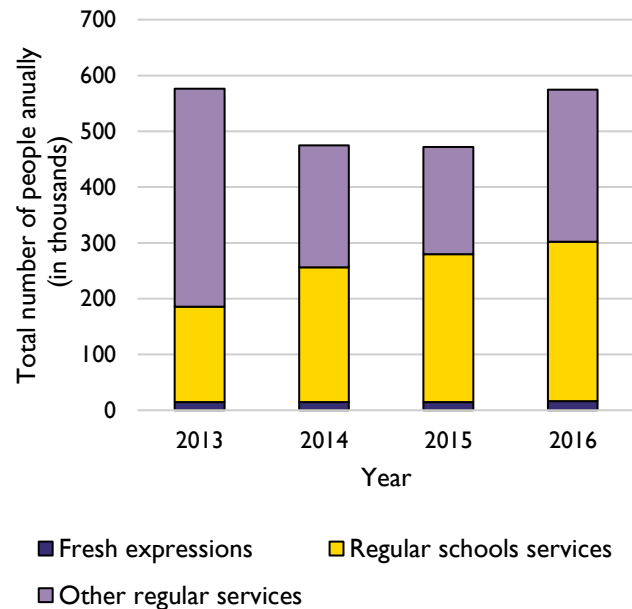
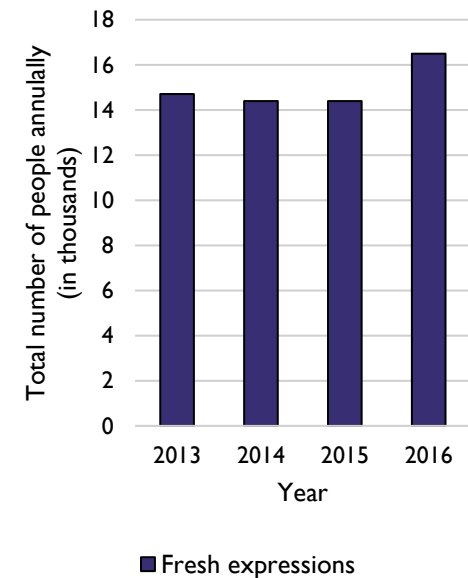


Figure 2b: Fresh expressions of Church, 2013-2016<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> The wording of the question asking about regular services was changed in 2013 to ensure the weekly pattern of services was not included. This resulted in a reduced total, hence why only data for 2013 onwards are shown in figures 2a and 2b.

## Special Event Attendance

The total number of specially arranged services reported at Church of England cathedrals (figure 3) remained steady between 2006 and 2016, with only a slight increase in the reported annual attendance (4% between 2006 and 2016). In 2016, 176,000 people were reported at 530 diocesan or episcopal services (an increase from 2015); 321,000 people at 540 specially arranged school services (an increase from 2015); 426,000 people at 1,700 special services (decreased attendance at more services than in 2015) and 17,000 people at 210 services held outside the cathedral (again, decreased attendance at more services than in 2015).

Between 2015 and 2016, the reported annual number of and attendance at public / civic events (figure 4) increased by 9% and 11% respectively. However, between 2006 and 2016 the number of events increased by 59% whilst the reported attendance decreased by 9%, suggesting that each event had a lower average attendance in 2016 than in 2006. In 2016, 295,000 people were reported at 280 graduation ceremonies, and 951,000 people at 5,600 other events.

Figure 3: Annual number of and total attendance at specially arranged services at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

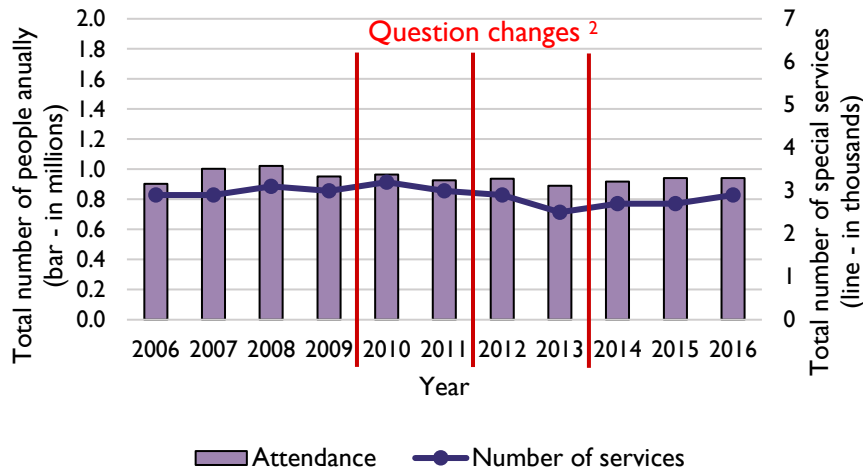
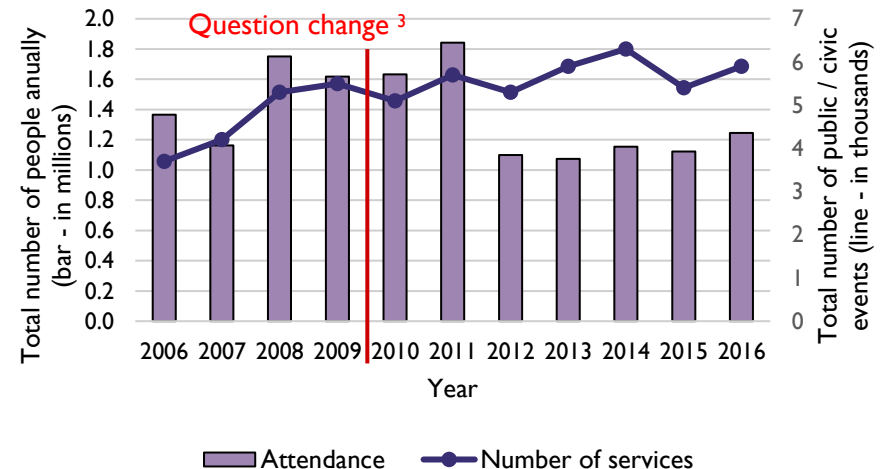


Figure 4: Annual number of and total attendance at public / civic events at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016



<sup>2</sup> Before 2010, a total figure was provided for number of and attendance at special services. From 2010, school services and other special services were reported separately, from 2012 diocesan or episcopal services were reported separately and from 2014, data were collected on services held outside cathedral buildings.

<sup>3</sup> From 2010 onwards, data were reported broken down into graduation ceremonies and other events.

In 2016, Westminster Abbey reported a total of 89,200 people at 100 specially arranged services, broken down as follows: diocesan or episcopal services: 1,100 attendance at fewer than 5 services; special schools services: 17,100 attendance at 20 services; Other special services: 71,000 attendance at 80 services. A total of 29,300 people were reported at 160 public / civic events, all of which were other events (with no graduation ceremonies).

Specially arranged services are not included in average weekly attendance, shown in figure 1, or the total annual attendance for regular services, shown in figure 2, as they are not part of the regular pattern of services and therefore they are included separately in this section.

Figure 3 shows the total number of people reported annually at 'specially arranged services', which includes diocesan or episcopal services (such as annual festivals / diocesan services), non-regular services for schools (for example, an end of term / year service), other special services (excluding memorials) and services outside of the cathedral building. Before 2010, a total figure was provided for number of and attendance at special services and in 2010, school services and other special services were reported separately, with diocesan or episcopal services reported separately from 2012 onwards. Additionally, from 2014, data were collected on services held outside cathedral buildings. Full breakdown of data for all special services over the last ten years (where recorded) can be found in appendix 1.

Figure 4 shows the total number of people reported annually at public or civic events, which includes graduation ceremonies, conferences, concerts and meetings. From 2010 onwards, data were reported broken down into graduation ceremonies and other events, whereas prior to 2010 only a total figure was reported. A full breakdown over the last ten years can be found in appendix 1.

## Easter and Holy Week Attendance

In 2016, attendance at Easter services was 53,000 people. This was a 2% decrease from 2015 but a 1% increase between 2006 and 2016, showing that attendance at Easter services has remained fairly steady over the last 10 years. The number of communicants dropped to 26,000 in 2016, which is the lowest it has been since 2003 (and a decrease of 12% over the last decade), however this still accounts for almost half of total attendance. Attendance during Holy Week in 2016 was 94,000 which was an increase of 1% from 2015.

Westminster Abbey reported 1,470 Easter communicants and 4,540 Easter attendance, with Holy Week: 5,570 attendance. The largest single congregation size recorded during Holy Week was 930 people.

Figure 5a: Easter attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

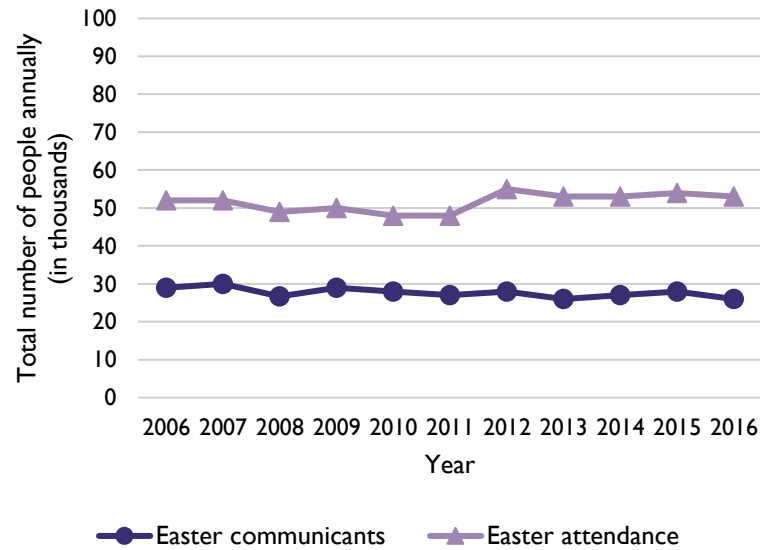


Figure 5b: Holy Week attendance, 2014-2016<sup>4</sup>

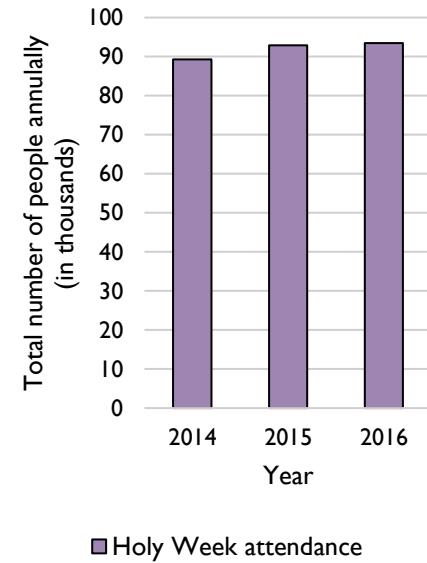


Figure 5a shows the total number of people reported at all Church of England cathedrals over Easter (including vigil services on Easter Eve). All data include adults, children and young people, clergy and laity, and the attendance figure includes both communicants and those that did not take communion. Figure 5b shows attendance during Holy Week which, since 2014, was specified as the period from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. This information was first recorded in 2010 but without this clarification extra data may have been included in Holy Week prior to 2014; therefore only data from 2014 onwards are shown.

<sup>4</sup> Reported consistently since 2014.

## Christmas and Advent Attendance

In 2016, reported Christmas attendance was 130,900 - the highest figure since it was first recorded in 2000. There were 34,000 communicants at Christmas in 2016 (accounting for just over a quarter of total attendance), which is an overall drop of 17% over the last decade, from 41,000 in 2006. Services during Advent, the period leading up to Christmas, had reported attendance of 635,000 in 2016, which was an increase of 2% from 624,000 in 2015.

Westminster Abbey reported 1,950 communicants and 8,270 attendance at Christmas 2016 with Advent attendance at 19,740. The largest single congregation size recorded during Advent 2016 was 2,000 people.

Figure 6a: Christmas attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

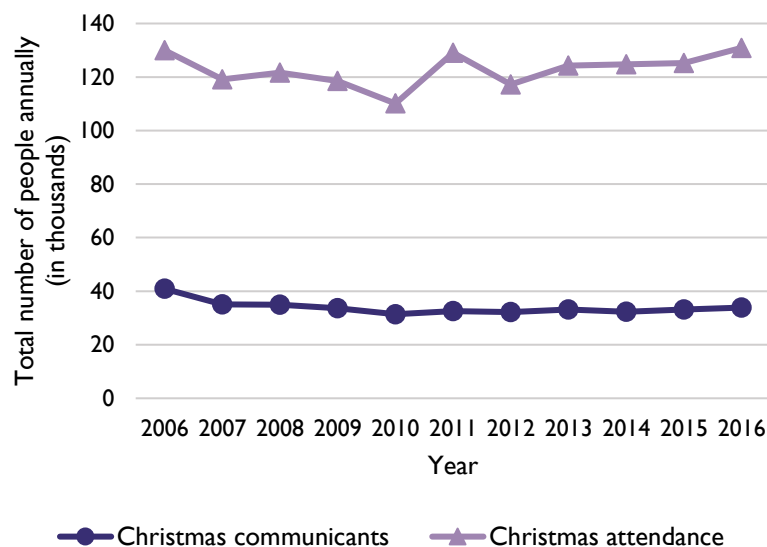


Figure 6b: Advent attendance, 2014-2016<sup>5</sup>

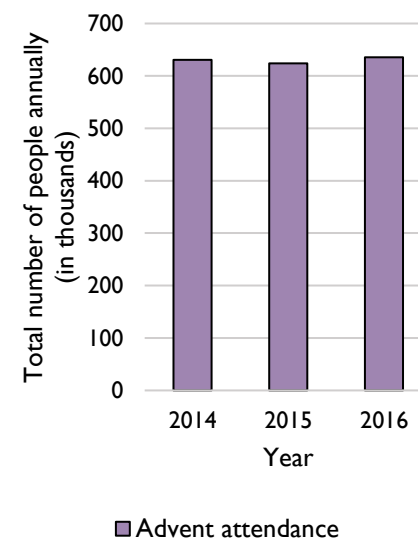


Figure 6a shows the total number of people reported at services at all Church of England cathedrals on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All data include adults, children and young people, clergy and laity, and the attendance figure includes both communicants and those that did not take communion. Figure 6b shows attendance during Advent which, since 2014, was specified as the period from the beginning of Advent (Advent Sunday) to 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Prior to 2014 the definitions varied slightly from year to year meaning data may not be comparable; therefore only data from 2014 onwards are shown.

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

## Baptism, Thanksgiving, Marriage, Funeral and Memorial Services

### Baptisms and Thanksgiving services

In 2016 there were 770 total baptisms and 10 thanksgivings conducted in all Church of England cathedrals, which remains steady from recent previous years, but with an overall increase of 8% in baptisms since 2006. However, since 2011, the number of infant baptisms in cathedrals has been falling steadily and there has been an overall decrease of 33% since 2006. The number of baptisms of people aged 13+ has doubled in the last ten years, from 150 in 2006 to 300 in 2016. Full data for thanksgivings can be found in appendix I.

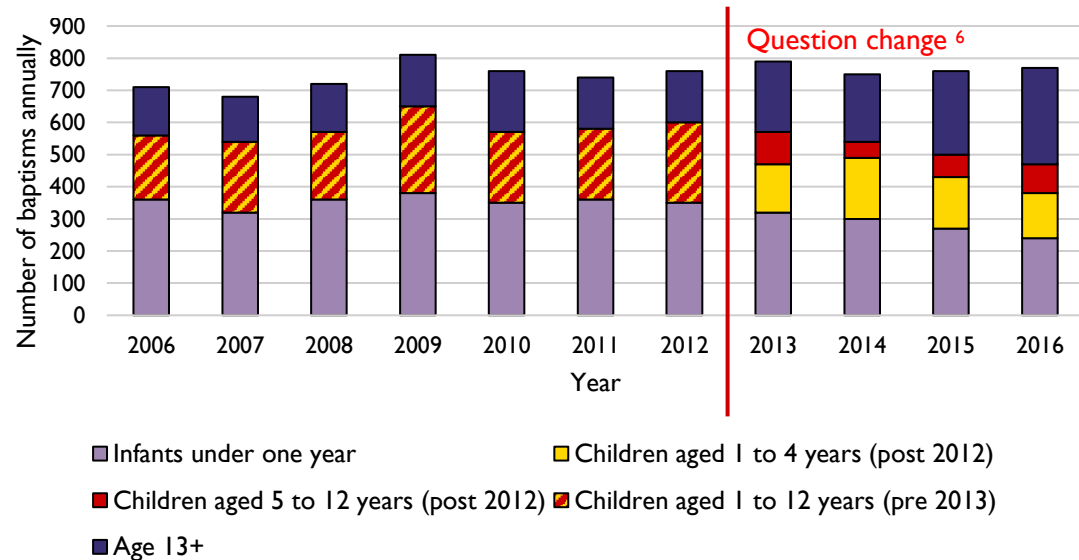
Westminster Abbey reported the following in 2016 - Baptisms: 10 infants (under 1 year), fewer than 5 children aged 1-4, 10 children aged 5-12, 10 aged 13+; no Thanksgivings were reported.

From 2013, baptisms of people aged 1 - 12 were split into two categories (aged 1 to 4 years; and 5 to 12 years old), which is reflected in figure 7. From 2014, thanksgiving questions only asked about people aged under 1 year and 1 - 4 years old.<sup>6</sup>

### Marriage, Funeral and Memorial services

260 marriages were conducted in cathedrals during 2016, with an additional 30 blessings of marriage services. This is a 22% decrease in marriages and blessings conducted at cathedrals between 2006 and 2016. The number of funerals in cathedrals remained stable between 2006 and 2016 at 270, with an additional 80 services conducted at crematoria or cemeteries. A further 140 memorial services were conducted by cathedral clergy in 2016, which is the highest figure since memorial services were first recorded in 2010.

Figure 7: Baptisms at Church of England Cathedrals, 2006-2016



<sup>6</sup> Question wording changed in 2013 to include more specific age categories (aged 1-4 years and 5-12 years).

In 2016, Westminster Abbey reported 20 marriage services, fewer than 5 funeral services and 20 memorial services.

Figure 8a: Marriage services at Church of England Cathedrals, 2006-2016

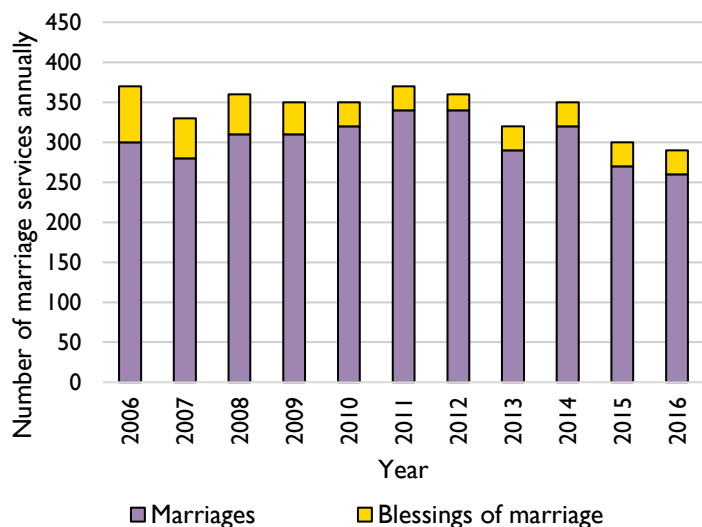
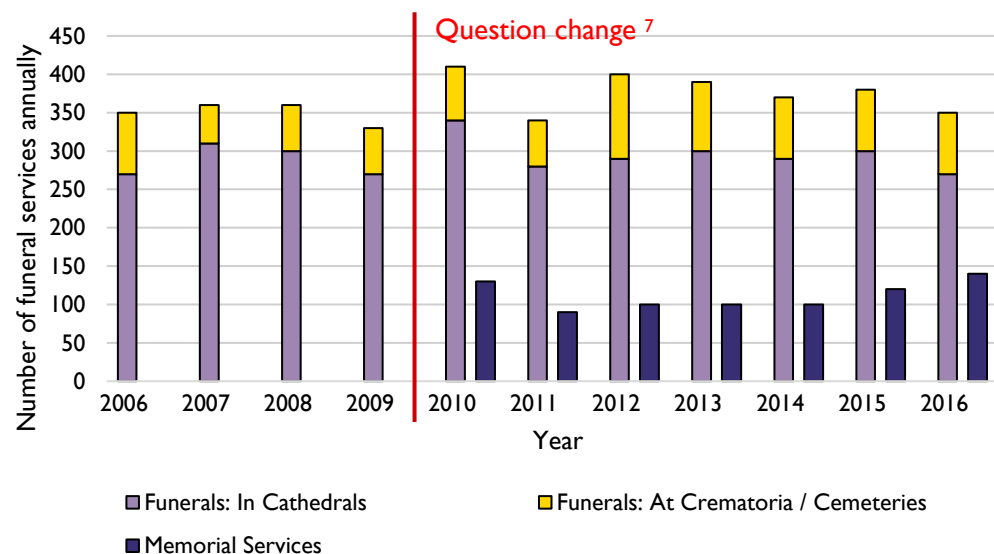


Figure 8b: Funeral and memorial services at Church of England Cathedrals, 2006-2016



The number of marriage services, shown in figure 8a, includes couples newly married in 2016, whilst blessings of marriage includes those services with prayer and dedication in the cathedral after a civil marriage, and does not include the renewal of vows. The total number of funeral services, shown in figure 8b is broken down by the number of services held in the cathedral and the number services conducted on behalf of the cathedral at a crematorium or cemetery (excluding committal or burial of ashes only). In each case, funerals include those conducted on behalf of the cathedral or parish by any minister, including stipendiary, non-stipendiary and retired clergy. The number of memorial services (not including a funeral) held in cathedrals were first recorded in 2010 and not included in the total funeral services figure; therefore data are shown separately in figure 8b.

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



## Education

### Educational events

The total number of children and young people attending organised educational events in cathedrals decreased by 3% between 2015 and 2016, but increased by 10% between 2006 and 2016. The largest proportion of these visits was made by Primary/prep school children, accounting for 46% (143,800) of all students in 2016, followed by 28% of visits by Secondary/Senior school children (87,200 children) in 2016.

However, over the last decade attendances of these groups has declined, with the largest increases seen in Nursery/ Pre-prep and 18+ (41,500 and 27,700 in 2016, respectively).

In 2016, Westminster Abbey reported educational event attendance as follows - KS1: 1,090; KS2: 7,990; KS3/4: 2,960; 16-18: 1,440 18+: 120.

Figure 9: Children and young people attending educational events at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

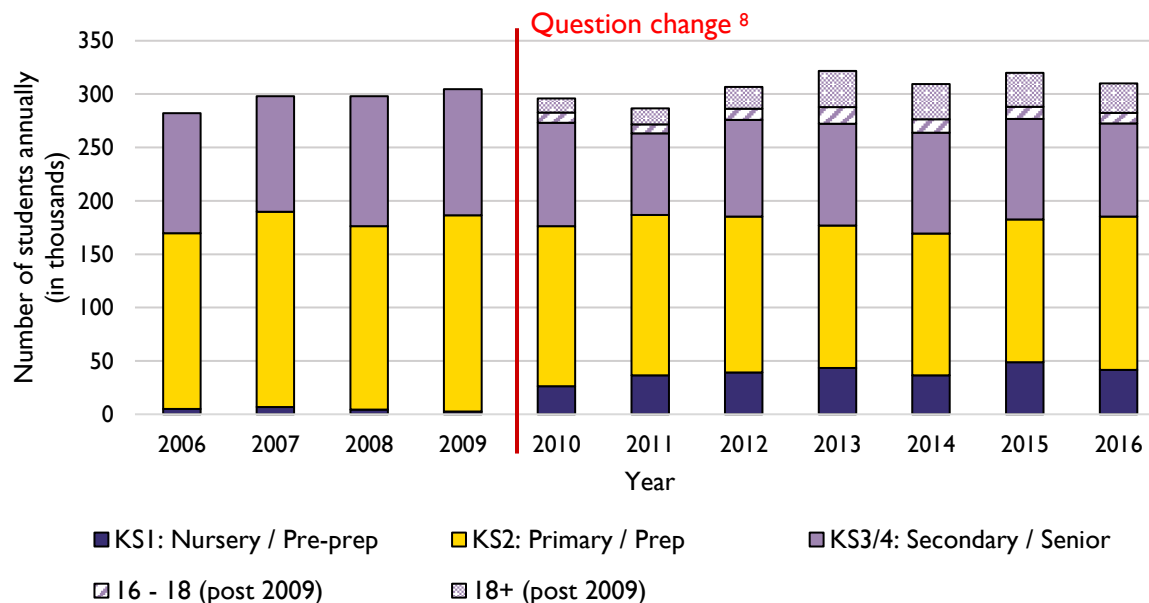


Figure 9 shows the number of children/students attending organised educational events during the year which took place either in the Cathedral or organised by the Cathedral and took place elsewhere, broken down by age / year groups<sup>9</sup>. Prior to 2010, the Secondary/Senior category included those aged 16-18 and 18+, but from 2010 these age groups were reported separately.

<sup>8</sup> Question wording changed in 2010 to separate those aged 16-18 and 18+ from Secondary / senior school category.

<sup>9</sup> Key Stage 1 (KS1): Ages 5-7 / Years 1 and 2; Key Stage 2 (KS2): Ages 7-11 / Years 3, 4, 5 and 6; Key Stage 3 (KS3): Ages 11-14 / Years 7, 8 and 9; Key Stage 4 (KS4): Ages 14-16 / Years 10 and 11.

## Cathedral schools

In 2016, 16,800 total children and young people were reported at cathedral schools or schools formally associated with cathedrals, an increase of a quarter from 2015 and also the highest figure since the question was first asked in 1999. The largest proportion of those attending cathedral schools was at Secondary/senior level, which accounts for half of all children and young people reported.

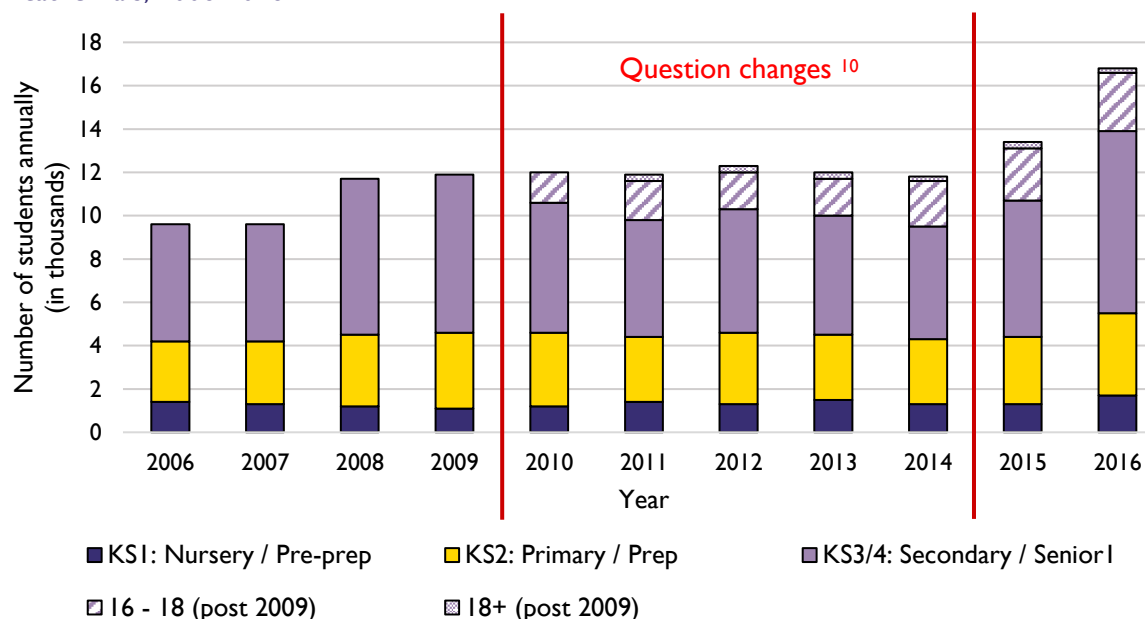
In 2016, Westminster Abbey School reported Nursery/ pre-prep: none reported; Primary/ Prep: 300; Secondary/ Senior: 3,900; 16-18: 810; 18+ 3,330.

Figure 10 shows the number of students attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals, broken down by age / year groups<sup>11</sup>. These are schools or academies that are part of a cathedral foundation or have formal

links/relationship with a cathedral during the academic year. From 2015, question wording was changed to clarify that this meant formal governance links.

As with figure 9, until 2009 the Secondary/Senior category included ages 16-18 and 18+, from which point these age groups were reported separately. It should be noted that a larger number of cathedrals reported this data in 2015 and 2016, which accounts for the large increase in these years; details about numbers of respondents can be found in the data tables in appendix 1.

Figure 10: Children and young people attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016



<sup>10</sup> Question wording changed in 2010 to separate those aged 16-18 and 18+ from Secondary / senior school category. From 2015, question wording changed to include all schools with formal governance links to the cathedral, resulting in more cathedrals reporting schools figures – the number of responding cathedrals per year can be found in appendix 1.

<sup>11</sup> Key Stage 1 (KS1): Ages 5-7 / Years 1 and 2; Key Stage 2 (KS2): Ages 7-11 / Years 3, 4, 5 and 6; Key Stage 3 (KS3): Ages 11-14 / Years 7, 8 and 9; Key Stage 4 (KS4): Ages 14-16 / Years 10 and 11.

## Cathedral activities, volunteers, and visitors

### Activities of cathedral personnel

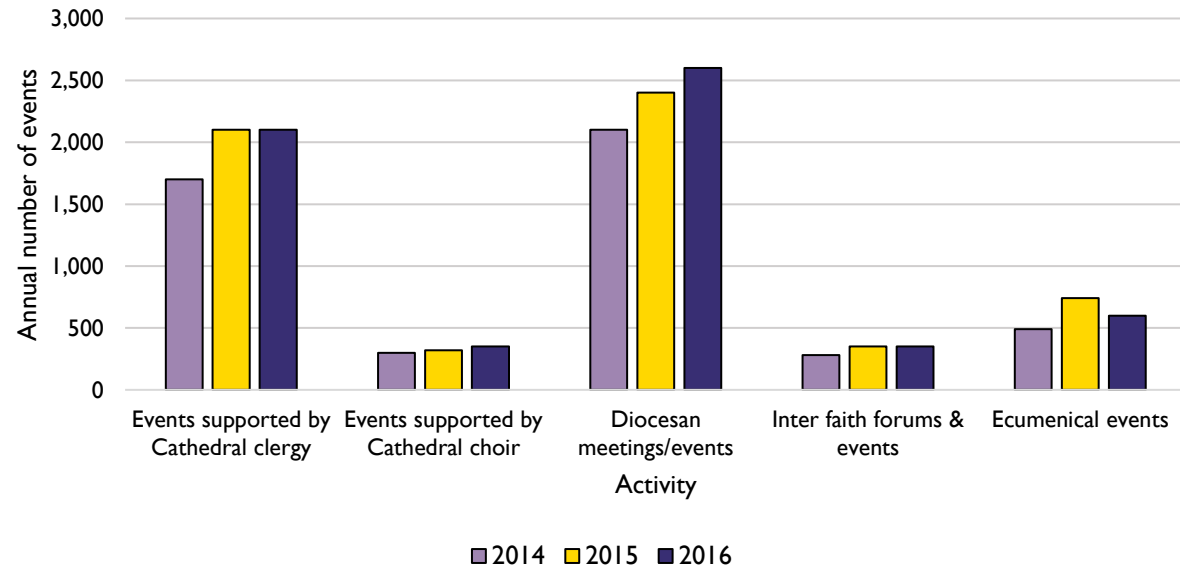
In 2016, there were over 2,600 reported occasions in which cathedral clergy, choirs, or staff participated in diocesan meetings/events; 2,100 events/services were supported by clergy away from the cathedral and 350 events were supported by cathedral choirs. All of these were the highest figures recorded since 2014 when the question was first asked.

There were 350 reported occasions on which cathedral personnel participated in formal inter faith forums and events, which is the same as reported in 2015, and 600 reported occasions when they participated in ecumenical events, which is down by 19% (or 140 events) from 2015, but an increase of 22% (or 110 events) from 2014.

In 2016, Westminster Abbey reported 230 events/services supported by clergy; fewer than 5 events/services supported by the choir; 10 occasions on which clergy participated in diocesan meetings/events; 10 formal inter faith forums and events and 50 ecumenical events supported by clergy.

Figure 11 shows activities of Church of England cathedral personnel outside the cathedral itself, first reported in 2014. It should be noted that not all cathedrals responded to this question; details about numbers of respondents can be found in the data tables in appendix 1.

Figure 11: Activities of Church of England cathedral personnel, 2014-2016<sup>12</sup>



<sup>12</sup> First reported in 2014.

## Volunteers and visitors

In 2016, there were around 9 million visitors to cathedrals, which was a decrease of 5% from 2015. Overall between 2006 and 2016, visitors to cathedrals increased by 6%, which is equal to over half a million visitors. Paying visitors increased between 2012 and 2016 by 3%, equivalent to around 100,000 visitors. There were slightly more non-paying visitors (53%) than paying (47%) in 2016. The number of people volunteering at cathedrals has risen over the last ten years by 15%, from 13,000 in 2006 to 15,000 in 2016 and have been the same figure since 2013.

Westminster Abbey reported 1.1 million visitors in 2016, with 99% paying for entry. There were 470 reported volunteers.

Figure 12: Visitors at Church of England cathedrals, 2006 - 2016

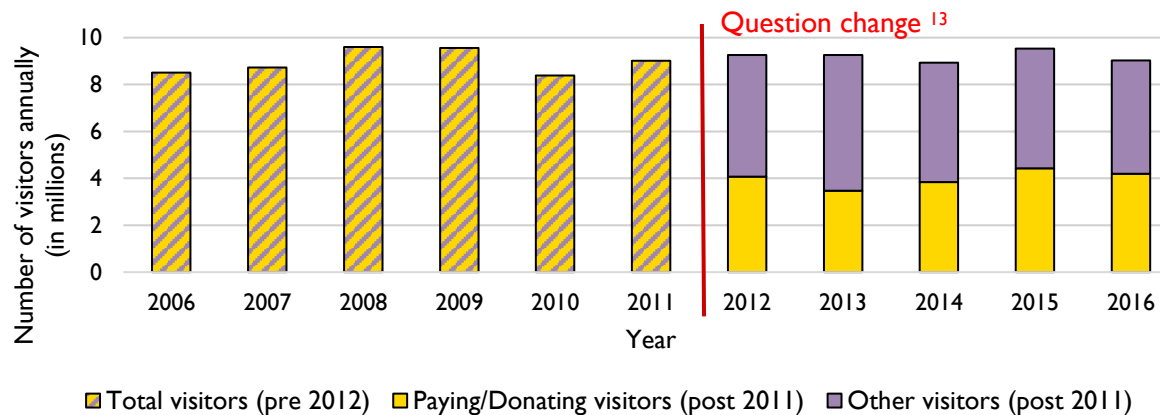
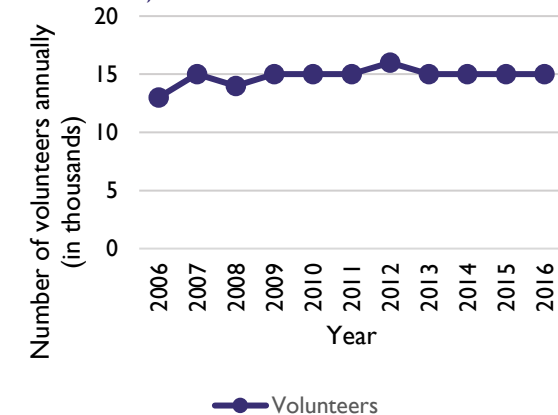


Figure 13: Volunteers at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016



Total visitors are shown in figure 12. Visitors are defined as either people paying or donating at the point of entry or those who do not pay but possibly donate at alms box (excluding those who attend services and events). Prior to 2010, only the total number of visitors was reported. From 2010 onwards, visitors were recorded in two categories - those paying (either by donation or paying at point of entry) and those that did not pay (and excluding those attending services and events mentioned elsewhere in this report). Until 2012 some cathedrals were unable to provide broken down figures so only data from 2012 onwards is shown in this way. Unlike previous years, all visitor figures in this report are taken from the returns provided by cathedrals themselves and not from external sources. Figure 13 shows the total number of people volunteering at Church of England cathedrals (including servers, welcomers, stewards, flower arrangers, committee members and other unpaid posts).

<sup>13</sup> From 2010, data were collected about payment upon entry, however until 2012 some cathedrals were unable to provide broken down figures.

## Music in Cathedrals

### Choristers and voluntary choir members

In 2016, 1,500 total child choristers and 500 paid professional adults provided choral music for cathedrals. The total choristers across all ages remains the same as 2015, at 2,000, but there has been a decrease of 5% over the last decade from 2,100 in 2006. Increases were seen in girl choristers, with 9% more in 2016 (750) than 2015 (690), and 3% more overall in the last ten years since 730 in 2006.

In general, voluntary choirs contained slightly fewer people in total than cathedral choirs, and proportionally were made up of more adults than cathedral choirs, in particular women. In 2016, 1,300 adults and 490 children were part of voluntary choirs, which was a drop of 5% overall from 2015.

In 2016, Westminster Abbey reported 30 boy choristers; no girl choristers; 20 paid professional men; 10 paid professional women. There were no voluntary choir members reported.

Figure 14: Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

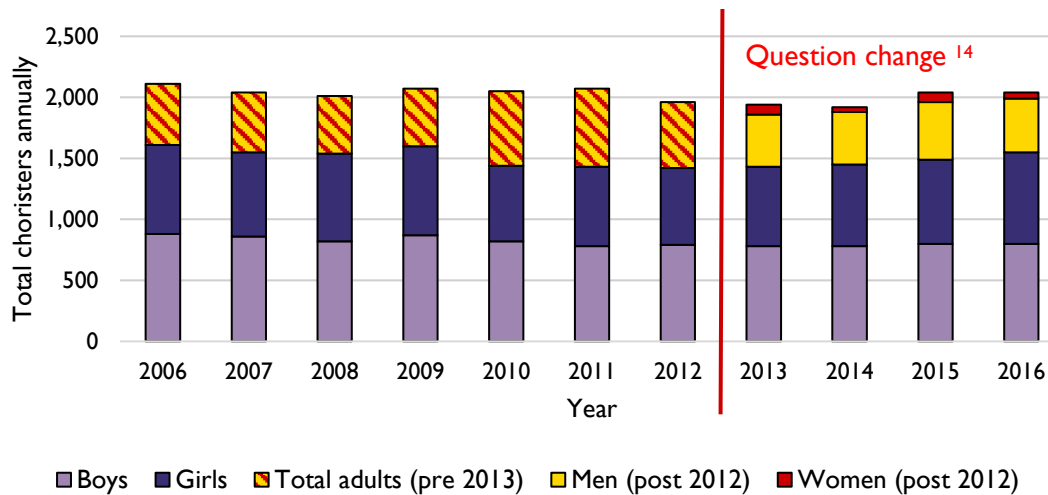
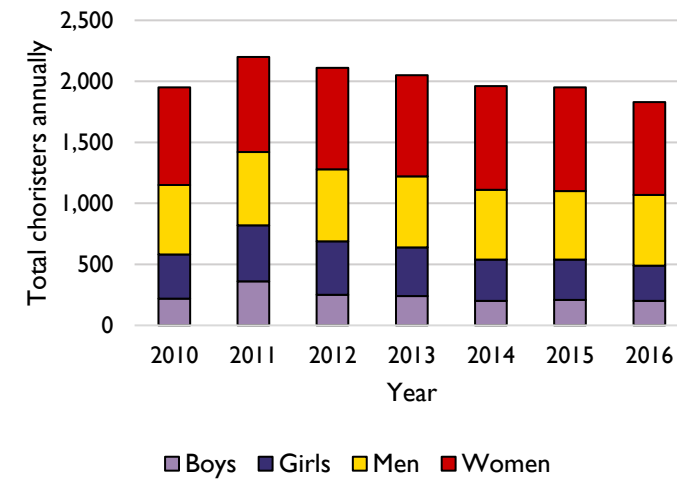


Figure 15: Voluntary Choir members, 2010-2016<sup>15</sup>



<sup>14</sup> Prior to 2013, only the total adult Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars figures were recorded but from 2013 this was split into men and women.

<sup>15</sup> Voluntary choir members recorded from 2010 onwards.

Figure 14 shows numbers of Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, broken down by children (boys and girls) and adults (men and women). Prior to 2013, only the total adult Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars figures were recorded, and from 2013 split into men and women. From 2010 onwards, cathedrals were asked to record those in voluntary choirs at Church of England cathedrals, which is shown in figure 15 and again is broken down by children (boy and girls) and adults (men and women).

### Number of choirs

The numbers of male, female and mixed choirs in cathedrals all remained steady from 2015 to 2016, at 40, 30 and 80 respectively. However, since choirs were first recorded in 2012, the numbers have decreased. The number of visiting choirs rose by 10% from 770 in 2015 to 2016 to 850, and were the same as when they were first recorded in 2013.

Westminster Abbey recorded fewer than 5 male choirs; no female choirs; fewer than 5 mixed choirs and no visiting choirs in 2016.

Before 2012, cathedrals were only asked to record choristers singing in Cathedral Choirs and voluntary choirs. In 2012, additional questions were introduced asking for male, female and mixed choirs and from 2013 onwards, visiting choirs were added to the question – this is reflected in figures 16a and 16b.

Figure 16a: Number of Choirs in Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2016<sup>16</sup>

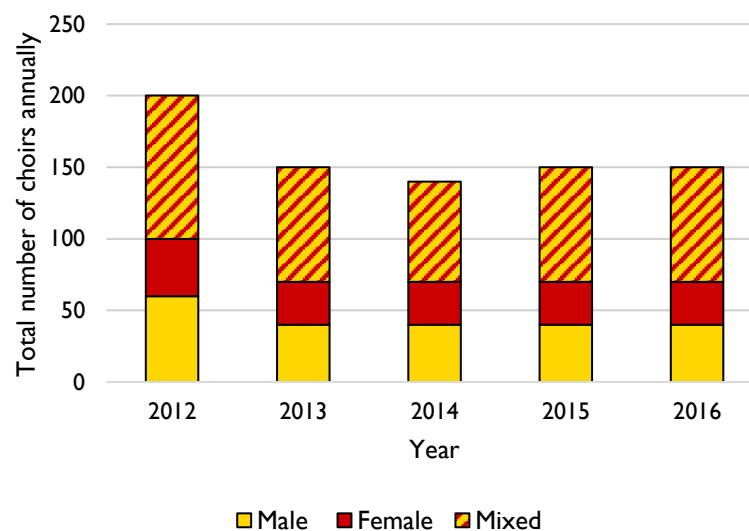
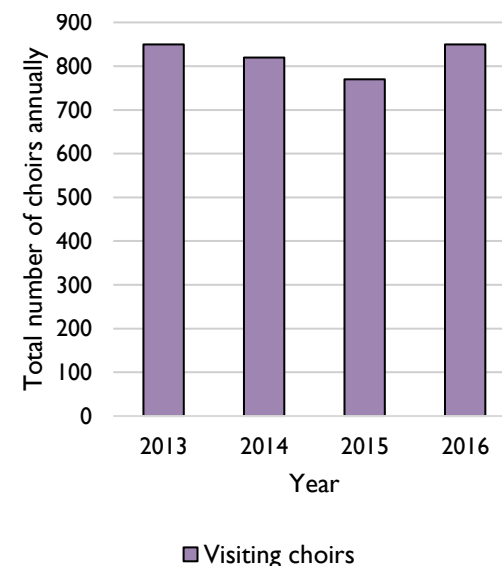


Figure 16b: Number of visiting choirs<sup>17</sup>



<sup>16</sup> First recorded in 2012.

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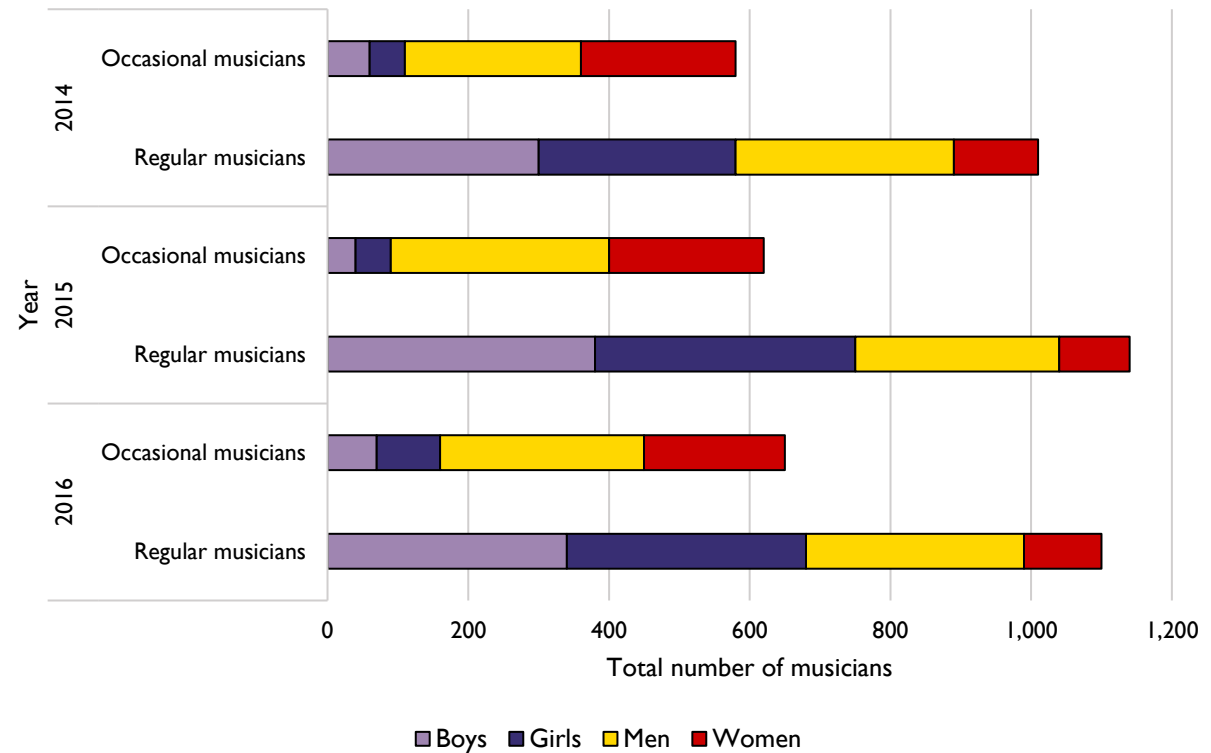
## Musicians

In 2016, 1,100 regular and 660 occasional musicians were reported as being involved in services. This is an increase on the last two years for occasional musicians, but a slight decrease for regular musicians. Women musicians, both occasional and regular, have slightly decreased since 2014 whilst male and child musicians have increased or remained steady.

In 2016, Westminster Abbey reported 10 adult (all male) regular musicians; 30 adult (20 male and 10 female) occasional musicians.

Figure 17 shows the number of musicians in Church of England cathedrals, broken down by whether they are regular or occasional. They are also further broken down by age and gender. The data were first reported in 2013 but split into two categories from 2014 onwards (regular and occasional).

Figure 17: Number of musicians in Church of England cathedrals, 2014-2016<sup>18</sup>



<sup>18</sup> First recorded in 2013, but split into regular and occasional from 2014 onwards.

## Appendices

### Appendix I: Data Tables

Table I: Sunday and midweek attendance<sup>19</sup> at Church of England cathedrals, per week, 2006-2016

Year	Sunday Attendance (per week)			Midweek <sup>20</sup> Attendance (per week)			Total Weekly Attendance (per week)			Community roll <sup>21</sup>
	Under 16	16 and over	All ages	Under 16	16 and over	All ages	Under 16	16 and over	All ages	
2006	2,800	15,800	18,600	4,000	9,000	13,000	6,800	24,800	31,600	16,300
2007	2,500	15,900	18,400	4,300	10,300	14,700	6,800	26,300	33,000	15,900
2008	2,500	15,800	18,200	4,400	9,600	13,900	6,800	25,300	32,100	15,700
2009	2,500	15,600	18,100	4,100	10,500	14,600	6,600	26,100	32,700	16,500
2010	2,500	15,800	18,300	4,500	11,700	16,200	7,000	27,500	34,400	16,100
2011	2,200	16,500	18,600	4,600	11,500	16,100	6,700	28,000	34,700	16,300
2012	2,600	17,100	19,700	4,400	11,800	16,100	7,000	28,800	35,800	16,800
2013	2,400	16,500	18,900	4,500	14,300	18,800	6,900	30,800	37,700	14,500
2014	2,300	16,400	18,700	4,300	12,700	17,000	6,600	29,100	35,700	15,100
2015	2,300	15,700	17,900	4,800	14,300	19,100	7,000	30,000	37,000	15,900
2016	2,400	16,300	18,700	4,200	14,000	18,200	6,600	30,300	37,000	16,200

<sup>19</sup> Average attendance at normal services held by cathedrals either on Sunday or midweek. Includes attendance at services that are not major festivals or contained in a peak holiday period. Persons attending more than one service on the same day were, wherever possible, counted only once no matter how many services they attended.

<sup>20</sup> Midweek count only includes services held Monday - Saturday and excludes Sunday services.

<sup>21</sup> Community roll was renewed in 2013.



Table 2: Total annual attendance at regular services<sup>22</sup> at Church of England cathedrals, 2013<sup>23</sup>-2016

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fresh expressions of Church (annual attendance)</b>	<b>Regular schools services (annual attendance)</b>	<b>Other regular services (annual attendance)</b>	<b>Total regular attendance (annual)</b>
2013	14,700	170,700	391,000	<b>576,000</b>
2014	14,400	241,500	219,000	<b>475,000</b>
2015	14,400	265,400	191,900	<b>472,000</b>
2016	16,500	285,300	272,700	<b>574,000</b>

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<sup>22</sup> Numbers in attendance at regular services are not included in average weekly attendance figures in table 1 as they are not part of the weekly calendar of services.

<sup>23</sup> The wording of the question asking about regular services was changed in 2013 to ensure the weekly pattern of services was not included. This resulted in a reduced total, hence why only data for 2013 onwards are shown in table 2.

Table 3: Annual number of and total attendance at specially arranged services at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

Year	Diocesan or Episcopal services <sup>24</sup>		Special services arranged for schools <sup>25</sup>		Other special services (excluding memorials) <sup>25</sup>		Services outside Cathedral building <sup>26</sup>		Total Specially Arranged Services	
	Number of services	Annual attendance	Number of services	Annual attendance	Number of services	Annual attendance	Number of services	Annual attendance	Number of services	Annual attendance
2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,900	904,000
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,900	1,002,000
2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,100	1,022,000
2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	953,000
2010	-	-	90	47,000	3,100	917,000	-	-	3,200	964,000
2011	-	-	100	51,000	2,900	876,000	-	-	3,000	926,000
2012	480	122,000	420	208,000	2,000	608,000	-	-	2,900	937,000
2013	480	108,000	490	296,000	1,600	486,000	-	-	2,500	890,000
2014	540	179,000	520	286,000	1,600	423,000	50	30,000	2,700	918,000
2015	470	163,000	520	302,000	1,600	452,000	70	26,000	2,700	942,000
2016	530	176,000	540	321,000	1,700	426,000	210	17,000	2,900	941,000

<sup>24</sup> First reported in 2012.

<sup>25</sup> First reported in 2010.

<sup>26</sup> First reported in 2014.

Table 4: Number of and attendance at public / civic services at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

Year	Graduation ceremonies <sup>27</sup>		Other events <sup>27</sup>		Total Public/civic events	
	Number of services	Annual attendance	Number of services	Annual attendance	Number of services	Annual attendance (in millions)
2006	-	-	-	-	<b>3,700</b>	<b>1.37</b>
2007	-	-	-	-	<b>4,200</b>	<b>1.16</b>
2008	-	-	-	-	<b>5,300</b>	<b>1.75</b>
2009	-	-	-	-	<b>5,500</b>	<b>1.62</b>
2010	260	302,000	4,900	1,331,000	<b>5,100</b>	<b>1.63</b>
2011	260	273,000	5,400	1,570,000	<b>5,700</b>	<b>1.84</b>
2012	280	275,000	5,000	823,000	<b>5,300</b>	<b>1.10</b>
2013	290	282,000	5,600	792,000	<b>5,900</b>	<b>1.07</b>
2014	290	266,000	6,000	888,000	<b>6,300</b>	<b>1.15</b>
2015	280	266,000	5,100	856,000	<b>5,400</b>	<b>1.12</b>
2016	280	295,000	5,600	951,000	<b>5,900</b>	<b>1.25</b>

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<sup>27</sup> First reported in 2010.

Table 5: Easter communicants & attendance and Holy Week attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

Year	Easter <sup>28</sup>		Holy Week <sup>29</sup>
	Communicants	Total attendance <sup>30</sup>	Total attendance <sup>30</sup>
2006	29,000	52,000	-
2007	30,000	52,000	-
2008	26,700	49,000	-
2009	29,000	50,000	-
2010	28,000	48,000	-
2011	27,000	48,000	-
2012	28,000	55,000	-
2013	26,000	53,000	-
2014	27,000	53,000	89,000
2015	28,000	54,000	93,000
2016	26,000	53,000	94,000

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<sup>28</sup> Easter includes vigil services on Easter Eve and all services on Easter Day.

<sup>29</sup> Holy Week data were first collected in 2010 but in 2014 specified to be the period from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. Data before 2014 therefore may include extra figures and hence why only 2014 onwards are shown.

<sup>30</sup> Total attendance includes the total number of people reported to have attended worship, both communicants and those that did not take communion, adults, children and young people, clergy and laity.

Table 6: Christmas communicants & attendance and Advent attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

Year	Christmas <sup>31</sup>		Advent <sup>32</sup>
	Communicants	Total attendance <sup>33</sup>	Total attendance <sup>33</sup>
2006	41,000	130,000	-
2007	35,000	119,000	-
2008	35,000	122,000	-
2009	34,000	118,000	-
2010	31,000	110,000	-
2011	33,000	129,000	-
2012	32,000	117,000	-
2013	33,000	124,000	-
2014	32,000	125,000	631,000
2015	33,000	125,000	624,000
2016	34,000	131,000	635,000

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<sup>31</sup> Christmas includes all services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

<sup>32</sup> From 2014 onwards, Advent was specified to be the period from Advent Sunday to 23rd December. Data before 2014 therefore may include extra figures and hence why only 2014 onwards are shown.

<sup>33</sup> Total attendance includes the total number of people reported to have attended worship, both communicants and those that did not take communion, adults, children and young people, clergy and laity.

Table 7: Baptism and Thanksgiving services held at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

Year	Baptism Services						Thanksgiving Services			
	Infants under one year	Children aged 1 to 4 years <sup>34</sup>	Children aged 5 to 12 years <sup>34</sup>	Children aged 1 to 12 years <sup>35</sup>	Age 13+	Total baptisms	Under 1 year	Aged 1 year + <sup>36</sup>	Children aged 1 to 4 years <sup>36</sup>	Total thanksgiving services
2006	360	-	-	200	150	<b>710</b>	< 5	< 5	-	< 5
2007	320	-	-	220	140	<b>680</b>	< 5	0	-	< 5
2008	360	-	-	210	150	<b>710</b>	10	< 5	-	<b>10</b>
2009	380	-	-	270	160	<b>820</b>	< 5	< 5	-	<b>10</b>
2010	350	-	-	220	190	<b>760</b>	< 5	0	-	< 5
2011	360	-	-	220	160	<b>750</b>	10	0	-	<b>10</b>
2012	350	-	-	250	160	<b>760</b>	< 5	< 5	-	<b>10</b>
2013	320	150	100	<b>250</b>	220	<b>780</b>	10	0	-	<b>10</b>
2014	300	190	50	<b>240</b>	210	<b>760</b>	10	-	10	<b>20</b>
2015	270	160	70	<b>230</b>	260	<b>760</b>	10	-	< 5	<b>10</b>
2016	240	140	90	<b>220</b>	300	<b>770</b>	10	-	< 5	<b>10</b>

<sup>34</sup> First reported in 2013.

<sup>35</sup> Until 2013, baptisms were reported in 3 categories: infants under 1 year, children aged 1-12 years and mature aged 13+. From 2013 onwards, children's baptisms were split into those aged 1-4 years and 5-12 years; the total for children aged 1-12 years is given in table 7 for comparison with years prior to 2013.

<sup>36</sup> Prior to 2014, all thanksgivings for those aged 1 year or older were reported. From 2014 onwards, thanksgivings were reported for those under 1 year and 1 - 4 years only.

Table 8: Marriage, Funeral and Memorial services held at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

Year	Marriage Services			Funeral Services			Memorial Services <sup>37</sup>
	Marriages <sup>38</sup>	Blessings of marriage <sup>39</sup>	Total marriage services	In Cathedrals	At Crematoria / Cemeteries	Total funeral services	
2006	300	70	<b>370</b>	270	80	<b>340</b>	-
2007	280	50	<b>330</b>	310	50	<b>370</b>	-
2008	310	50	<b>360</b>	300	60	<b>360</b>	-
2009	310	40	<b>350</b>	270	60	<b>320</b>	-
2010	320	30	<b>350</b>	340	70	<b>400</b>	130
2011	340	30	<b>370</b>	280	60	<b>340</b>	90
2012	340	20	<b>360</b>	290	110	<b>400</b>	100
2013	290	30	<b>320</b>	300	90	<b>390</b>	100
2014	320	30	<b>340</b>	290	80	<b>370</b>	100
2015	270	30	<b>290</b>	300	80	<b>390</b>	120
2016	260	30	<b>290</b>	270	80	<b>350</b>	140

<sup>37</sup> First reported in 2010.

<sup>38</sup> Couples newly married only.

<sup>39</sup> Service of blessing immediately after marriage does not include renewal of vows.

Table 9: Number of children and young people attending educational events<sup>40</sup> at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

<b>Year</b>	<b>KS1: Nursery / Pre-prep</b>	<b>KS2: Primary / Prep</b>	<b>KS3/4: Secondary / Senior<sup>41</sup></b>	<b>16 - 18<sup>42</sup></b>	<b>18 +<sup>42</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
2006	5,100	164,700	112,400	-	-	<b>282,000</b>
2007	6,800	183,100	108,000	-	-	<b>298,000</b>
2008	4,500	171,700	121,700	-	-	<b>298,000</b>
2009	2,600	183,900	118,100	-	-	<b>305,000</b>
2010	26,200	150,200	96,800	9,600	13,100	<b>296,000</b>
2011	36,500	150,300	76,300	8,500	15,000	<b>286,000</b>
2012	39,300	145,900	90,500	10,500	20,400	<b>307,000</b>
2013	43,500	133,300	95,500	15,600	33,900	<b>322,000</b>
2014	36,600	132,800	94,300	12,700	33,000	<b>309,000</b>
2015	48,900	133,700	94,100	11,500	31,800	<b>320,000</b>
2016	41,500	143,800	87,200	9,900	27,700	<b>310,000</b>

For reference, ages and school groups for Key Stages are as follows:

- Key Stage 1 (KS1): Ages 5-7 / Years 1 and 2
- Key Stage 2 (KS2): Ages 7-11 / Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Key Stage 3 (KS3): Ages 11-14 / Years 7, 8 and 9
- Key Stage 4 (KS4): Ages 14-16 / Years 10 and 11

<sup>40</sup> Educational events includes those events which took place either in the Cathedral or organised by the Cathedral and took place elsewhere.

<sup>41</sup> Until 2010, those aged 16-18 and 18+ were included in the Secondary / Senior category.

<sup>42</sup> First reported in 2010.



Table 10: Number of children and young people attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

Year	KS1: Nursery / Pre-prep		KS2: Primary / Prep		KS3/4: Secondary / Senior <sup>43</sup>		16 - 18 <sup>44</sup>		18 + <sup>44</sup>		Total
	Count of students	base > 0 <sup>45</sup>	Count of students	base > 0 <sup>45</sup>	Count of students	base > 0 <sup>45</sup>	Count of students	base > 0 <sup>45</sup>	Count of students	base > 0 <sup>45</sup>	
2006	1,380	(16)	2,840	(17)	5,390	(15)	-	-	-	-	9,600
2007	1,330	(16)	2,880	(17)	5,380	(14)	-	-	-	-	9,600
2008	1,160	(16)	3,250	(18)	7,170	(15)	-	-	-	-	11,600
2009	1,130	(16)	3,460	(19)	7,350	(15)	-	-	-	-	11,900
2010	1,180	(16)	3,400	(19)	5,960	(16)	1,400	(10)	50	(3)	12,000
2011	1,360	(16)	2,950	(20)	5,420	(17)	1,780	(11)	310	(7)	11,800
2012	1,330	(16)	3,290	(20)	5,680	(16)	1,740	(11)	250	(7)	12,300
2013	1,500	(17)	2,950	(20)	5,510	(15)	1,710	(11)	270	(7)	11,900
2014	1,270	(17)	2,990	(20)	5,210	(16)	2,050	(11)	240	(6)	11,800
2015 <sup>46</sup>	1,290	(17)	3,080	(20)	6,290	(17)	2,430	(12)	290	(6)	13,400
2016	1,660	(19)	3,830	(24)	8,450	(19)	2,690	(13)	230	(7)	16,900

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<sup>43</sup> Until 2010, those aged 16-18 and 18+ were included in the Secondary / Senior category.

<sup>44</sup> First reported in 2010.

<sup>45</sup> Not all cathedrals responded to this question, and so this gives the total number of cathedrals that provided a figure greater than zero. Note that more cathedrals provided data in 2015 and 2016 due to a slight question change, which may account for large increases.

<sup>46</sup> From 2015, question wording changed to include all schools with formal governance links to the cathedral.

Table 11: Activities of Church of England cathedral personnel, 2014-2016<sup>47</sup>

Year	Events supported by Cathedral clergy		Events supported by Cathedral choir		Diocesan meetings / events		Inter faith forums & events		Ecumenical events	
	Number of events	base > 0 <sup>48</sup>	Number of events	base > 0 <sup>48</sup>	Number of events	base > 0 <sup>48</sup>	Number of events	base > 0 <sup>48</sup>	Number of events	base > 0 <sup>48</sup>
2014	1,700	(32)	300	(37)	2,100	(31)	300	(32)	500	(32)
2015	2,100	(35)	300	(37)	2,400	(36)	400	(35)	700	(37)
2016	2,100	(36)	400	(39)	2,600	(37)	300	(36)	600	(36)

Table 12: Volunteers and visitors at Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

Year	Volunteers	Visitors (in millions)		
		Paying/ Donating <sup>49</sup>	Other visitors <sup>49</sup>	Total number of visitors
2006	13,300	-	-	8.51
2007	15,000	-	-	8.73
2008	14,200	-	-	9.61
2009	15,000	-	-	9.56
2010	14,800	-	-	8.38
2011	14,500	-	-	9.02
2012	15,600	4.08	5.18	9.26
2013	14,700	3.48	5.79	9.26
2014	15,200	3.84	5.09	8.94
2015	15,000	4.43	5.10	9.53
2016	15,300	4.20	4.83	9.03

<sup>47</sup> First reported in 2014.

<sup>48</sup> Not all cathedrals responded to this question, and so this gives the total number of Cathedrals that provided a figure greater than zero.

<sup>49</sup> From 2010, visitors were recorded in two categories - those paying and those that did not pay - but until 2012 some cathedrals were unable to provide broken down figures.

Table 13: Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, 2006-2016

Year	Child choristers			Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars <sup>50</sup>			Total choristers
	Boys	Girls	Total children	Men	Women	Total adults	
2006	880	730	1,600	-	-	500	2,100
2007	860	690	1,500	-	-	490	2,000
2008	820	720	1,500	-	-	470	2,000
2009	870	730	1,600	-	-	470	2,100
2010	820	620	1,400	-	-	610	2,100
2011	780	650	1,400	-	-	640	2,100
2012	790	630	1,400	-	-	540	2,000
2013	780	650	1,400	430	80	510	1,900
2014	780	670	1,500	430	40	470	1,900
2015	800	690	1,500	470	80	550	2,000
2016	800	750	1,500	440	50	500	2,000

<sup>50</sup> Since 2013, Layclerks / Choral Scholars figures have been split into men and women. Prior to 2013 only the total was reported.

Table 14: Number of Voluntary Choir members in Church of England cathedrals, 2010-2016<sup>51</sup>

Year	Child choristers			Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars			Total choristers
	Boys	Girls	Total children	Men	Women	Total adults	
2010	220	360	580	570	800	1,400	1,900
2011	360	460	820	600	780	1,400	2,200
2012	250	440	690	590	830	1,400	2,100
2013	240	400	640	580	830	1,400	2,100
2014	200	340	540	570	850	1,400	2,000
2015	210	330	540	560	850	1,400	1,900
2016	200	290	490	580	760	1,300	1,800

Table 15: Number of Choirs in Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2016<sup>52</sup>

	Male	Female	Mixed	Visiting choirs <sup>53</sup>	Total number of choirs
2012	60	40	100	-	200
2013	40	30	80	850	990
2014	40	30	70	820	970
2015	40	30	80	770	910
2016	40	30	80	850	990

<sup>51</sup> First reported in 2010.

<sup>52</sup> First reported in 2012 - additional questions were introduced asking for male, female and mixed choirs.

<sup>53</sup> First reported in 2013.

Table 16: Number of musicians in Church of England cathedrals, 2014-2016<sup>54</sup>

Year	Regular					Occasional				
	Regular: Boys	Regular: Girls	Regular: Male	Regular: Female	Regular: Total	Occasional: Boys	Occasional: Girls	Occasional: Men	Occasional: Women	Occasional: Total
2014	300	280	310	120	<b>1,000</b>	60	50	250	220	<b>580</b>
2015	380	370	290	100	<b>1,140</b>	40	50	310	220	<b>620</b>
2016	340	340	310	110	<b>1,100</b>	70	90	290	200	<b>660</b>

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<sup>54</sup> First reported in 2013 but split to two categories in 2014 (regular and occasional).

## Methodology

There are 42 Church of England cathedrals, all of whom participated in this exercise along with Westminster Abbey (which is not a cathedral, but a Royal Peculiar). Figure 18 on the next page shows the location of all participating cathedrals, the names of which are below with the diocese in brackets (if not already in the name of the cathedral).

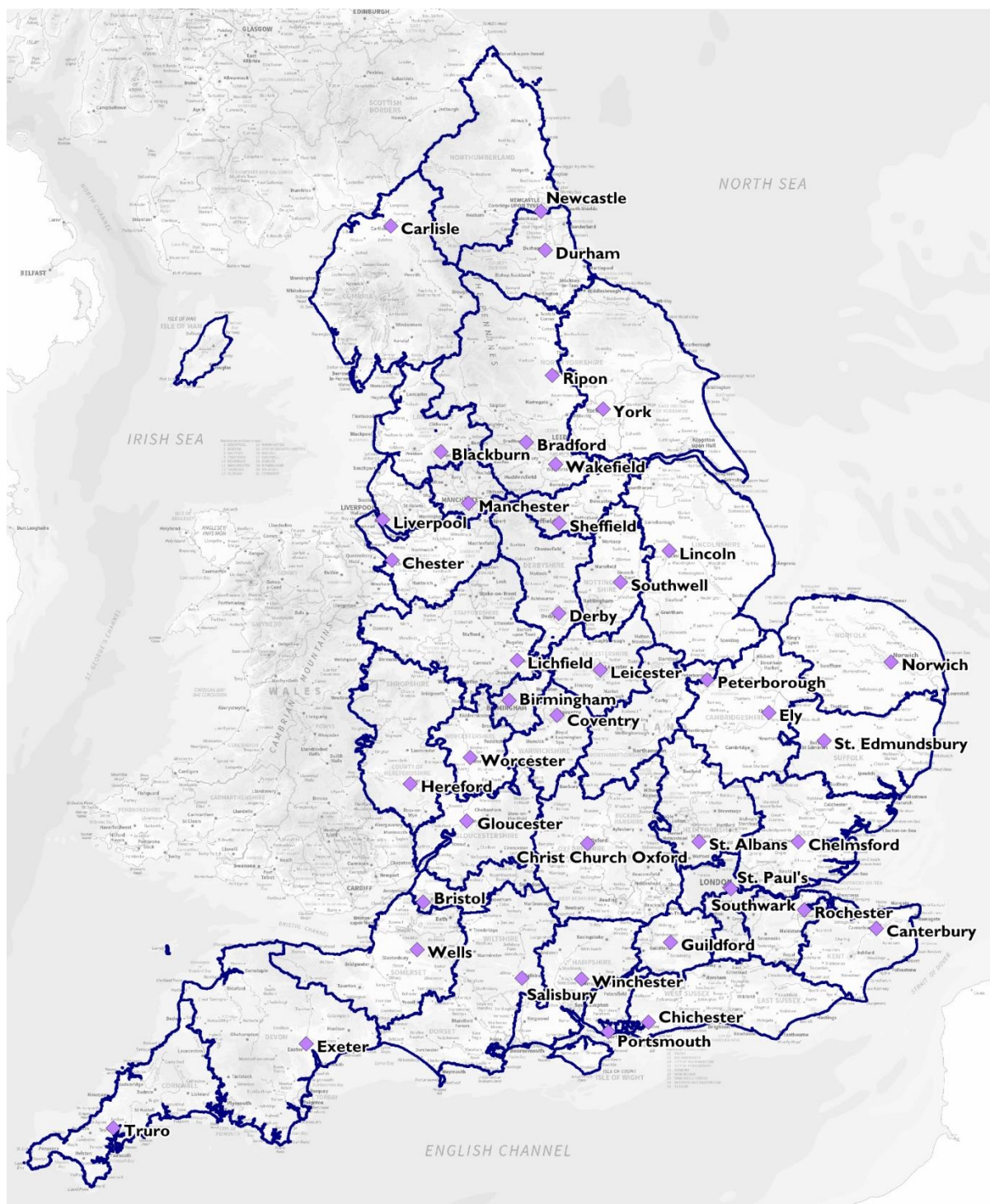
Wells Cathedral (Bath and Wells)	Gloucester Cathedral	Rochester Cathedral
Birmingham Cathedral	Guildford Cathedral	The Cathedral & Abbey Church of Saint Alban
Blackburn Cathedral	Hereford Cathedral	St Edmundsbury Cathedral (St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich)
Bradford Cathedral (Leeds)	Leicester Cathedral	Salisbury Cathedral
Bristol Cathedral	Lichfield Cathedral	Sheffield Cathedral
Canterbury Cathedral	Lincoln Cathedral	Southwark Cathedral
Carlisle Cathedral	Liverpool Cathedral	Southwell Minster (Southwell & Nottingham)
Chelmsford Cathedral	St. Paul's Cathedral (London)	Truro Cathedral
Chester Cathedral	Manchester Cathedral	Wakefield Cathedral (Leeds)
Chichester Cathedral	Newcastle Cathedral	Winchester Cathedral
Coventry Cathedral	Norwich Cathedral	Worcester Cathedral
Derby Cathedral	Christ Church Cathedral (Oxford)	York Minster
Durham Cathedral	Peterborough Cathedral	Westminster Abbey, London (Royal peculiar)
Ely Cathedral	Portsmouth Cathedral	
Exeter Cathedral	Ripon Cathedral (Leeds)	

Cathedral data in this report have been collated from the annual cathedral returns completed each year by Head Vergers/Cathedral Administrators and Deans. Figures for Westminster Abbey are not included in the charts and tables but as notes alongside the charts.

The form in appendix 2 was sent electronically to all Church of England cathedrals, and Westminster Abbey, in October 2016. Data were checked immediately upon the form being returned, and any anomalies or missing data queried directly with the cathedral and amended where necessary. In the case of no response from the query, blank fields were taken as zeros for all sundry measures, whilst estimation was carried out based on previous years data for attendance measures. Where data had been missing in 2015 but provided for 2016, estimation was updated using an average of the surrounding years. While all figures in this report have been rounded to the most relevant significant figures, totals and averages were calculated before rounding, thus row and column totals will not always agree exactly with the sum of the stated amounts. Where data are fewer than 5 (but greater than zero), <5 is shown in the tables rather than the actual number.

Unlike previous years, all visitor figures in this report are taken from the returns provided by cathedrals themselves and not from external sources; previously, visitor figures for Canterbury, London, Westminster Abbey and, prior to 2011, York Minster were taken from [www.alva.org.uk](http://www.alva.org.uk).

Figure 18: Map of Church of England cathedrals included in report



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## Appendix 2: Cathedral Form 2016

<b>CATHEDRAL STATISTICS: JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2016</b>
Cathedral: _____
Diocese: _____
Please name any parish, district, mission or fresh expression churches which are included in this return

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL BOXES. EMPTY BOXES WILL BE TREATED AS UNKNOWN (Don't Know)  
Where no instances occurred please enter "0"

<b>1. Attendance</b>					
<b>Electoral/Cathedral Community Roll 2016</b>					
Number of people on the Electoral/Cathedral Community Roll as presented to the Annual Meeting held between 1 January and 30 April 2016					[ ]
<b>2. Average Attendance (on Sunday and midweek)</b>					
<i>The average number of people attending services on a Sunday and midweek (Monday to Saturday) in a normal week with no special events or services.</i>					
		Sunday		Midweek	
Children under 16 years of age — present for any part of a service or activity involving worship		[ ]		[ ]	
People 16 years of age and over — present for any service or activity involving worship		[ ]		[ ]	
Additional Regular Services held at least once a month but not part of the weekly pattern of services					
For these services please give the total attendance for the entire year (1 January—31 December)					
	Overall annual Attendance		Overall annual Attendance		Overall annual Attendance
Fresh expressions and other community services	[ ]	Services for schools	[ ]	Other regular services	[ ]
<b>Specially Arranged Services:</b>			<b>Other Events in cathedral church:</b>		
	Overall Attendance	Number of services		Overall Attendance	Number of events
Diocesan or Episcopal services	[ ]	[ ]	Graduation ceremonies	[ ]	[ ]
Special services (excluding memorials)	[ ]	[ ]	Other events (public or civic events, conferences, concerts, meetings, etc)	[ ]	[ ]
Services for schools (not regular) e.g. end of term service	[ ]	[ ]			
Services outside cathedral building	[ ]	[ ]			
<b>3. Festivals</b>					
<b>Easter and Christmas 2016</b>					
			Attendance		Number of services
Number of communicants at any service on Easter Eve and Easter Day			[ ]		
Number attending worship at any service on Easter Eve and Easter Day			[ ]		[ ]
Number of communicants at any service on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day			[ ]		
Number attending worship at any service on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day			[ ]		[ ]
			Attendance		Largest attendance
Number attending worship at any service during Holy Week ( <i>Palm Sunday to Good Friday</i> )			[ ]		[ ]
Number attending all events and services <i>from the beginning of Advent to 23rd December</i>			[ ]		[ ]
<b>4. Schools and Educational Visits</b>					
<b>Educational Visits during 2016</b>					
Number of children/ students attending organised educational events during 2016 which either take place in the cathedral or are organised by the cathedral and take place elsewhere.					
Nursery/ Pre-Prep/KS1	[ ]	Primary/ Prep/KS2	[ ]	Secondary/Senior/KS3/KS4	[ ]
			16 – 18 yrs	[ ]	18 +yrs
				[ ]	[ ]
<b>Cathedral Schools</b>					
Number of children/students attending schools with formal governance links with the cathedral during the academic year 2016/17					
Nursery/ Pre-Prep/KS1	[ ]	Primary/ Prep/KS2	[ ]	Secondary/Senior/KS3/KS4	[ ]
			16 – 18 yrs	[ ]	18 +yrs
				[ ]	[ ]

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL BOXES. EMPTY BOXES WILL BE TREATED AS UNKNOWN

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**5. Visitors**

Number of visitors (paying, donating at point of entry)  Number of other visitors (non-paying, and excluding any attending the above services and events)

*This section asks about the number of baptisms, marriages and funerals*

**6. Baptisms and thanksgiving for the gift of a child**

*If separate services of thanksgiving and baptism were held for any individual, both should be included.*

**Baptisms – Number of persons baptised**

Infants (<1yr)  Children (1-4)  Children (5-12)  Youth / Adults (13+) 
 How many of these baptisms were from a sending parish?

**Thanksgiving for the gift of a child – Number of children for whom a thanksgiving service for the gift (birth or adoption) of a child was held**

Infants (<1yr)  Children (1-4)

**7. Marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriage**

Marriage – Number of couples married in the cathedral church

Prayer and dedication (after civil marriage) – Number of couples for whom a service was held in the cathedral church

**8. Funerals and memorial services**

*In each case include all funerals conducted on behalf of the cathedral/parish by any minister including stipendiary clergy, non-stipendiary clergy and retired clergy*

	Number of services	Largest single attendance
Funeral service held in cathedral church	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Full funeral service conducted – On behalf of this cathedral church at a crematorium or cemetery, excluding committal only and burial of ashes only	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Memorial service conducted – where a memorial service (but not a funeral) was conducted	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**9. Music**

**Choral Music**

**Number of choristers and lay clerks in main cathedral choirs**

Boys  Girls  Men  Women

**Number of voluntary choir members**

Boys  Girls  Men  Women

**Number of Choirs**

Cathedral Male  Cathedral female  Cathedral Mixed  Visiting Choirs

**Number of musicians involved in music for services**

**Regularly**

Boys  Girls  Men  Women

**Occasionally**

Boys  Girls  Men  Women

**10. Volunteers**

Number of people volunteering, e.g. servers, welcomers, stewards, flower arrangers, committee members, unpaid posts

**11. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS: (Enter numbers or '0' if none)**

(a) Number of events/services supported by cathedral clergy away from the cathedral	<input type="text"/>	(c) Number of occasions in which cathedral people participated in formal inter faith forums & events	<input type="text"/>
(b) Number of events/ services supported by the cathedral choir(s) away from the cathedral	<input type="text"/>	(d) Number of occasions in which cathedral people participated in ecumenical events	<input type="text"/>
(e) Number of occasions in which cathedral clergy/ people participated in formal diocesan meetings/ events	<input type="text"/>		

**12. COMMENTS ON ANY ASPECT OF THE STATISTICS YOU HAVE PROVIDED:**

Name:

Date:  /  / 2017

Position:

Contact:

(phone or E-mail)

Thank you for completing this form.  
Please return no later than the end of January 2017 to:

Research & Statistics Department, Church house,  
Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ

Or email to [statistics.unit@churchofengland.org](mailto:statistics.unit@churchofengland.org)

**PLEASE CHECK YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL BOXES, EMPTY BOXES WILL BE TREATED AS UNKNOWN**

## Appendix 3: Guidance notes

### ATTENDANCE

#### 1. Electoral Roll/ Cathedral Community Roll

Please state the number of people on the Electoral/ Community Roll as presented to the Annual Parochial Church/ Cathedral Community Roll Meeting in 2016.

#### 2. Average Attendance on a Sunday and Midweek

This section focuses on services which happen weekly i.e. morning, midday and evening prayer, Eucharists and Evensongs.

Please enter separately the number of adults and children attending Sunday and midweek services, Sunday School or activities involving worship. All people should be counted whether or not they are regular members of the congregation. Please note the midweek count includes Saturday services.

If the attendance fluctuates, an annual 'average' should be given.

Please record the number of people attending services on a normal Sunday and during a normal week (not a festival or peak holiday period).

Adults are classified as all people of 16 years of age or over including those leading services. Children and young people are classified as all those aged under 16 years of age.

#### Regular services

These are services that happen at least monthly. This section focuses on services other than morning, midday, evening prayer, Eucharists and Evensongs; for example fresh expressions of church and community services, school services and other services such as healing, Taize and Iona.

#### Fresh expressions and other community services

A fresh expression is a form of church established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet "members" of any church. Do not include activities such as Alpha or outreach activities which do not include worship. If you are uncertain as to whether an activity or service in your cathedral counts as a Fresh Expression please visit: <http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk> or visit: <http://www.churchofengland.org/media/1839845/freshexpressionschoicetree.pdf>

Specially Arranged Services include:

- a) Diocesan or Episcopal services e.g. Ascension Day, Pentecost, ordinations, Chrism Mass (but excluding Christmas and Easter services).
- b) Services in response to a special occasion, e.g. civic, county and charity services, installation of Canons, anniversary services such as centenary celebrations, diocesan celebrations and confirmations (excluding confirmation services included elsewhere).
- c) Services for schools that are not regular. These may include leavers', end of term or school carol services.
- d) Services outside cathedral building. This includes carols around Christmas tree, Palm Sunday procession, etc.

Other Events includes those attending any other public events such as conferences, concerts, meetings; public or civic events organised by the cathedral or when the cathedral is being used as a venue (include performers as well as audience in the numbers).

## FESTIVALS

### 3. Easter and Christmas

In the communicant boxes, please enter the number of communicants on Easter Eve and Easter Day and on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Clergy and other ministers who took communion should be included.

In the attending worship boxes, please enter the total number of people that attended worship over the same periods. Please include all people: communicants and those that did not take communion; adults, children and young people; clergy and laity.

#### Holy Week

Please give the total number of people attending all events and services in the cathedral during Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, including a blessing of oils and Chrism service.

#### Advent

Please give the total number of people attending all events and services from the beginning of Advent up to and including 23rd December e.g. carol services, concerts, nativity plays, etc. whether organised by the cathedral or where the cathedral is being used as a venue.

### 4. Schools and Educational Visits

In the first row please enter the number of children/ students attending organised educational events during the year which took place either in the cathedral or were organised by the cathedral and took place elsewhere, e.g. a school or academy, running a course within a secondary school, etc.

In the second row, please state the number of children/ students attending those schools or academies which are part of the cathedral foundation or had formal links with the cathedral during the academic year. If the figure for 31 December is unavailable, please state the number registered at the start of the 2016/16 academic year

NB:

Nursery/Pre-prep/KS1 – includes nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 (ages 3 to 7)

Primary/Prep/KS2 – includes years 3 to 6 (ages 7 to 11)

Secondary/Senior/KS3/KS4 – secondary school age is from year 7 to year 11 (ages 11 to 16)

16-18 years – includes year 12, 13 and 14 (Sixth form/A level). Students will typically study in either the sixth form of a secondary school or a further education college.

18+ - Colleges and universities

### 5. Visitors

Do not include those attending services and events counted elsewhere.

In the first box, please enter the number of visitors to the building paying to enter or donating at the point of entry.

In the second box, please state the number of visitors to the building who do not pay/ donate on entry. Non-paying includes those possibly donating at an alms box after entering.

#### 6. Baptisms and Thanksgivings for the gift of a child

Please state the number of people in each age group baptised between 1 January and 31 December, or for whom a thanksgiving service for the gift (birth or adoption) of a child was held and registered. Please state how many of these baptisms were from sending parishes e.g. as part of a confirmation service.

#### 7. Marriages, Prayer and Dedication after Civil Marriage

Please state the total numbers of couples married in the cathedral and of couples for whom a prayer and dedication service after civil marriage was held in the cathedral.

This does not include the renewal of vows on an anniversary or other occasion.

#### 8. Funerals

Include all funerals conducted on behalf of the cathedral by any minister including readers, stipendiary clergy, non-stipendiary clergy and retired clergy.

In the first row please state the number of funeral services held in the cathedral and separately give the largest attendance at a funeral service.

In the second row please state the number of full funeral services conducted on behalf of the cathedral at a crematorium or cemetery (excluding committal only) and the largest single service attendance.

In the third row please state the number of memorial/ thanksgiving services (not including a funeral) held in the cathedral and the largest single service attendance.

#### 9. Music

In the first row please enter separately the number of choristers (boys and girls) and professional adults (men and women) at the year end.

In the second row, please enter separately the number of voluntary choir members (boys and girls) and adults (men and women) at the year end.

In the third row, please enter separately the number of male, female, and mixed cathedral choirs; include all choirs (e.g. traditional choirs, community choirs and choral outreach programmes) at the

year end. If two or more of the cathedral choirs sing together occasionally, count them as separate choirs only. Please include all visiting choirs once regardless of the number of times they sing services in your cathedral during the year

In the fourth row, please enter the number of musicians (other than singers). This should include organists and any other musicians such as those in an instrumental group. Do not include musicians who play for concerts only.

The first row is for those participating on a regular basis (monthly or more frequently).

The second row is for those participating on an occasional basis (cumulative).

#### 10. Volunteers -

Include the number of people that assist for example, in welcoming and guiding visitors, with worship services (e.g. servers, readers, intercessors, stewards), and in roles such as flower arrangers and bell ringers. Voluntary committee members, including Chapter members, should be included in this Volunteers section.

#### 11. Additional Questions

The Association of English Cathedrals is keen to explore several aspects of cathedrals' involvement in wider ministry and mission.

- a) Number of events/ services supported by cathedral clergy away from the cathedral, for example, presiding or preaching at services in other churches, attending institutions, ordinations, and other liturgical services, and attending events such as mystery plays, folk dramas and pageants.
- b) Number of events/ services supported by a cathedral choir away from the cathedral.
- c) Number of occasions on which people representing the cathedral participated in formal inter-faith forums and events promoting good relations between people of different faiths.
- d) Number of occasions in which people representing the cathedral participated in ecumenical events, for example, women's world day of prayer services, lent study groups, and pilgrimage walks.
- e) Number of occasions in which people representing the cathedral participated in diocesan events, for example, ordinations, Maundy Thursday service, other special celebration services, diocesan synod, bishop's council and bishop's staff meetings.