

Cathedral Statistics 2014



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Summary

Cathedrals and greater churches offer a complementary ministry, which can strategically promote the mission and work of their dioceses in proclaiming the gospel, worshipping God, and engaging with others. The rich ministry of cathedrals was recognised with growth factors listed in the 'Cathedrals, Greater Churches and the growth of the church report of 2013' - Initiating new services and congregations, improving welcome and hospitality, increasing civic profile, engaging in culture & arts, enriching the quality of worship, developing educational programmes, promoting spiritual openness, inclusivity and diversity and enriching the quality of worship.

The statistics in this report reflect the changing patterns of midweek attendance in cathedrals over the past decade.

One off questions this year focused on events/services supported by cathedral clergy and choir; and the number of occasions in which cathedral staff participated in diocesan meetings, formal inter faith forums and ecumenical events.

Attendance & Weekly Services

For the first time, the attendance report is divided according to the nine regions of England. Cathedral growth is most common in areas of migration, economic and population growth. Cathedrals situated at the heart of lively, growing cities or those located along a tourists' thoroughway have greater opportunities for growth than those situated away from flourishing centres of population and economic development.

Many regions are seeing signs of growth in attendance at their cathedrals but growth trends are not evenly distributed across England. The three regions showing the strongest growth are Yorkshire and the Humber, London and the South East. Key aspects of growth identified were cultivating a sense of community; quality of worship, service, preaching and music; exploring new patterns of services; exploring spiritual openness and emphasis on families and young people. (tables 1 - 4).

In 2014 the average number of adults and children attending Cathedral services each week was 36,600. This has increased by 22% since 2004. The number of people attending regular services on Sundays in Cathedrals has remained stable over the last decade. Growth is seen in weekday attendance rising from 11,400 in 2004 to 19,500 in 2013 and then falling to 18,500 in 2014. The highest motivating factors for Cathedral attendance were peace and contemplation, worship and music and friendly atmosphere.

"A place of peace to worship and pray after a busy day at work". Source: From Anecdote To Evidence - Findings from the Church Growth Research Programme 2011-2013

Easter and Christmas

There were approximately 27,100 communicants at Easter. The number of communicants varies much less than attendance from year to year. Average attendance at each cathedral in 2014 was 1,260 at Easter. Attendance at Easter in 2014 was 53,100, slightly lower than the previous year. (table 5).

There were approximately 32,300 communicants at Christmas. The number of communicants varies much less than attendance from year to year and is less dependent on the day of the week on which Christmas falls. Average attendance at each cathedral in 2014 was 2,970 at Christmas (table 6).

124,800 people attended Christmas Eve/Day services, which is a slight increase on 2013. Many cathedrals conducted additional services over the Christmas period to meet high demand. Services during Advent, the period leading up to Christmas, attracted an attendance of 630,600 in 2014. Christmas attendance fluctuates depending on the day on which it falls and the weather. In general, attendance is greater when Christmas day falls at the weekend.

Baptisms, Marriages and Thanksgivings

In 2014 there were 760 baptisms and 18 thanksgivings conducted in cathedrals. The number of baptisms of people over 1 year of age has increased considerably since the year 2004, rising from 340 baptisms in 2004 to 450 in 2014. Since 2012, infant baptisms have been falling steadily. Overall, these figures reflect the national trend.

The number of marriages conducted in cathedrals was generally stable between 2004 and 2014. The number of blessings for newly married couples has been generally declining during the last decade.

The number of funerals conducted by cathedrals has remained reasonably stable over the last ten years.

Children and Young People

The number of children and young people attending educational events at cathedrals increased by 13.9% over the period 2004 to 2014. Over half of these visits were children under 11 years old (Nursery/Pre-prep and Primary/Prep). In 2013, however, the number of educational visits was the highest recorded at 321,700 falling to 309,400 (the second highest recorded) in 2014. Educational visits at Westminster Abbey were 13,400 in 2014.

Cathedrals support the education of 9,240 children at schools associated with cathedrals.

Music

At the centre of the life of the cathedral is the daily offering of worship and praise. Almost 2,000 child and adult choristers were involved in providing traditional choral music in 2014 and an additional 2,000 children and adult involved in voluntary choirs. (table 14).

1,450 child choristers and 470 paid professional adults provided traditional choral music in 2014. In addition, 540 children and 1,420 adults were involved in voluntary choirs. Cathedrals have continued to welcome visiting choirs and orchestras from around the world. In 2014, there were 40 male, 30 female, 70 mixed choirs and 820 visiting choirs reported.

Cathedrals are now a very popular venue for concerts. There were over 1,000 regular musicians involved in services:- 300 boys, 280 girls, 310 men and 120 women. There were an additional 580 occasional musicians:- 60 boys, 50 girls, 250 men and 220 women.

Volunteers and Supporting Cathedrals

Over the last ten years the number of volunteers involved in the mission and ministry of cathedrals has increased from 12,400 in 2004 to 15,200 in 2014. Cathedral could not operate at the level of excellence or activity that it does without them. (table 10).

Services and events within the year

Regular services conducted at least once a month (including fresh expressions and schools services) attracted almost half a million people. Over 1.1 million people attended 6,230 public/civic events held in cathedrals. 2,770 specially arranged services were conducted by cathedrals in 2014 and these attracted 919,100 people.

Cathedrals continue to enjoy partnerships with a number of universities and colleges by hosting award ceremonies throughout the year. It is an important part of maintaining valued and long-held relationships with these higher-educational establishments. Also, these events strengthen ties with the community and generate revenue. Schools continue to visit Cathedrals to mark special commemorative dates in their calendar year. The number of specially arranged school services rose from 90 in 2010 to 520 in 2014.

Additional activities supported by Cathedral

In 2014, there were over 2,110 occasions in which Cathedral clergy/people participated in diocesan meetings/events; 1,650 events/services supported by clergy away from the cathedral; approximately 300 events/services supported by the Cathedral choir away from the cathedral; 280 occasions in which cathedral people participated in formal inter faith forums and events and 490 occasions of participation in ecumenical events.

It should be noted that there was not a full response to these questions

Visitors

Cathedral promotes spiritual openness, inclusivity and diversity in membership and outreach, the number of visitors is 9.6 million. Including Westminster Abbey, the total number of visitors to cathedrals in 2014 was over 10 million.

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We are grateful to the Administrators/Head Vergers and Deans in providing statistics from Cathedrals. Every English cathedral contributed to this exercise and we are pleased to be able to include specific figures from Westminster Abbey towards a more complete picture of cathedral ministry in England today

Definitions and notes

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

42 Cathedrals and Westminster Abbey participated in this exercise.

Specific figures for Westminster Abbey, being a Royal Peculiar are not included in the charts and tables but as notes below the charts.

Cathedral figures reported in this booklet have been collated from the annual cathedral returns completed each year by head vergers/cathedral administrators and deans on behalf of the Association of English Cathedrals.

Marriages	Marriages are of "couples newly married".
Prayer and Dedication	Prayer and dedication of marriage are of couples for whom a service of blessing (after civil marriage) was held in the cathedral and does not include the renewal of vows.
Average Attendance on a Sunday and Midweek	Average number of attendees in a normal service which is not a major festival or contained in a peak holiday period.
Community Roll	Number of persons on the Community Roll as presented to the Annual Cathedral Meeting. Those entitled to have their names entered upon the roll of the cathedral who are lay members of either sex of seventeen years of age and over, who are baptised and are resident in the cathedral or, if not resident, have habitually attended public worship in the cathedral during a period of six months prior to enrolment.
Schools	Schools or academies which are part of Cathedral governance or have formal links/relationship with the Cathedral during the academic year.
Educational Visits	Number of children attending organised educational events which take place either in the Cathedral or organised by the Cathedral and take place elsewhere.
Choristers	Number of boys, girls and adult lay clerks/choral scholars at year end.
Peculiar	Used of a church that is outside the parochial (parish) system, into which the vast majority of churches fit. Peculiars are practically all royal peculiars, the appointment of whose minister is directly in the hands of the Sovereign. Examples are Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel, Windsor.
Activities of Cathedral people	Number of events/services supported by people in the Cathedral away from the Cathedral and occasions in which Cathedral people participated in formal inter faith forums/events and ecumenical events.
Visitors	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.) Canterbury, London, York and Westminster Abbey fall within the most popular and important cathedrals as published under the "Association of Leading Visitor Attractions" (ALVA). Visitor numbers for these cathedrals and royal peculiar have been taken from ALVA's website. From 2012, York Minster no longer falls within this category.

In 2014 the average number of adults and children attending Cathedral services each week was 36,600. This has increased by 23% since 2004.

Table 1: Sunday and Midweek attendance¹ 2004 to 2014, Church of England Cathedrals (Excluding Royal Peculiars)

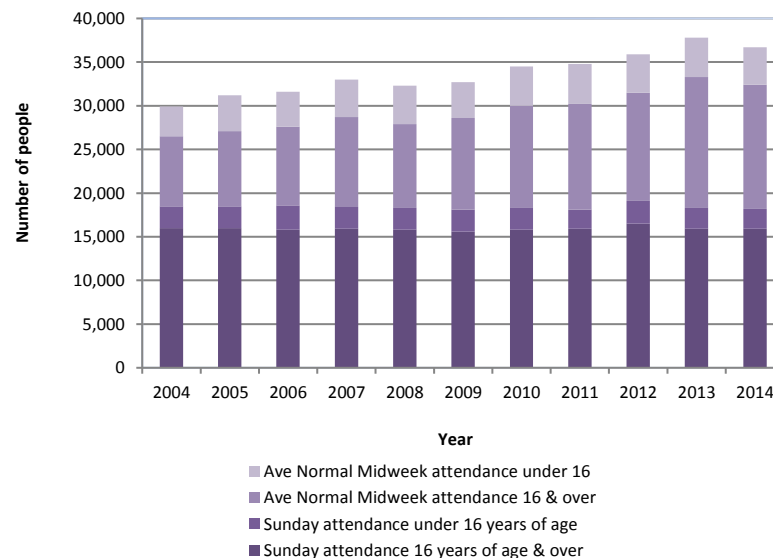
Year	Sunday Attendance ²				Midweek Attendance ³				Total All Week	
	Under 16		16 and over		Under 16		16 and over		Number of People	
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Under 16	16 and over
2004	2,500	(42)	16,000	(42)	3,400	(42)	8,000	(42)	5,800	24,000
2005	2,500	(42)	16,000	(42)	4,100	(42)	8,600	(42)	6,600	24,600
2006	2,800	(42)	15,800	(42)	4,000	(42)	9,000	(42)	6,800	24,800
2007	2,500	(42)	15,900	(42)	4,300	(42)	10,300	(42)	6,800	26,300
2008	2,500	(42)	15,800	(42)	4,400	(42)	9,600	(42)	6,800	25,300
2009	2,500	(42)	15,600	(42)	4,100	(42)	10,500	(42)	6,600	26,100
2010	2,500	(42)	15,800	(42)	4,500	(42)	11,700	(42)	7,000	27,500
2011	2,200	(42)	15,900	(42)	4,600	(42)	12,100	(41)	6,700	28,000
2012	2,600	(42)	16,500	(42)	4,400	(42)	12,400	(42)	7,000	28,800
2013	2,400	(42)	15,900	(42)	4,500	(41)	15,000	(41)	6,900	30,900
2014	2,300	(42)	15,900	(42)	4,300	(41)	14,200	(41)	6,500	30,100

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3 Midweek count only includes services held Monday - Saturday and excludes Sunday Services.

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Table 2: Children Average Sunday attendance¹ 2004 to 2014 Church of England Cathedrals, (Excluding Royal Peculiar)

Year	North West ⁵	Yorkshire and the Humber ⁶	North East ⁷	West Midlands ⁸	East Midlands ⁹	East of England ¹⁰	South West ¹¹	London ¹²	South East ¹³	Total
2004	210	220	100	260	120	390	470	170	550	2,500
2005	200	230	100	200	100	400	490	160	610	2,500
2006	200	240	70	220	110	370	840	170	590	2,800
2007	210	260	80	220	120	340	430	180	620	2,500
2008	210	280	80	190	140	370	390	200	610	2,500
2009	230	290	80	190	140	400	400	200	590	2,500
2010	230	330	80	170	100	430	470	150	570	2,500
2011	210	300	90	150	120	380	470	150	280	2,200
2012	200	300	80	170	110	340	420	140	880	2,600
2013	170	320	70	150	100	330	410	140	720	2,400
2014	160	240	70	160	120	360	400	140	630	2,300

Table 4: Children Average Midweek attendance¹ 2004 to 2014 Church of England Cathedrals, (Excluding Royal Peculiar)

Year	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber ⁶	North East ⁷	West Midlands ⁸	East Midlands ⁹	East of England ¹⁰	South West ¹¹	London ¹²	South East ¹³	Total
2004	240	140	110	960	120	850	460	80	400	3,400
2005	120	120	220	880	70	1,730	440	80	480	4,100
2006	130	140	70	950	70	1,640	440	80	450	4,000
2007	130	160	80	560	100	2,290	440	90	470	4,300
2008	250	160	70	740	100	1,890	510	90	570	4,400
2009	220	170	90	830	150	1,580	510	90	500	4,100
2010	250	270	110	580	470	1,740	380	40	620	4,500
2011	330	220	80	1,070	150	1,640	380	40	680	4,600
2012	260	200	80	970	150	1,690	410	40	590	4,400
2013	140	200	70	1,020	130	1,650	570	40	670	4,500
2014	120	160	60	740	110	1,970	580	40	500	4,300

Table 3: Adult Average Sunday attendance¹ 2004 to 2014 Church of England Cathedrals, (Excluding Royal Peculiar)

Year	North West ⁵	Yorkshire and the Humber ⁶	North East ⁷	West Midlands ⁸	East Midlands ⁹	East of England ¹⁰	South West ¹¹	London ¹²	South East ¹³	Total
2004	1,280	1,370	740	1,830	1,010	2,620	2,370	2,030	2,750	16,000
2005	1,310	1,400	750	1,560	1,050	2,530	2,410	2,030	2,960	16,000
2006	1,280	1,450	550	1,720	1,100	2,520	2,520	2,080	2,560	15,800
2007	1,620	1,560	570	1,740	1,010	2,490	2,270	2,110	2,540	15,900
2008	1,370	1,660	570	1,570	1,090	2,440	2,180	2,130	2,750	15,800
2009	1,500	1,680	570	1,380	1,110	2,000	2,240	2,170	2,930	15,600
2010	1,370	1,750	570	1,370	1,080	2,260	2,040	2,300	3,060	15,800
2011	1,320	1,680	640	1,390	1,110	2,200	2,190	2,190	3,170	15,900
2012	1,290	1,730	540	1,260	1,170	2,010	2,080	3,400	2,980	16,500
2013	1,150	1,570	600	1,300	810	1,910	1,930	3,840	2,740	15,900
2014	1,150	1,760	580	1,290	790	2,010	2,020	3,280	3,030	15,900

Table 5: Adult Average Midweek attendance¹ 2004 to 2014 Church of England Cathedrals, (Excluding Royal Peculiar)

Year	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber ⁶	North East ⁷	West Midlands ⁸	East Midlands ⁹	East of England ¹⁰	South West ¹¹	London ¹²	South East ¹³	Total
2004	500	400	420	1,000	270	1,770	770	1,820	1,080	8,000
2005	220	450	1,020	1,160	270	1,860	750	1,820	1,040	8,600
2006	240	660	510	1,330	290	2,200	820	1,820	1,170	9,000
2007	1,140	760	540	1,130	420	1,820	1,570	1,820	1,150	10,400
2008	1,100	640	550	1,020	330	1,900	1,130	1,820	1,060	9,600
2009	1,100	680	570	1,390	450	2,050	1,120	1,820	1,290	10,500
2010	1,070	780	690	1,300	470	1,860	880	2,540	2,120	11,700
2011	1,200	930	740	980	460	2,300	930	2,520	2,030	12,100
2012	1,090	830	670	840	470	2,420	840	3,660	1,560	12,400
2013	890	1,950	570	1,060	470	2,300	920	5,210	1,640	15,000
2014	710	2,380	570	1,210	470	2,140	1,180	3,910	1,660	14,200

Westminster Abbey: Weekday Weekday attendance 2,900 adults and 100 children.
Sunday attendance 1,350 adults and 120 children

¹ Average attendance at normal services held by cathedrals either on Sunday or midweek.

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³ Mid week count only includes services held Monday - Saturday and excludes Sunday Services.

⁴ Estimates are used where data are missing.

⁵ North West: Blackburn, Carlisle, Chester, Liverpool and Manchester

⁶ Yorkshire and the Humber: Bradford, Ripon, Sheffield, Wakefield and York

⁷ North East: Durham and Newcastle

⁸ West Midlands: Birmingham, Coventry, Hereford, Lichfield and Worcester

⁹ East Midlands: Derby, Leicester, Lincoln and Southwell

¹⁰ East of England: Chelmsford, Ely, Norwich, Peterborough, St. Albans and St. Edmundsbury

¹¹ South West: Bristol, Exeter, Gloucester, Salisbury, Truro and Wells

¹² London: St. Paul's and Southwark

¹³ South East: Canterbury, Chichester, Guildford, Oxford, Portsmouth, Rochester and Winchester



There were approximately 27,100 communicants at Easter. The number of communicants varies much less than attendance from year to year. Average attendance at each cathedral in 2014 was 1,260 at Easter. Attendance at Easter in 2014 was 53,100, slightly lower than the previous year.

Table 6 : Easter Communicants & Attendance and Holy Week attendance at Church of England cathedrals excluding Royal Peculiars 2004 - 2014

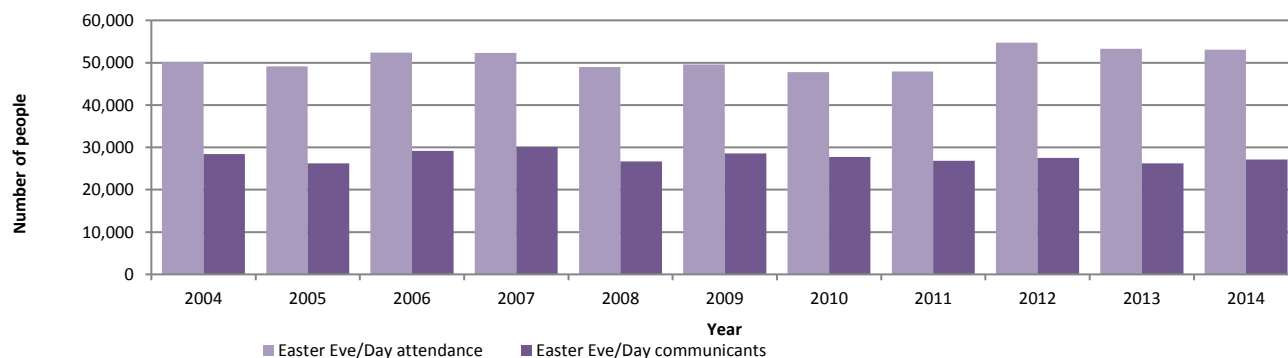
Year	Easter ¹					
	Communicants		Attendance ²		Holy week ³	
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)
2004	28,400	(42)	50,200	(42)	-	(-)
2005	26,200	(42)	49,100	(42)	-	(-)
2006	29,200	(42)	52,400	(42)	-	(-)
2007	30,100	(42)	52,300	(42)	-	(-)
2008	26,700	(42)	49,000	(42)	-	(-)
2009	28,600	(42)	49,600	(42)	-	(-)
2010	27,700	(42)	47,800	(42)	110,400	(42)
2011	26,800	(42)	47,900	(42)	105,700	(42)
2012	27,500	(41)	54,700	(42)	107,700	(42)
2013	26,200	(42)	53,300	(42)	68,800	(42)
2014	27,100	(42)	53,100	(42)	89,300	(42)

Holy Week attendance was 89,300 in 2014.

- 1 'Easter' includes vigil services on Easter eve
- 2 Total number of people that attended worship, both communicants and those that did not take communion, adults, children and young people, clergy and laity.
- 3 Since 2013, Holy week has been taken to be the period from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. This information was first collected in 2010. Before 2013, Easter figures were probably included in the Holy week data collected which accounts for the sharp fall in numbers from 2012 to 2013.

Westminster Abbey: There were 6,090 Holy week attendees with the largest attendance in a service being 850.

Figure 2: Easter attendance at Church of England Cathedrals (Excluding Royal Peculiars) 2004 to 2014



Westminster Abbey: 6,200 adults, children and young people at Easter

There were approximately 32,300 communicants at Christmas. The number of communicants varies much less than attendance from year to year and is less dependent on the day of the week on which Christmas falls. Average attendance at each cathedral in 2014 was 2,970 at Christmas (table 6).

Table 7: Christmas Communicants & Attendance and Advent attendance at Church of England cathedrals excluding Royal Peculiars 2004 - 2014

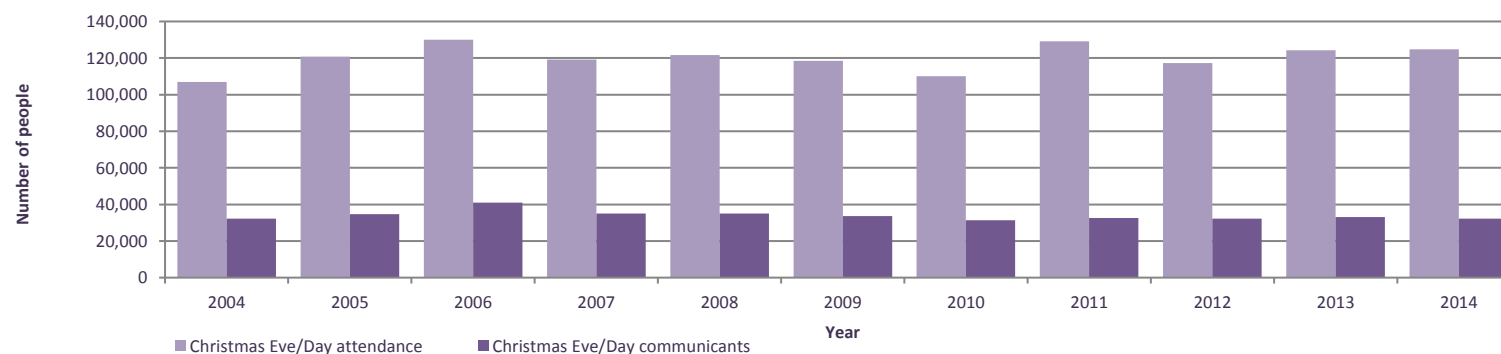
Year	Christmas ¹				Advent ³				Total	
	Communicants		Attendance ²		Congregation		Civic			
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	(base)
2004	32,200	(42)	107,000	(42)	-	(-)	-	(-)	714,200	(42)
2005	34,700	(42)	120,800	(42)	-	(-)	-	(-)	723,600	(42)
2006	40,900	(42)	130,000	(42)	-	(-)	-	(-)	717,300	(42)
2007	35,100	(42)	119,100	(42)	-	(-)	-	(-)	726,500	(42)
2008	35,000	(42)	121,600	(42)	-	(-)	-	(-)	778,800	(42)
2009	33,600	(42)	118,500	(42)	-	(-)	-	(-)	729,600	(42)
2010	31,400	(42)	110,100	(42)	-	(-)	-	(-)	682,400	(42)
2011	32,600	(42)	129,100	(42)	-	(-)	-	(-)	776,400	(42)
2012	32,200	(42)	117,200	(42)	-	(-)	-	(-)	745,900	(42)
2013	33,100	(42)	124,300	(42)	202,700	(41)	286,300	(41)	489,000	(42)
2014	32,300	(42)	124,800	(42)	-	(-)	-	(-)	630,600	(42)

- 1 Christmas day includes vigil services on Christmas eve.
- 2 Total number of people that attended worship, both communicants and those that did not take communion, adult, children and young people, clergy and laity.
- 3 Before 2013, participants were asked to record attendance from the eve of Advent Sunday through to St. Stephen's day. In 2013, the Advent attendance figure was measured from the Monday after advent Sunday until 23rd December. In 2014, Advent attendance was recorded from the beginning of Advent until 23rd December.

In 2013 only, the advent attendance figure was divided into two categories:
 1) attendance at services held for the regular congregation and local community.
 2) attendance at services held specifically for civic bodies, schools or other organisations.

124,800 people attended Christmas Eve/Day services, which is a slight increase on 2013. Many cathedrals conducted additional services over the Christmas period to meet high demand. Services during Advent, the period leading up to Christmas, attracted an attendance of 630,600 in 2014. Christmas attendance fluctuates depending on the day on which it falls and the weather. In general, attendance is greater when Christmas day falls at the weekend.

Figure 3: Christmas attendance at Church of England Cathedrals (excluding Royal Peculiars) 2004 to 2014



At Westminster Abbey - 7,000 adults, children and young people attended Christmas Day/Eve services and more than 18,800 attended over the Advent season. The largest congregation size recorded during that season was 2,000 people.

In 2014 there were 760 baptisms and 18 thanksgivings conducted in cathedrals. The number of baptisms of people over 1 year of age has increased considerably since the year 2004, rising from 340 baptisms in 2004 to 450 in 2014. Since 2012, infant baptisms have been falling steadily. Overall, these figures reflect the national trend.

Table 8: Baptisms, Thanksgiving, Marriages, Funerals and Memorials Church held by England Cathedrals excluding Royal Peculiars 2004 - 2014

Year	Baptisms ¹						Thanksgivings ^{1,3}				Marriages ¹			Funerals ¹			
	Infants under one year	Children aged 1 to 4 years ²	Children aged 5 to 12 years ²	Total aged 1 to 12 years	Age 13+	Total	Under 1 year ³	Children aged 1 to 4 years ³	Children aged 1 to 12 years	Total	Marriages ⁴	Blessings of marriage ⁵	Total	In Cathedrals ⁶	At Crematoria ⁷	Total	Memorials ⁸
2004	350	-	-	220	120	690	5	-	1	6	270	60	330	280	80	360	-
2005	330	-	-	180	140	650	5	-	1	6	290	60	350	300	90	390	-
2006	360	-	-	200	150	710	3	-	1	4	300	70	370	270	80	350	-
2007	320	-	-	220	140	680	3	-	0	3	280	50	330	320	50	370	-
2008	360	-	-	210	150	710	8	-	3	11	310	50	360	300	60	360	-
2009	380	-	-	270	160	820	4	-	3	7	310	40	350	270	60	330	-
2010	350	-	-	220	190	760	3	-	0	3	320	30	350	340	70	410	130
2011	360	-	-	220	160	750	5	-	0	5	340	30	370	280	60	340	90
2012	350	-	-	250	160	760	2	-	3	5	340	20	360	290	110	400	100
2013	320	150	90	240	220	780	10	-	0	10	290	30	320	300	90	390	100
2014	300	190	50	240	210	760	10	8	-	18	310	20	330	290	70	360	100

1 Number of offices between 1 January and 31 December

2 In 2013, baptisms aged 1 - 12 were split into two categories (aged 1 to 4 years; and 5 to 12 years)

3 In 2014, thanksgiving questions only asked about under 1 year and 1 - 4 years old.

4 Couples newly married

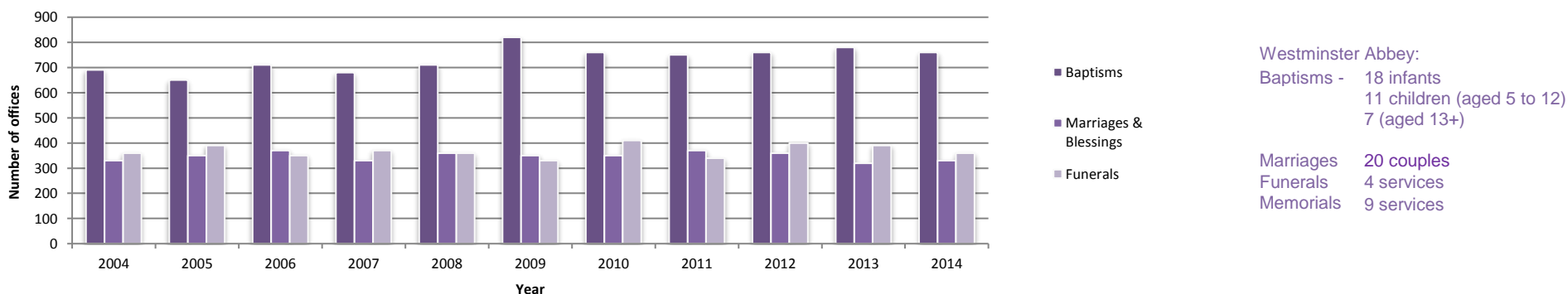
5 Service of blessing immediately after marriage does not include renewal of vows

6 Number of deceased for whom a funeral service was held in the cathedral

7 Number of deceased for whom a full funeral service was conducted on behalf of the cathedral at a crematorium

8 Number of memorial services (not including a funeral) held in the cathedral

Figure 4: Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals held by Church of England Cathedrals excluding Royal Peculiars 2004 - 2014



The number of marriages conducted in cathedrals was generally stable between 2004 and 2014. The number of blessings for newly married couples has been generally declining during the last decade.

The number of funerals conducted by cathedrals has remained reasonably stable over the last ten years.



The number of children and young people attending educational events at cathedrals increased by 13.9% over the period 2004 to 2014. Over half of these visits were children under 11 years old (Nursery/Pre-prep and Primary/Prep). Educational visits at Westminster Abbey were 13,400 in 2014. In 2013, however, the number of educational visits was the highest recorded at 321,700 falling to 309,400 (the second highest recording) in 2014.

Table 9: Children and young people attending Educational events. Church of England Cathedrals excluding Royal Peculiars 2004 - 2014

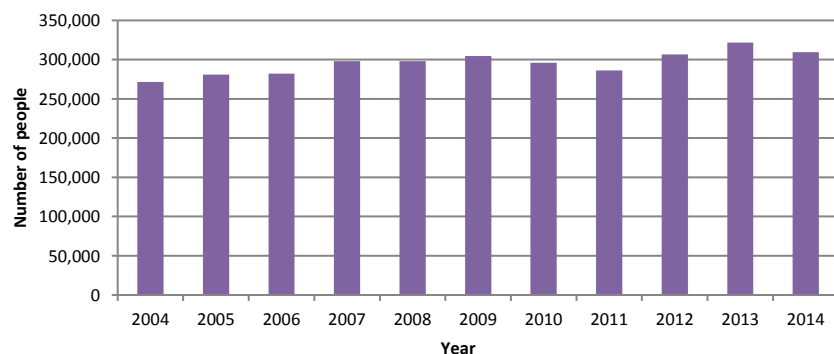
Year	Educational Events ¹					Total
	Nursery/ Pre-prep	Primary/ Prep	Secondary/ Senior ²	16 - 18	18 +	
2004	2,900	169,100	99,600	-	-	271,600
2005	4,200	167,300	109,400	-	-	280,900
2006	5,100	164,700	112,400	-	-	282,100
2007	6,800	183,100	108,000	-	-	297,900
2008	4,500	171,700	121,700	-	-	297,900
2009	2,600	183,900	118,100	-	-	304,700
2010	26,200	150,200	96,800	9,600	13,100	296,000
2011	36,500	150,300	76,300	8,500	15,000	286,400
2012	38,600	131,900	82,600	9,200	44,400	306,800
2013	43,500	133,300	95,500	15,600	33,900	321,700
2014	36,600	132,800	94,300	12,700	33,000	309,400

Westminster Abbey:
Educational event attendance - 910 nursery pre-prep; 7,050 primary/prep; 3,210 secondary/seniors, 730 16-18's and 1,530 over 18.

Notes:

- 1 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
- 2 This includes ages 16-18 and 18+ up to 2009

Figure 5: Children and young people attending educational events at Church of England cathedrals (excluding Royal Peculiars) 2004 to 2014



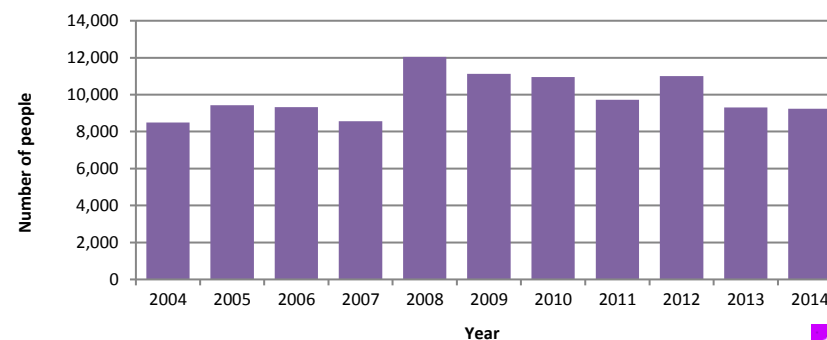
Cathedrals support the education of 9,240 children at schools associated with cathedrals.

Table 10: Children and young people attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals excluding Royal Peculiars 2004 - 2014

Year	Schools					Total	(base>0) ¹
	Nursery/ Pre-prep	Primary/ Prep	Secondary/ Senior ²	16 - 18	18 +		
2004	1,090	2,830	4,580	-	-	8,500	(19)
2005	1,290	3,030	5,110	-	-	9,420	(21)
2006	1,330	2,650	5,360	-	-	9,330	(20)
2007	1,330	2,880	4,350	-	-	8,560	(19)
2008	980	3,760	7,320	-	-	12,050	(21)
2009	1,230	3,200	6,690	-	-	11,120	(21)
2010	1,050	3,140	5,660	1,080	10	10,950	(21)
2011	1,170	2,600	4,200	1,490	270	9,720	(19)
2012	1,200	3,040	4,930	1,800	30	11,000	(22)
2013	1,270	2,700	3,970	1,280	90	9,310	(21)
2014	790	2,420	4,360	1,620	50	9,240	(19)

- 1 The number of Cathedrals which provided a figure greater than zero. Includes no estimates.
- 2 This includes ages 16-18 and 18+ up to 2009

Figure 6: Children and young people attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals (Excluding Royal Peculiars) 2004 - 2014



Regular services conducted at least once a month (including fresh expressions and schools services) attracted almost half a million people. Over 1.1 million people attended 6,230 public/civic events held in cathedrals. 2,770 specially arranged services were conducted by cathedrals in 2014 and these attracted 919,100 people.

Table 11: Regular services at Church of England cathedrals excluding Royal Peculiars 2004 - 2014

Years	Regular services ¹						
	Fresh expression		Schools		Other services		Total
	Attendance	(base>0) ²	Attendance	(base>0) ²	Attendance ³	(base>0) ²	Attendance ³
2004	-	(-)	-	(-)	1,552,900	(40)	1,552,900
2005	-	(-)	-	(-)	1,589,200	(41)	1,589,200
2006	-	(-)	-	(-)	1,622,100	(41)	1,622,100
2007	-	(-)	-	(-)	1,651,000	(42)	1,651,000
2008	-	(-)	-	(-)	1,740,900	(42)	1,740,900
2009	-	(-)	-	(-)	1,742,800	(42)	1,742,800
2010	69,000	(18)	-	(-)	1,874,100	(41)	1,943,100
2011	87,100	(23)	-	(-)	1,937,400	(42)	2,024,500
2012	37,800	(18)	165,200	(18)	1,436,300	(34)	1,639,300
2013	14,700	(15)	170,700	(17)	341,200	(26)	526,600
2014	14,400	(18)	241,500	(17)	217,900	(25)	473,800

Table 12: Public/civic events at Church of England cathedrals excluding Royal Peculiars 2004 - 2014

Years	Public/civic events ¹											
	Graduation ceremonies				Other Events				Total			
	Number	(base>0) ²	Attendance	(base>0) ²	Number	(base>0) ²	Attendance	(base>0) ²	Number	(base>0) ²	Attendance	(base>0) ²
2004	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	3,820	(42)	1,119,100	(42)
2005	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	3,490	(42)	1,032,000	(42)
2006	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	3,640	(41)	1,355,700	(41)
2007	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	4,090	(41)	1,162,900	(42)
2008	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	5,260	(42)	1,750,400	(42)
2009	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	5,450	(42)	1,618,300	(42)
2010	260	(30)	301,600	(30)	4,890	(41)	1,331,400	(42)	5,150	(41)	1,633,000	(42)
2011	260	(32)	272,900	(32)	5,390	(42)	1,569,500	(42)	5,650	(42)	1,842,300	(42)
2012	280	(33)	275,400	(33)	5,000	(40)	822,900	(42)	5,280	(40)	1,098,300	(42)
2013	260	(31)	248,100	(31)	5,470	(41)	722,800	(40)	5,730	(41)	971,000	(40)
2014	280	(30)	265,200	(30)	5,950	(41)	872,100	(41)	6,230	(41)	1,137,200	(41)

Table 13: Specially Arranged Services and Public Events Church of England cathedrals excluding Royal Peculiars 2004 - 2014

Years	Specially Arranged Services ¹																			
	Annual Festival/Diocesan Services				Schools				Special Services				Services held outside ⁴				Total			
	Number	(base>0) ²	Attendance	(base>0) ²	Number	(base>0) ²	Attendance	(base>0) ²	Number	(base>0) ²	Attendance	(base>0) ²	Number	(base>0) ²	Attendance	(base>0) ²	Number	(base>0) ²	Attendance	(base>0) ²
2004	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	3,060	(42)	928,900	(40)
2005	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	2,750	(42)	903,900	(41)
2006	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	2,860	(42)	904,000	(41)
2007	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	2,870	(41)	1,002,100	(42)
2008	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	3,070	(42)	1,022,400	(42)
2009	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)	3,040	(42)	953,400	(42)
2010	-	(-)	-	(-)	90	(31)	47,400	(31)	3,060	(42)	916,600	(42)	-	(-)	-	(-)	3,150	(42)	964,000	(42)
2011	-	(-)	-	(-)	100	(35)	50,700	(35)	2,940	(42)	875,600	(42)	-	(-)	-	(-)	3,040	(42)	926,300	(42)
2012	480	(40)	121,700	(40)	410	(35)	202,600	(35)	2,000	(41)	608,200	(41)	-	(-)	-	(-)	2,880	(42)	932,500	(42)
2013	470	(39)	99,200	(38)	490	(38)	295,800	(38)	1,560	(42)	449,400	(41)	-	(-)	-	(-)	2,510	(42)	844,400	(42)
2014	540	(41)	182,300	(42)	520	(41)	286,300	(41)	1,650	(41)	420,800	(41)	50	(22)	29,700	(21)	2,770	(42)	919,100	(42)

Westminster Abbey in 2014:
 16 diocesan services with 13,500 in attendance;
 33 special services with 47,300 in attendance
 5 special school services with 6,750 in attendance and 4,500 at regular services;
 1 service was held outside the building with 1,500 in attendance and there were 12 other public events with 6,600 in attendance.

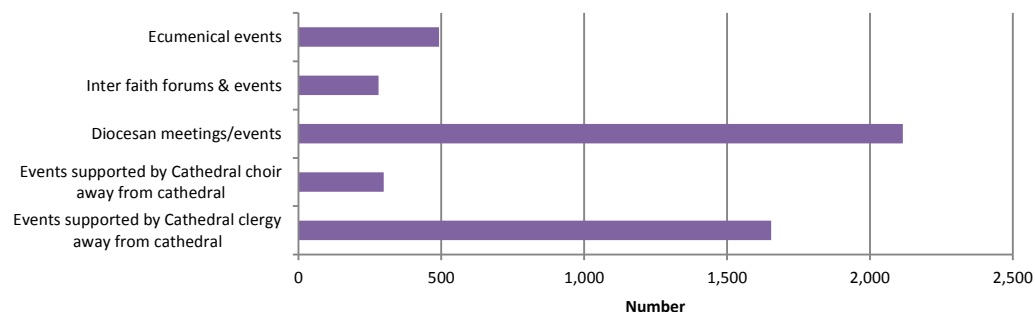
Notes

- 1 Numbers in service attendance at regular and specially arranged services are not included in average weekly attendance figures as they are not part of the weekly calendar of services.
- 2 The number of cathedrals which provided a figure greater than zero. Includes no estimates.
- 3 The wording of the question was changed in 2013 to ensure that the weekly pattern of services was excluded. This has resulted in a reduced total.
- 4 From 2014, we have collected data on services held outside cathedral buildings.

Cathedrals continue to enjoy partnerships with a number of universities and colleges by hosting award ceremonies throughout the year. It is an important part of maintaining valued and long-held relationships with these higher-educational establishments. Also, these events strengthen ties with the community and generate revenue. Schools continue to visit cathedrals to mark special commemorative dates in their calendar year. The number of specially arranged school services rose from 90 in 2010 to 520 in 2014.

In 2014, there were over 2,110 occasions in which Cathedral clergy/people participated in diocesan meetings/events; 1,650 events/services supported by clergy away from the cathedral; approximately 300 events/services supported by the Cathedral choir away from the cathedral; 280 occasions in which cathedral people participated in formal inter faith forums and events and 490 occasions of participation in ecumenical events.

Figure 7: Activities of Cathedral people at Church of England excluding Royal Peculiars 2014



Westminster Abbey in 2014:

82 events/services were supported by clergy away from the Abbey.
13 events/services were supported by the choir away from the Abbey.
17 occasions of inter faith forums and events and
18 occasions of ecumenical events

NB: It should be noted that the response rate to activities outside the cathedral varied between cathedrals and not all cathedrals responded.

Over the last ten years the number of volunteers involved in the mission and ministry of cathedrals has increased from 12,400 in 2004 to 15,200 in 2014. Cathedrals could not operate at the level of excellence or activity that it does without them.

Cathedrals promote spiritual openness, inclusivity and diversity in membership and outreach. Including Westminster Abbey, the total number of visitors to cathedrals in 2014 was over 10 million.

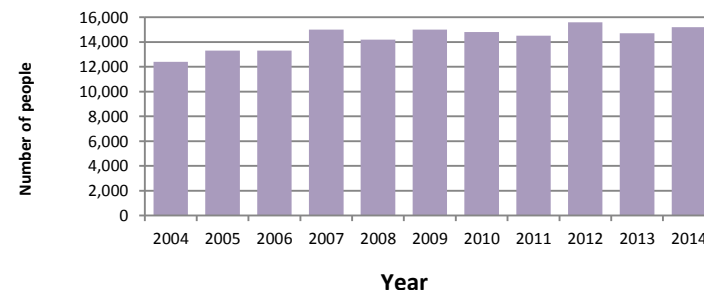
Table 14: Volunteers, Visitors & Community Roll in Church of England Cathedrals excluding Royal Peculiars 2004 - 2014

Years	Volunteers ¹		Volunteering roles ²		Visitors ³	Community Rolls ⁴
	Number	(base)	Number	(base)	Number	Number
2004	12,400	(42)	-	(-)	10,164,200	15,500
2005	13,300	(42)	-	(-)	9,740,900	16,300
2006	13,300	(42)	-	(-)	9,767,000	16,300
2007	15,000	(42)	-	(-)	9,411,000	15,900
2008	14,200	(42)	-	(-)	9,615,400	15,700
2009	15,000	(42)	-	(-)	9,721,700	16,500
2010	14,800	(42)	-	(-)	9,423,200	16,100
2011	14,500	(42)	-	(-)	9,521,000	16,300
2012	15,600	(42)	860	(41)	9,674,600	16,800
2013	14,700	(42)	930	(41)	10,247,700	14,200
2014	15,200	(42)	-	(-)	9,671,900	15,100

Westminster Abbey in 2014: 1.2 million visitors

- 1 Number of people volunteering
- 2 This question was asked in 2012 & 2013.
- 3 For Canterbury, London and Westminster Abbey the visitors figure can be found at www.alva.org.uk/ York Minster is no longer part of this group since 2011.
- 4 The community roll was renewed in 2013.

Figure 8: Volunteers in Church of England Cathedrals (Excluding Royal Peculiars) 2004 - 2014



Westminster Abbey: 500 volunteers.



At the centre of the life of the cathedral is the daily offering of worship and praise. Almost 2,000 child and adult choristers were involved in providing traditional choral music in 2014 and an additional 2,000 children and adults were involved in voluntary choirs.

Table 15: Choristers in Church of England Cathedrals excluding Royal Peculiars 2004 - 2014

Year	Music					Total Choristers Number
	Boy Choristers	Girl Choristers	Lay Clerks/Choral Scholars		Total Layclerks	
	Number	Number	Men	Women		
2004	850	560	-	-	480	1,890
2005	850	590	-	-	450	1,890
2006	880	730	-	-	500	2,110
2007	860	690	-	-	490	2,030
2008	820	720	-	-	470	2,010
2009	870	730	-	-	470	2,060
2010	820	620	-	-	610	2,050
2011	780	650	-	-	640	2,080
2012	790	630	-	-	540	1,960
2013	780	650	430	80	510	1,940
2014	780	670	430	40	470	1,920

Note:
Since 2013, Layclerks/Choral Scholars figures have been split into men and women.

Westminster Abbey:

- 49 boy choristers
- 20 paid professional men
- 20 paid professional women

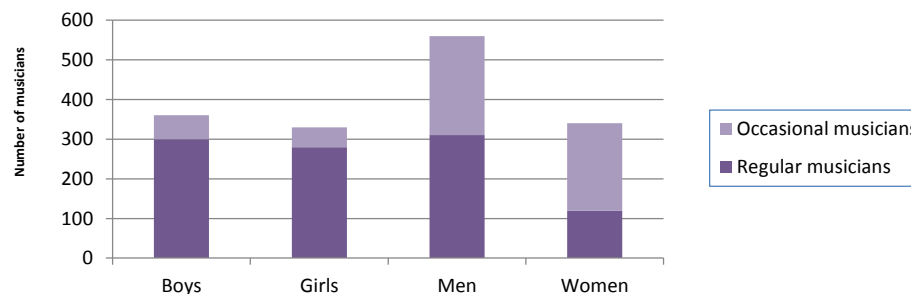
Table 16: Number of Voluntary Choir members in Church of England Cathedrals

	Choirs				
	Boys	Girls	Male	Female	Total
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
2010	220	360	570	800	1,960
2011	360	460	600	780	2,220
2012	250	440	590	830	2,110
2013	240	400	580	830	2,060
2014	200	340	570	850	1,960

1,450 child choristers and 470 paid professional adults provided traditional choral music in 2014. In addition, 540 children and 1,420 adults were involved in voluntary choirs. Cathedrals have continued to welcome visiting choirs and orchestras from around the world. In 2014, there were 40 male, 30 female, 70 mixed choirs and 820 visiting choirs reported.

Cathedrals are now a very popular venue for concerts. There were over 1,000 regular musicians involved in services:- 300 boys, 280 girls, 310 men and 120 women. There were an additional 580 occasional musicians:- 60 boys, 50 girls, 250 men and 220 women.

Figure 9: Number of musicians in Church of England cathedrals excluding Royal Peculiars 2014



NB: Question first asked in 2013 but split to two categories in 2014 (regular and occasional)

Westminster Abbey: 14 adult (9 male and 5 female) regular musicians
16 child (all male) and 14 adult (7 male and 7 female) occasional musicians

Table 17: Number of Choirs excluding Royal Peculiars 2012 - 2014

Year	Choirs				Total Number
	Male	Female	Mixed	Visiting	
	Number	Number	Number	Number	
2012	60	40	100	-	200
2013	40	30	80	850	990
2014	40	30	70	820	970

Westminster Abbey in 2014
1 male choir
2 mixed choirs
45 visiting choirs.

CATHEDRAL STATISTICS: JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2014

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"**

Attendance
 Electoral/Cathedral Community Roll 2014
 Number of persons on the Electoral/Cathedral Community Roll as presented to the Annual Meeting held between 1 January to 30th April 2014

Average Attendance (on Sunday and midweek)
 The number of persons attending one or more services on a Sunday and midweek (Monday to Saturday) in an average week with no special events or services. Persons attending / communicating more than one service in the Cathedral on a Sunday/ in a week should, as far as possible, be counted only once

	Sunday	Midweek
Children under 16 years of age — present for any part of a service or activity involving worship	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Persons 16 years of age and over — present for any service or activity involving worship	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Regular Services
 For these services please give the total attendance for the entire year (1 January—31 December) held at least once a month but not part of the weekly pattern of services

	Overall annual Attendance	Overall annual Attendance	Overall annual Attendance
Fresh expressions and other community services	<input type="text"/>	Services for schools <input type="text"/>	Other regular services <input type="text"/>

	Specially Arranged Services:		Other Events:	
	Overall Attendance	Number of services	Overall Attendance	Number of events
Diocesan or Episcopal services	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Graduation ceremonies	<input type="text"/>
Special services (excluding memorials)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Other events (public or civic events, conferences, concerts, meetings, etc)	<input type="text"/>
Services for schools (not regular) e.g. end of term service	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Services outside Cathedral building	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		

Festivals
Easter and Christmas 2014

	Attendance	Number of services
Number of communicants at any service on Easter Day including vigil services on Easter Eve	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Number attending worship at any service on Easter Day including vigil services on Easter Eve	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Number of communicants on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Number attending worship at any service on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

	Attendance	Largest attendance
Number attending worship at any service during Holy Week from Palm Sunday until Good Friday	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Number attending all special events and services from the beginning of Advent until 23rd December	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Schools and Educational Visits
Educational Visits during 2014
 Number of children/students attending organised educational events during 2014 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
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Cathedral Schools
 Number of children/students attending the Cathedral Schools during the academic year 2014/15

Nursery/Pre-Prep/KS1	Primary/Prep/KS2	Secondary/Senior/KS3/KS4	16 – 18 yrs	18 +yrs
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

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)

Baptisms and thanksgiving for the gift of a child
 This section asks about the number of baptisms, marriages and funerals
 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+)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriage

Marriage – Number of couples married in the cathedral

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

Funerals
 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"/>

Music
Choral Music

Number of choristers and lay clerks

Boys	Girls	Men	Women
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Number of voluntary choir members

Boys	Girls	Men	Women
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Number of Choirs

Cathedral Male	Cathedral female	Cathedral Mixed	Visiting Choirs
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Number of musicians involved in music for services

Regularly	Occasionally
Boys <input type="text"/> Girls <input type="text"/> Men <input type="text"/> Women <input type="text"/>	Boys <input type="text"/> Girls <input type="text"/> Men <input type="text"/> Women <input type="text"/>

Volunteers
 Number of people volunteering, e.g. servers, welcomers, stewards, flower arrangers

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

(a) Number of events/services supported by Cathedral clergy away from 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 Cathedral choir away from 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 diocesan meetings/ events <input type="text"/>	

COMMENTS ON ANY ASPECT OF THE STATISTICS YOU HAVE PROVIDED:

Name: _____ **Date:** / /

Position: _____ **Contact:** _____
 (phone or E-mail)

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 Please return no later than the end of January 2015 to: Or email to statistics.unit@churchofengland.org

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