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Executive Summary

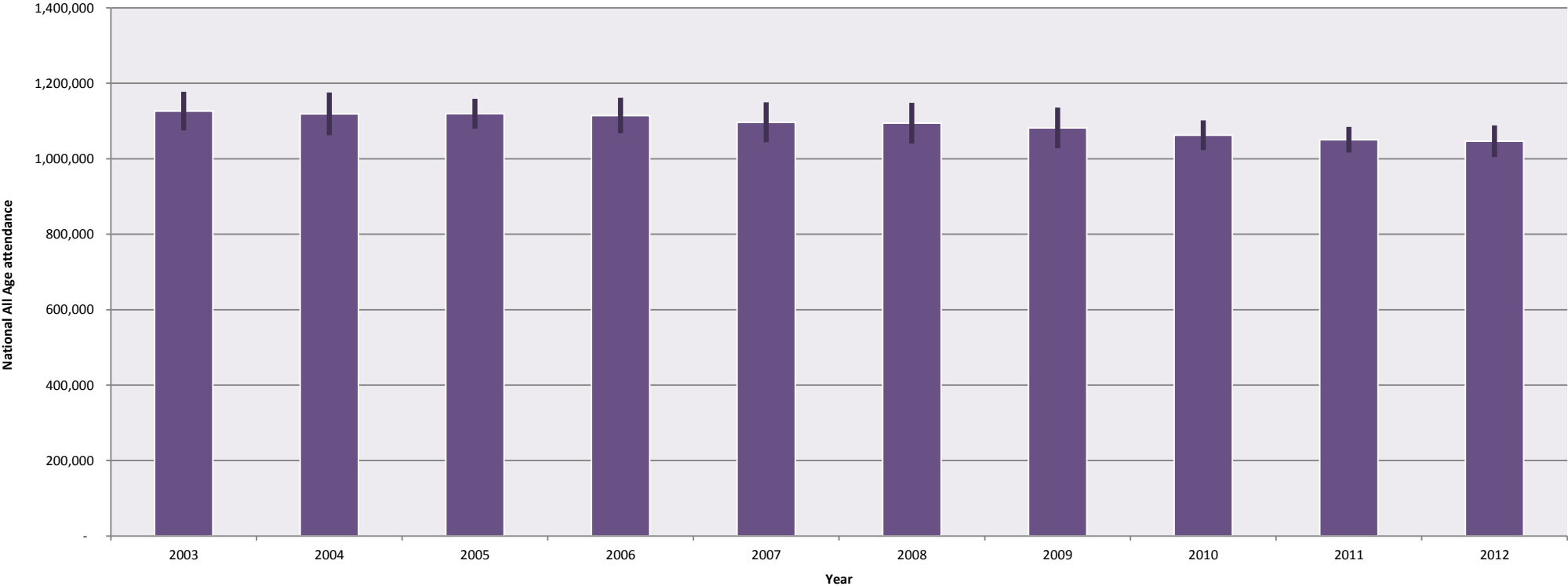
Summary

These statistics are derived from the annual Statistics for Mission returns provided by Churches. In 2012 85% of Parishes provided a return. Where data were missing a new estimation procedure has been used. Previous years have also been re-analysed in this way to ensure that the data presented here are comparable over the decade. Further details are given below under Methodological changes.

On average, 1 million people attended church each week in October 2012 with the average (median) church welcoming 50 people. However, this drops to 30 people for churches in rural parishes and is much higher (100) for churches in urban parishes.

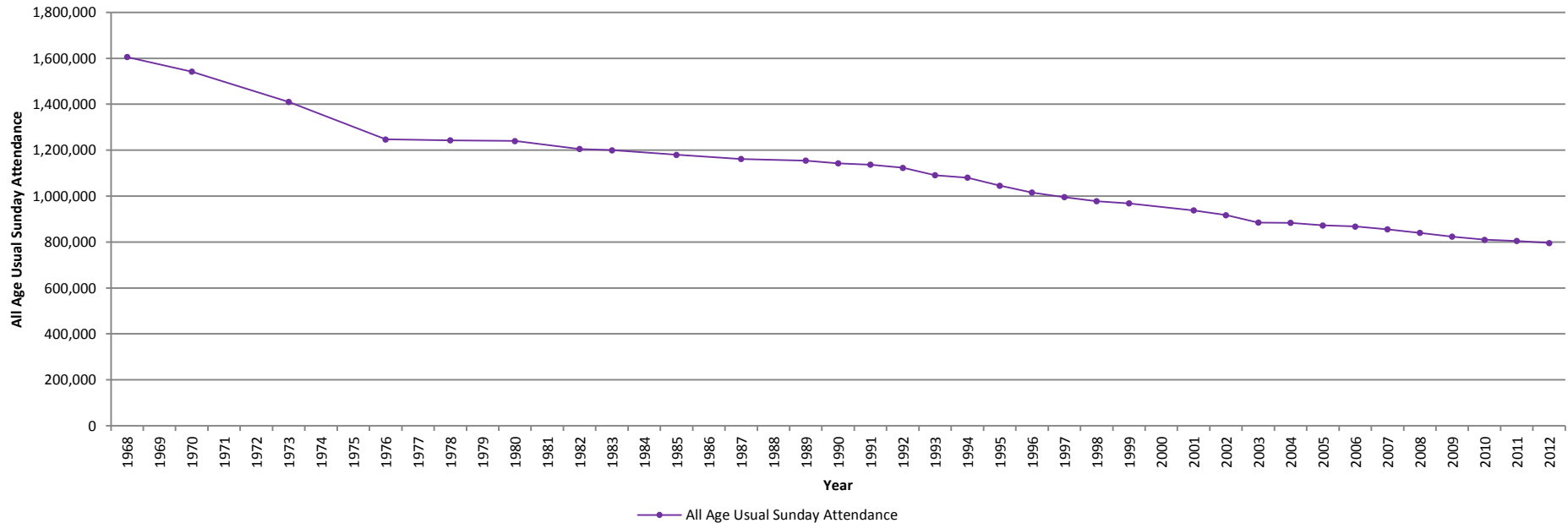
Over the decade from 2003 to 2012 for the Church of England as a whole, the Average Weekly Attendance (AWA) has shown very little change (Figure A) with possible signs of small decline year on year.

Figure A: Total Church of England All Age Average Weekly Attendance October Count 2003 - 2012



On a usual Sunday in 2012, 800,000 people attended church, approximately half the number that attended in 1968.

Figure B: Total Church of England All Age Usual Sunday Attendance 1960 - 2012



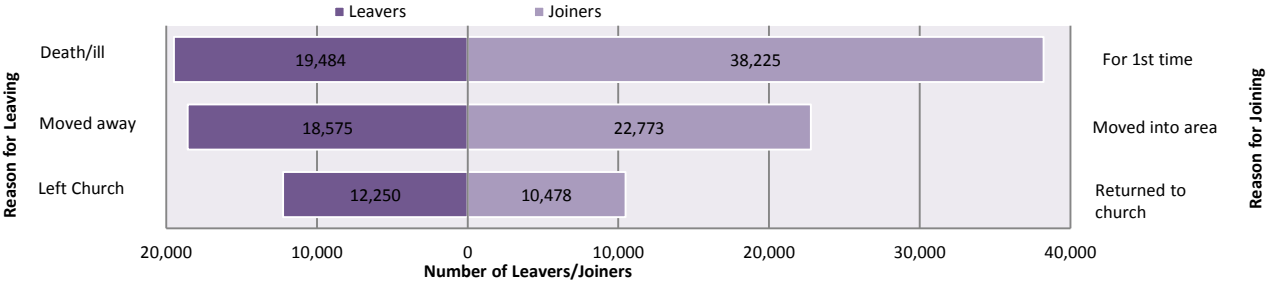
The Worshipping Community is a new measure, which aims to measure the size of the community who attend worship at least once a month or would do so if not prevented by ill health. The Worshipping Community of the Church of England was 1 million in 2012.

During 2012, 38,000 people who had not previously attended church were welcomed in to a Church of England worshipping community. Over half of the worshipping community were aged between 18 and 69, 28% were 70 or over and 20% were under 18. The proportion of the worshipping community aged 70 or over ranged from 13% in London to 41% in Norwich.

Young people aged under 18 make up around 30% of joiners but just 15% of leavers. The number of joiners aged 18 and over was just 13% higher than the number of leavers of the same age. The greatest net increase of 3,342 occurred in London. The average net change for all dioceses was 487 and the median was 382. All dioceses reported a net increase in the number of under 18s, however 10 dioceses reported a net decrease in the number of those aged 18 and over.

The number of joiners reported exceeded the number of leavers for the overall Church of England. However, this could be due to underreporting of leavers as, for example, it may take longer to confidently classify someone as having left. There is some evidence for this as the number of those joining by moving into the area exceeded the number of those leaving by moving out of the area.

Figure C: Total Church of England Joiners and Leavers by reason 2012

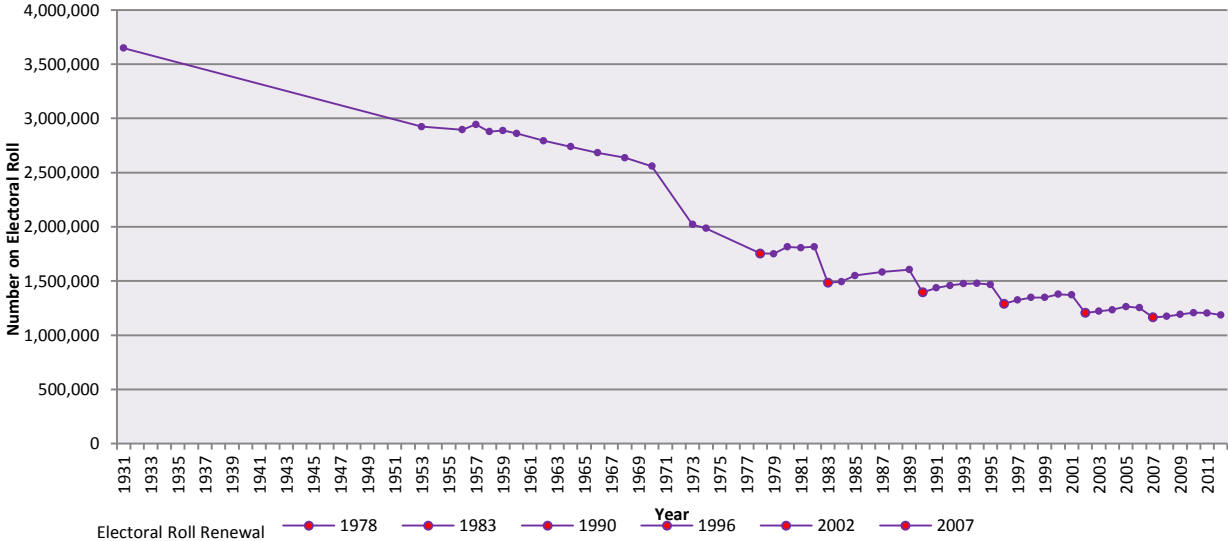


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50% of churches reported at least one "joiner" and 55% of churches reported at least one "leaver"

The total Church of England worshipping community exceeded the average Sunday attendance, most notably for children. On average, All Age Average Sunday Attendance was 80% of the size of the worshipping community. This shows that on average people attend worship just over three times each month.

The number of people on the Electoral Roll for the Church of England (excluding the Diocese of Europe) represented 3% of the adult population of England in 2012. The average church had 60 people on their Electoral Roll. Figure D shows the trend in total electoral roll from 1931 to 2012. Within an overall downward trend in numbers there are sharp falls whenever the electoral roll is renewed, followed by small increases as new people are added to the electoral roll.

Figure D: Total Church of England Electoral Roll Numbers 1900 - 2012



Notes Electoral Roll renewal is only reported for 19/8 onwards

Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in 2012 attracted around 2.5 million people. Attendance is affected by which day of the week Christmas day falls on and the weather. Christmas day 2010 fell in the week and there was snow across most of the country. Christmas day in 2011 was at the weekend and the weather was mild.

Figure E: Total Church of England Christmas Attendance and Communicants 2003 - 2012

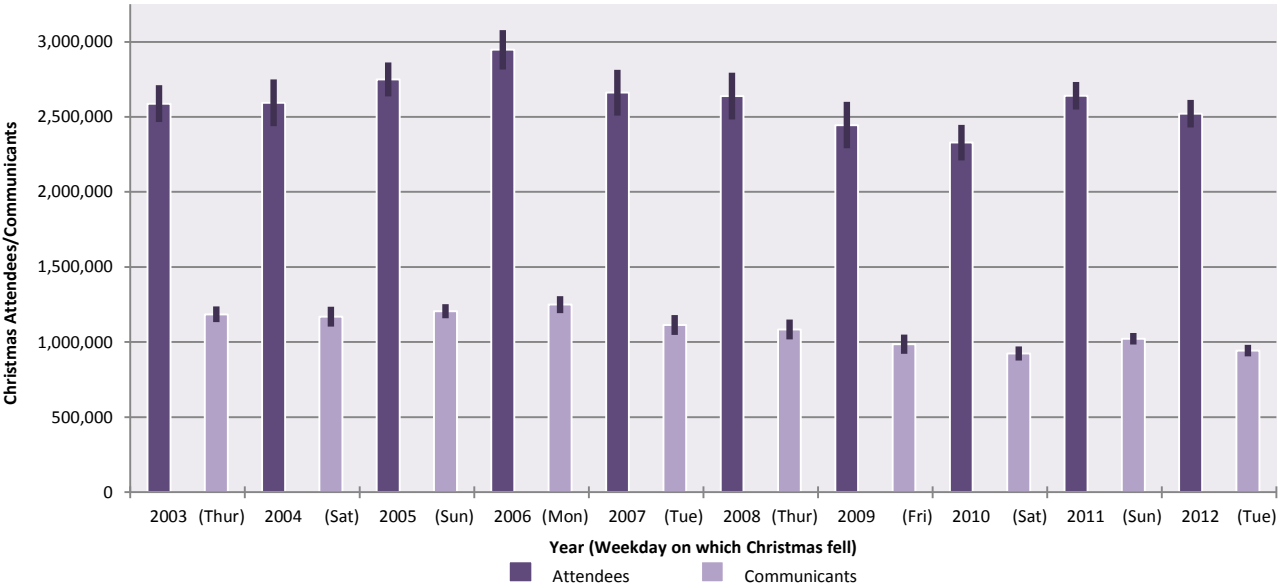


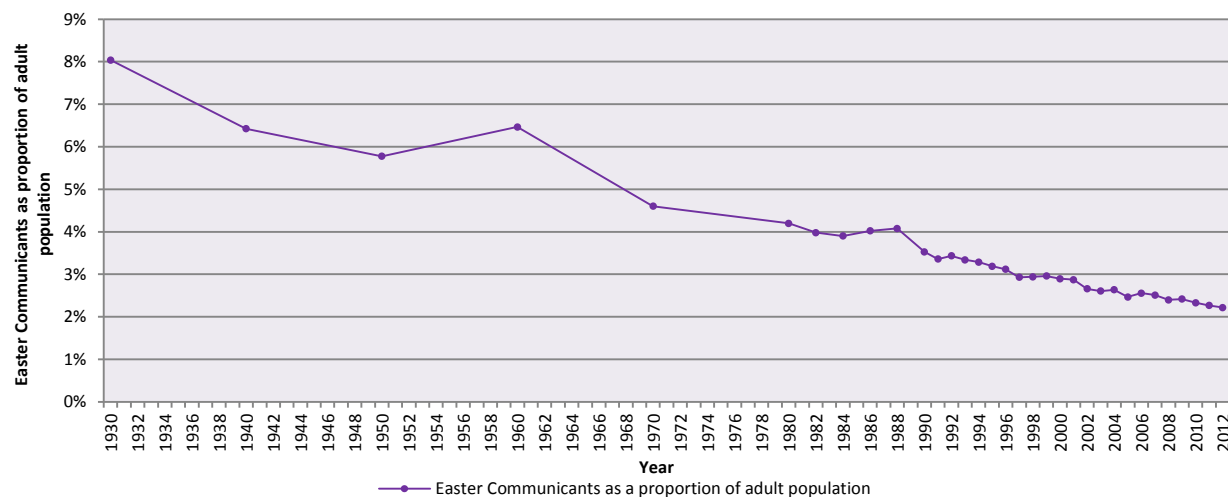
Figure F: Total Church of England Christmas Communicants in a Population context 1960 - 2012



Notes
 Figures for 1960 to 1999 are for Christmas day communicants only. Figures for 2000 to 2012 are for Christmas Day and Eve communicants.
 Adults are aged 15 or over up until 1998, aged 16 or over after this.
 Adult population for Total Church of England in 2012 excludes Europe and Christian Population for Total Church of England in 2012 excludes Europe, Isle of Man (Sodor and Man), Guernsey and Jersey (Winchester) however the Christmas communicants for Total Church of England includes Guernsey and Jersey counts.

Around 1.4 million people attended an Easter service in 2012. The number of communicants at Easter over the last decade has remained at 1 million. When Easter falls in March the number of attendees and communicants is slightly lower than when it falls in April.

Figure G: Total Church of England Easter Communicants in a Population context 1930 - 2012



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Figures for 1930 to 1999 are for Easter day communicants only. Figures for 2000 to 2012 are for Easter Day and Eve communicants.
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Key areas identified by the report ‘From anecdote to Evidence’

The Church Growth Research Programme report ‘From Anecdote to Evidence’ presented the key findings from the several research teams that had conducted the research (<http://www.churchgrowthresearch.org.uk/report>).

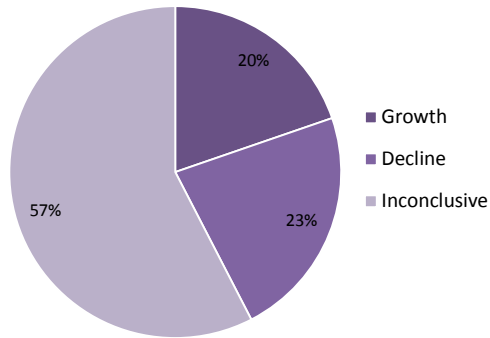
The main finding is that there is no single recipe for growth; there are no simple solutions to decline. However, throughout the research, it was evident that the Church must retain its young people if it is to thrive. One of the researchers, David Voas said ‘If people belong in their 20s, they will probably stay for the rest of their lives ... But if they don’t, it will be hard to bring them in. And unfortunately the Church of England has not done well in keeping young people.’

In fact the ratio of children to adults is the same for weekly attendance as in the population as a whole. However, the number of children attending midweek services but not Sunday services is substantial and there is some evidence to suggest that at least a part of mid-week attendance is from school assemblies.

Keeping young people is essential for the Church as a whole, but the research also showed that the presence of young people is correlated with all measures of growth. Youth retreats, conferences or camps make a difference to growth –but no more than a fifth of churches offer them. Also, of all of the many types of paid staff, youth workers are most likely to be associated with church growth.

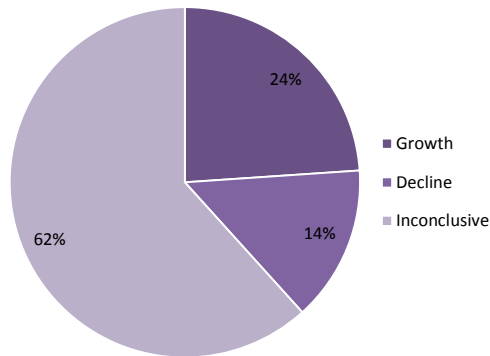
From the 2012 Statistics for Mission, the proportion of churches that have shown signs of decline (23%) is slightly greater than the proportion that have shown signs of growth (20%)

Figure H: Proportion of Churches in All Age Average Weekly Attendance Growth and Decline October Count 2012



Notes
Based on 8703 churches submitting a full single church return in 2012

Figure I: Proportion of Churches in Child Average Weekly Attendance Growth and Decline October Count 2012



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In their annual Statistics for Mission return, churches were asked to report how many young people attended other activities connected to the church during the month of October. This was split into two age groups; 11-17 and 18-25. Churches were also asked to report how many adults excluding clergy were currently working (through the church/parish) with young people aged 11-17. This was split into those working in a voluntary capacity and those employed.

Overall, over 100,000 young people attended activities connected to the Church in 2012. 80,000 of these young people were aged 11 to 17 and 23,000 were aged 18-25.

Around 28,000 adults worked voluntarily with young people aged 11-17 and 2,000 were employed to do so.

Occasional Offices

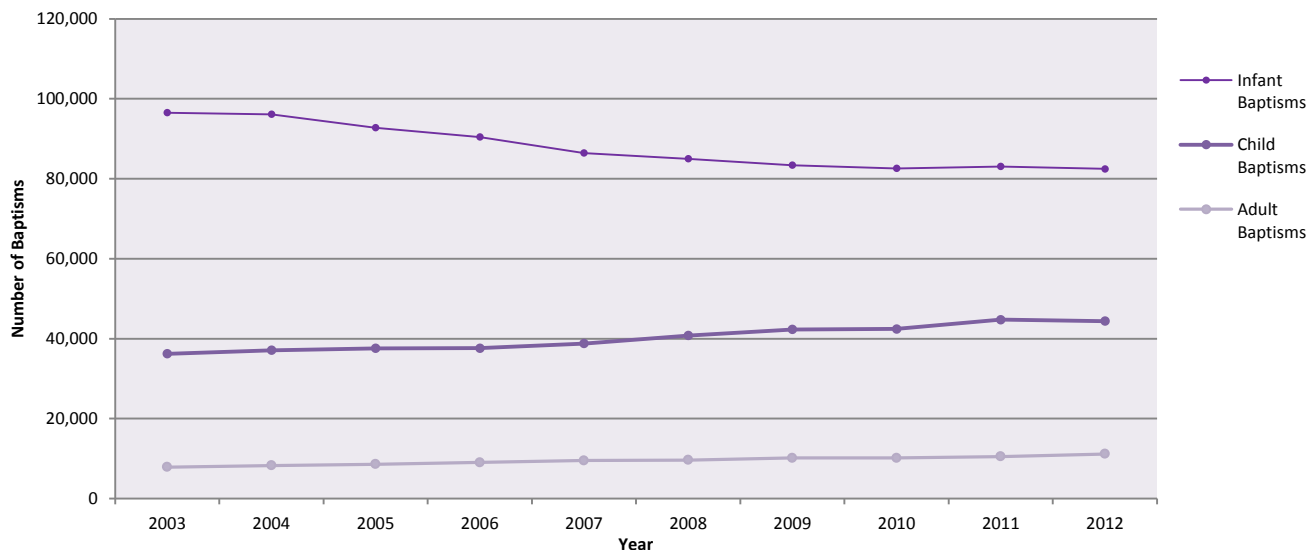
Occasional Offices have been the subject of research funded by the Archbishops' Council. The weddings project was tasked to develop and support the Church of England's wedding ministry. A report was published in July 2012 'The Church Weddings Handbook: The Seven Pastoral Moments That Matter' which emphasised how the project aimed to see a "measurable difference" as a "church growth project".

Subsequent projects are now seeking to understand how baptisms and funerals can also be opportunities for growth.

In 2012 the Church of England baptised almost 140,000 people (2,700 per week), of which 82,000 were infants (1,600 per week) and 44,000 were children aged 1-12 (800 per week). In 2012, 120 infants were baptised for every 1,000 live births.

There are signs that for the Church of England as a whole, the relative popularity of baptism at different ages has changed over the decade 2003 to 2012 (Figure J). Infant baptisms have fallen from 96,000 to 82,000 (a 15% decrease) while child baptisms have increased from 36,000 to 44,000 (23% increase) and adult baptisms have increased from 8,000 to 11,000 (41%). Overall, infant and child baptisms combined have decreased from 133,000 in 2003 to 127,00 in 2012.

Figure J: Total Church of England Baptisms 2003 - 2012

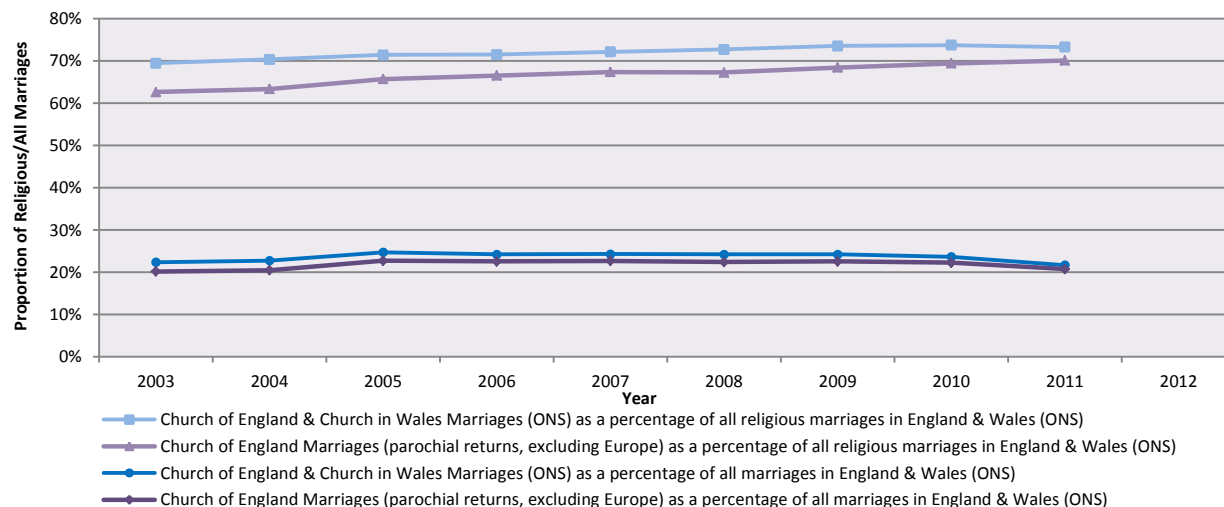


The total number of Church of England confirmations has declined since the early 1900s with 23,000 taking place in 2012 compared with 221,000 in 1901. In 2012 9,000 males and 13,000 females were confirmed. The total number of diocesan confirmations ranged from 40 in Sodor & Man to 1,600 in London with an average per diocese of 512 (median 384).

Compared with 2003, total confirmations were 29% lower in 2012 with female confirmations having a slightly larger percentage decrease (31%) than males (26%). Confirmations of females aged 12 to 15 experienced the largest percentage decrease over the period (47%) with confirmations of males of the same age being similar (43% decrease). Confirmations of males aged 16-19 experienced the smallest decrease with a fall of 7% over the period compared with a fall of 20% for confirmations of females in the same age group. Despite these decreases, confirmations of females continue to outnumber confirmations of males overall and for all age groups except 16-19.

In total, in 2012 the Church of England performed 56,000 marriages. This number has remained broadly stable since 2003 (Figure K). The majority of churches held 5 or fewer marriages. Over the decade from 2003 to 2012 there has been a slight increase (7%) in the proportion of all religious marriages that are undertaken by the Church of England.

Figure K: Total Church of England Marriages as a percentage of all Marriages 2003 - 2012



Notes
 Church of England Marriages (parochial returns) exclude figures for Europe. ONS Marriages counts for 2011 are provisional. Marriages given by ONS are for England and Wales

The total number of Church of England funerals has fallen over the period 2003 to 2012 by 50,000 to 160,000 (3,000 per week). Over a third of deaths (34%) in 2012 were marked by a Church of England funeral or by a service held in a crematorium/cemetery.

Methodological changes

This report uses data submitted through annual parochial returns and government statistics. As we do not receive returns for all parishes and churches we have to do some estimation. A new estimation methodology has been used at parish/church level and this same technique has been applied to statistics for the years 2003 to 2012. This means that figures are different to those previously published but are consistent over time.

In 2012 for 27% of churches/parishes it was necessary to do some estimation for missing data. 12% did not submit any figures at all, and 15% left some fields blank.

Estimation introduces error into the data, so for all figures presented in this paper it is likely that the true value lies either a little bit higher or a little bit lower than the stated figure. Where the trend for previous or surrounding years is very stable then it is likely that the estimate is fairly close. However, where the figures for a church are very volatile then the estimate may be a little more variable. We have therefore, for the first time, included a measure of the error in our estimation. To illustrate how much higher or lower than the stated figure the true figure could be, we have used “error bars” on some graphs. The upper and lower bounds are calculated by looking at the standard deviation of the data.

If we add together all these likely errors for each church/parish that we have estimated for, then we can get an idea of how far above or below the stated diocesan and national figures the true figure could be. For dioceses where there has been a substantial amount of estimation, the potential for error is greater.

Additionally, we have altered the way Average Weekly Attendance (AWA) figures are calculated. Average weekly and average Sunday figures are calculated from counts supplied for the first 4 weeks of October. However some churches do not have services every week. Previously AWA was calculated to reflect an average figure for the weeks when there was a service. However, it is likely that at least some of the time those individuals may attend another church if their church does not have a service. Therefore if we added together the AWA for both churches, we may be double counting individuals. This is particularly true in areas where there is rotation between churches. This occurs more frequently in rural areas. To reflect this, the new calculation is an average figure over the four weeks that data are collected.

The revised calculation gives, we believe, a better estimate of those attending worship on a given Sunday. The previous method would have told us “if every church were open and having a service, on average how many people attend each week” and would have included double counting where individuals attend different churches through the month. However the new calculation tells us “given not all churches are open every week, on average how many people are attending each week”.

It is helpful to also consider the worshipping community figure to gain an understanding of how many people are in the community even if they do not worship at the church every week. Worshipping Community estimates are new and as such there is no clear relationship between worshipping community figures and attendance figures or electoral roll. Therefore it is not wise for us to do any kind of church/parish level estimation, as we have no previous information to base this on. Instead, a bulk estimate was done at Diocesan level using the electoral roll. Based on the electoral roll of the whole diocese and the aggregated electoral roll of those churches that gave a worshipping community figure, we could estimate what proportion was missing. No estimation was done for joiners or leavers, as this cannot be extrapolated.

In this report we have given statistics on the proportion of churches that are growing or declining. We have used a similar process to that used in the National Church Growth Research Programme (see www.churchgrowthresearch.org.uk for further information), by looking at the standard deviation of the data over a 6 year period to look at what sort of increase or decrease we would need to see to be sure that the church was in growth or decline, and not just experiencing variation in their figures. We have then compared the recent period (2010 to 2012) with the earlier years (2007 to 2009).

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

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The Church of England had nearly 16,000 churches in 2012 serving a population of 53.8 million people, 31.7 million of whom are Christian

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Provinces of Canterbury and York (excluding Europe)

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Population ¹	Rank	Area ² (square miles)	Rank	Population Density (persons per square mile) ³	Rank	Number of Benefices ⁴	Rank	Number of Parishes ⁴	Rank	Number of Churches ⁴	Rank	Population per church	Rank	Square miles per church	Rank	Christian Population ⁵	Rank	Christian Population per church ⁶	Rank	Response Rate ⁷
1	Bath & Wells	C	916,000	28	1,610	11	570	30	188	14	465	06	564	09	1,620	38	3	23	566,000	27	1,000	39	93%
2	Birmingham	C	1,514,000	11	290	41	5,220	03	141	26	151	40	188	40	8,050	02	2	40	764,000	15	4,060	03	89%
3	Blackburn	Y	1,318,000	15	880	27	1,500	15	183	16	229	27	276	29	4,780	11	3	14	879,000	13	3,180	08	68%
4	Bradford	Y	700,000	37	920	26	760	27	102	41	125	42	156	42	4,490	15	6	03	353,000	40	2,260	18	88%
5	Bristol	C	979,000	25	470	36	2,080	08	111	36	164	38	205	39	4,780	11	2	37	525,000	29	2,560	16	87%
6	Canterbury	C	923,000	27	970	25	950	26	139	28	253	25	328	23	2,810	28	3	21	575,000	25	1,750	27	84%
7	Carlisle	Y	497,000	41	2,480	04	200	42	123	35	266	20	340	20	1,460	40	7	02	358,000	39	1,050	35	77%
8	Chelmsford	C	3,031,000	02	1,530	12	1,980	10	320	02	467	05	595	06	5,090	08	3	32	1,686,000	02	2,830	13	98%
9	Chester	Y	1,608,000	09	1,020	22	362	14	226	08	276	19	362	19	4,440	16	3	24	1,096,000	08	3,030	09	76%
10	Chichester	C	1,621,000	08	1,460	14	1,110	22	291	03	368	12	489	10	3,310	23	3	20	939,000	11	1,920	23	94%
11	Coventry	C	829,000	32	690	30	1,200	20	130	31	199	32	245	34	3,380	21	3	25	496,000	33	2,020	21	95%
12	Derby	C	1,032,000	22	1,000	23	1,030	24	153	22	254	24	329	22	3,140	26	3	16	629,000	22	1,910	25	91%
13	Durham	Y	1,468,000	12	990	24	1,480	16	190	12	229	27	271	30	5,420	07	4	12	1,028,000	10	3,790	05	72%
14	Ely	C	739,000	36	1,510	13	490	33	180	19	311	16	334	21	2,210	32	5	07	436,000	36	1,310	32	73%
15	Exeter	C	1,141,000	19	2,580	03	440	37	181	18	494	03	614	04	1,860	34	4	10	695,000	19	1,130	33	77%
16	Gloucester	C	640,000	39	1,140	20	560	31	106	38	301	17	386	16	1,660	36	3	22	407,000	37	1,050	35	95%
17	Guildford	C	1,026,000	23	540	34	1,900	11	141	26	163	39	217	37	4,730	13	2	33	638,000	21	2,940	11	88%
18	Hereford	C	317,000	42	1,660	10	190	43	105	40	340	14	411	13	770	43	4	11	214,000	42	520	42	85%
19	Leicester	C	992,000	24	840	29	1,180	21	109	37	238	26	313	25	3,170	25	3	31	506,000	31	1,620	29	93%
20	Lichfield	C	2,097,000	05	1,740	09	1,210	19	269	05	425	10	573	07	3,660	18	3	17	1,331,000	04	2,320	17	97%
21	Lincoln	C	1,045,000	21	2,670	01	390	38	213	09	494	03	635	03	1,650	37	4	09	699,000	18	1,100	34	77%
22	Liverpool	Y	1,567,000	10	390	39	4,020	05	170	20	206	31	248	33	6,320	05	2	39	1,182,000	07	4,770	01	93%
23	London	C	4,054,000	01	280	42	14,480	01	409	01	398	11	489	10	8,290	01	1	43	1,764,000	01	3,610	06	86%
24	Manchester	Y	2,084,000	06	420	37	4,960	04	203	10	259	22	325	24	6,410	04	1	41	1,239,000	06	3,810	04	58%
25	Newcastle	Y	802,000	34	2,110	06	380	41	134	29	172	35	236	36	3,400	20	9	01	506,000	31	2,140	19	93%
26	Norwich	C	878,000	29	1,800	08	490	33	186	15	566	02	640	02	1,370	41	3	26	530,000	28	830	41	69%
27	Oxford	C	2,292,000	04	2,220	05	1,030	24	289	04	619	01	815	01	2,810	28	3	30	1,327,000	05	1,630	28	74%
28	Peterborough	C	865,000	30	1,150	19	750	28	133	30	348	13	377	17	2,290	31	3	15	515,000	30	1,370	31	82%
29	Portsmouth	C	766,000	35	410	38	1,870	12	127	34	142	41	173	41	4,430	17	2	34	451,000	35	2,610	14	99%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	828,000	33	1,360	17	610	29	106	38	166	37	251	32	3,300	24	5	04	482,000	34	1,920	23	89%
31	Rochester	C	1,299,000	16	540	34	2,410	06	189	13	217	30	266	31	4,880	09	2	38	794,000	14	2,980	10	93%
32	St. Albans	C	1,826,000	07	1,120	21	1,630	13	199	11	338	15	404	14	4,520	14	3	28	1,050,000	09	2,600	15	83%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	656,000	38	1,440	15	460	35	129	32	446	09	478	12	1,370	41	3	19	401,000	38	840	40	88%
34	Salisbury	C	927,000	26	2,050	07	450	36	146	24	452	08	572	08	1,620	38	4	13	590,000	24	1,030	38	74%
35	Sheffield	Y	1,246,000	17	580	32	2,150	07	151	23	176	34	212	38	5,880	06	3	29	750,000	16	3,540	07	89%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	85,000	43	220	43	390	38	18	43	18	43	45	43	1,890	33	5	05	-	-	-	-	93%
37	Southwark	C	2,718,000	03	320	40	8,490	02	260	06	292	18	364	18	7,470	03	1	42	1,495,000	03	4,110	02	95%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	1,103,000	20	850	28	1,300	17	158	21	257	23	306	27	3,600	19	3	27	624,000	23	2,040	20	90%
39	Truro	C	541,000	40	1,390	16	390	38	128	33	222	29	307	26	1,760	35	5	06	323,000	41	1,050	35	89%
40	Wakefield	Y	1,152,000	18	560	33	2,060	09	142	25	186	33	237	35	4,860	10	2	35	689,000	20	2,910	12	73%
41	Winchester	C	1,352,000	14	1,220	18	1,110	22	182	17	261	21	402	15	3,360	22	3	18	715,000	17	1,780	26	97%
42	Worcester	C	865,000	30	670	31	1,290	18	97	42	170	36	285	28	3,040	27	2	36	575,000	25	2,020	21	93%
43	York	Y	1,418,000	13	2,660	02	530	32	256	07	455	07	598	05	2,370	30	4	08	915,000	12	1,530	30	80%
Totals Province of Canterbury		C	37,881,000		35,290		1,070.00		5,251		9,558		11,998		3,160		3		21,638,000		1,800		85%
Totals Province of York		Y	15,876,000		15,410		1,030.00		2,162		3,020		3,863		4,110		4		10,100,000		2,650		80%
Totals Church Of England			53,757,000		50,700		1,060.00		7,413		12,578		15,861		3,390		3		31,738,000		2,010		85%

On average, there were 292 (median 259) parishes per diocese and 369 (median 329) churches.

London was the most densely populated diocese and also had the most people per church; Hereford was the least.

For each church in Liverpool there were on average around 5,000 Christians, ten times more than in Hereford.

Response rates varied from 58% to 99%. The dioceses with the greatest proportion of churches submitting at least a partial return in 2012 were Portsmouth and Chelmsford who achieved 99% and 98% respectively.

Footnotes
 1 Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury Population excludes Europe
 2 Calculated from material supplied by ONS and the Church Commissioners
 3 This calculation excludes population and area of Europe from Total Church of England and from Province of Canterbury
 4 Benefices, Parishes, Churches as listed in the Parish Register maintained by the Research and Statistics Department as at 31 December 2012. Includes 128 churches with no buildings
 5 Total Church of England and Provinces of York and Canterbury Christian population excludes Isle of Man (Sodor and Man), Guernsey and Jersey (Winchester) and Europe
 6 This calculation excludes Sodor and Man from Christian Population and Number of Churches for Total Church of England and Province of York. Europe is also excluded from Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury
 7 Response rates include all full and partial responses excluding those with a submission solely from the separate Christmas Count exercise

Notes
 The methodological annex gives a more full explanation of population estimations.

On average in 2012, 1.05 million people attended church each week with 4 in 5 of these attending on a Sunday

Table 2: Diocesan All Age Weekly and All Age Sunday Attendance October Count 2008 - 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Average weekly attendance ¹				Average weekly attendance 2012 ¹		Highest weekly attendance 2012 ¹		Lowest weekly attendance 2012 ¹		Average Sunday attendance ¹				Average Sunday attendance 2012 ¹		Highest Sunday attendance 2012 ¹		Lowest Sunday attendance 2012 ¹	
			2008	2009	2010	2011	Total	Error	Total	Error	Total	Error	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total	Error	Total	Error	Total	Error
1	Bath & Wells	C	26,300	25,900	24,800	23,200	24,700	+1%	37,300	+2%	17,100	+1%	22,300	21,900	21,000	19,700	21,100	+1%	31,100	+2%	15,600	+1%
2	Birmingham	C	19,100	18,600	17,500	17,200	17,700	+2%	24,000	+2%	12,800	+2%	15,800	15,200	14,500	14,400	14,700	+2%	19,700	+2%	11,100	+1%
3	Blackburn	Y	31,100	28,800	27,600	27,000	26,600	+11%	37,400	+14%	19,000	+10%	26,700	25,100	23,600	23,400	23,100	+10%	32,200	+13%	16,700	+9%
4	Bradford	Y	11,500	11,800	10,900	10,000	9,800	+7%	13,300	+9%	7,000	+7%	9,500	9,300	8,900	8,600	8,600	+7%	11,300	+7%	6,500	+7%
5	Bristol	C	16,100	17,100	16,900	16,700	16,400	+4%	23,300	+6%	11,500	+4%	13,500	14,400	14,200	14,000	13,400	+3%	18,500	+4%	10,000	+3%
6	Canterbury	C	21,700	21,700	21,400	19,800	21,300	+6%	31,800	+6%	13,900	+6%	18,100	18,000	17,200	16,300	17,100	+5%	22,900	+7%	11,900	+5%
7	Carlisle	Y	16,000	15,800	15,300	14,900	15,100	+6%	25,200	+9%	10,000	+5%	13,200	13,100	12,800	12,200	12,500	+6%	20,400	+10%	8,900	+5%
8	Chelmsford	C	41,700	42,000	40,900	40,800	40,100	+1%	55,200	+2%	28,300	+1%	35,500	36,000	34,800	34,500	34,500	+1%	47,300	+1%	25,500	+1%
9	Chester	Y	38,000	38,700	36,300	36,300	35,600	+7%	54,100	+9%	23,800	+6%	31,600	31,500	30,200	30,000	29,200	+6%	42,000	+8%	20,800	+5%
10	Chichester	C	44,600	44,400	44,800	43,700	42,900	+2%	58,300	+2%	31,700	+2%	36,300	36,000	35,900	35,000	35,700	+1%	47,500	+2%	27,800	+2%
11	Coventry	C	15,400	15,800	15,800	15,300	15,600	+1%	22,700	+1%	11,100	+1%	13,400	13,500	13,600	13,200	13,100	+1%	18,700	+1%	9,700	+1%
12	Derby	C	17,500	17,500	17,100	17,300	17,500	+2%	25,900	+3%	11,800	+2%	15,300	15,000	14,700	15,000	14,600	+2%	20,900	+3%	10,500	+2%
13	Durham	Y	19,600	20,600	21,200	20,500	20,100	+10%	29,600	+11%	12,900	+12%	15,900	16,300	16,300	16,000	15,500	+10%	22,200	+10%	10,600	+11%
14	Ely	C	18,400	18,200	18,400	18,200	17,800	+12%	25,600	+16%	12,300	+12%	15,400	15,100	15,300	15,400	15,100	+11%	21,700	+15%	11,400	+10%
15	Exeter	C	23,600	25,100	25,100	25,200	24,300	+7%	36,100	+10%	17,600	+7%	21,000	22,600	22,200	22,000	21,600	+7%	32,200	+10%	16,000	+7%
16	Gloucester	C	21,500	22,200	21,100	19,900	19,900	+2%	30,300	+3%	13,400	+1%	18,100	17,400	16,100	15,700	16,300	+1%	23,500	+2%	12,000	+1%
17	Guildford	C	29,400	26,700	27,900	28,000	28,200	+3%	38,800	+5%	20,000	+3%	25,100	22,900	23,400	23,500	23,800	+2%	30,600	+3%	18,300	+2%
18	Hereford	C	10,700	10,500	10,500	10,200	10,000	+10%	17,400	+12%	6,400	+9%	8,900	8,700	8,700	8,400	8,200	+9%	14,600	+10%	5,900	+9%
19	Leicester	C	13,600	14,400	15,100	14,600	15,500	+2%	25,500	+2%	10,900	+2%	12,000	12,400	12,500	12,500	12,700	+2%	20,100	+2%	9,600	+2%
20	Lichfield	C	37,200	36,900	35,600	35,800	35,900	+1%	56,000	+2%	24,000	+1%	29,600	29,100	28,000	27,100	27,800	+1%	39,800	+1%	20,900	+1%
21	Lincoln	C	20,600	19,200	18,200	16,900	15,900	+13%	27,400	+17%	12,000	+13%	16,500	15,500	14,200	13,600	13,100	+12%	22,000	+16%	10,700	+13%
22	Liverpool	Y	28,600	27,200	27,800	28,700	28,500	+4%	42,200	+5%	19,100	+3%	24,200	22,900	22,600	23,000	22,200	+3%	31,600	+3%	15,700	+2%
23	London	C	77,800	76,000	74,600	76,100	81,600	+2%	100,800	+3%	58,000	+3%	59,000	58,700	57,000	57,400	61,300	+2%	73,100	+3%	48,500	+2%
24	Manchester	Y	34,800	33,300	32,500	33,200	32,100	+17%	48,800	+24%	20,800	+18%	28,900	27,400	26,900	26,800	25,900	+15%	36,400	+21%	18,400	+16%
25	Newcastle	Y	14,500	14,400	14,300	14,000	14,400	+2%	20,900	+3%	10,100	+3%	12,100	11,900	11,800	11,500	11,300	+2%	16,100	+3%	8,600	+3%
26	Norwich	C	18,500	18,100	17,200	18,400	18,200	+10%	30,200	+14%	13,200	+13%	16,300	15,900	15,100	15,000	15,000	+9%	24,300	+14%	12,200	+13%
27	Oxford	C	53,700	55,000	54,500	52,600	51,500	+10%	73,200	+13%	37,300	+10%	45,600	45,700	46,100	44,400	44,100	+9%	61,100	+11%	33,400	+10%
28	Peterborough	C	18,400	18,000	18,100	17,400	16,900	+4%	26,800	+6%	11,400	+5%	14,800	14,500	14,800	14,200	13,900	+4%	21,400	+7%	10,100	+5%
29	Portsmouth	C	13,800	14,000	14,200	13,500	13,500	+1%	19,700	+1%	9,200	+1%	12,100	11,900	11,700	11,200	11,400	+1%	15,600	+1%	8,400	+1%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	16,300	15,900	14,700	15,600	14,100	+3%	20,800	+3%	9,400	+3%	13,500	13,200	12,300	12,400	11,800	+3%	16,900	+3%	8,400	+3%
31	Rochester	C	30,000	28,900	29,300	28,500	27,900	+2%	38,900	+3%	19,100	+2%	25,600	25,200	24,900	23,600	23,700	+2%	32,400	+2%	17,000	+2%
32	St. Albans	C	38,200	36,900	36,700	35,900	36,300	+5%	52,000	+7%	23,100	+5%	29,900	28,600	28,000	27,100	26,900	+4%	37,100	+6%	19,700	+4%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	17,900	18,100	17,200	16,900	16,800	+5%	28,400	+6%	12,100	+5%	15,100	15,500	14,900	13,900	14,100	+4%	23,700	+5%	11,000	+5%
34	Salisbury	C	29,400	30,000	29,200	28,900	28,300	+9%	45,500	+13%	18,800	+8%	24,500	24,300	24,200	23,800	23,600	+7%	36,000	+11%	16,900	+7%
35	Sheffield	Y	19,700	19,800	19,600	19,900	19,800	+2%	28,400	+3%	13,500	+2%	15,500	15,500	15,300	14,900	15,200	+2%	21,300	+3%	10,900	+2%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,400	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,000	+2%	3,700	+3%	1,200	+1%	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,700	+2%	2,700	+3%	1,100	+1%
37	Southwark	C	46,900	44,000	44,700	45,200	43,700	+3%	58,200	+5%	32,300	+3%	42,100	39,000	39,100	38,700	38,600	+3%	48,900	+4%	30,300	+3%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	18,400	16,700	16,700	17,000	17,100	+2%	26,100	+2%	11,600	+3%	14,600	14,100	13,700	13,800	14,000	+2%	20,400	+2%	10,300	+3%
39	Truro	C	13,000	13,000	12,200	11,500	11,800	+4%	17,900	+5%	7,600	+4%	10,800	10,800	10,300	9,700	9,700	+4%	14,900	+5%	6,700	+4%
40	Wakefield	Y	17,000	16,800	16,200	15,900	15,500	+11%	22,900	+16%	10,200	+10%	14,200	13,800	13,100	12,800	12,800	+10%	18,200	+14%	8,900	+9%
41	Winchester	C	33,200	33,100	32,900	33,400	32,000	+1%	45,600	+1%	21,800	+1%	27,200	27,000	27,000	26,300	25,500	+1%	34,800	+1%	19,400	+1%
42	Worcester	C	15,100	14,700	14,400	14,400	14,800	+1%	23,800	+1%	8,600	+1%	12,300	12,500	11,900	11,500	11,900	+1%	19,000	+1%	7,800	+1%
43	York	Y	30,700	31,600	28,800	28,200	27,700	+7%	43,800	+9%	18,100	+6%	24,000	24,000	22,600	22,600	22,200	+5%	33,000	+7%	15,900	+5%
44	Europe	C	12,300	12,300	12,000	11,500	11,400	-	14,600	-	9,300	-	11,500	11,600	11,400	10,900	10,800	-	13,800	-	8,900	-
Totals Province of Canterbury		C	795,800	788,300	778,500	766,900	768,200		1,111,400		536,700		663,800	654,900	642,400	628,000	633,300		887,100		477,200	
Totals Province of York		Y	298,700	293,600	284,100	283,400	278,500		417,200		186,700		246,000	240,200	232,100	229,800	225,800		324,600		161,700	
Totals Church Of England			1,094,500	1,081,900	1,062,600	1,050,300	1,046,600	+5%	1,528,600	+6%	723,400	+4%	909,800	895,100	874,500	857,800	859,200	+4%	1,211,700	+5%	638,800	+4%

Footnotes

1 See the Methodological Annex for an explanation of how these are calculated

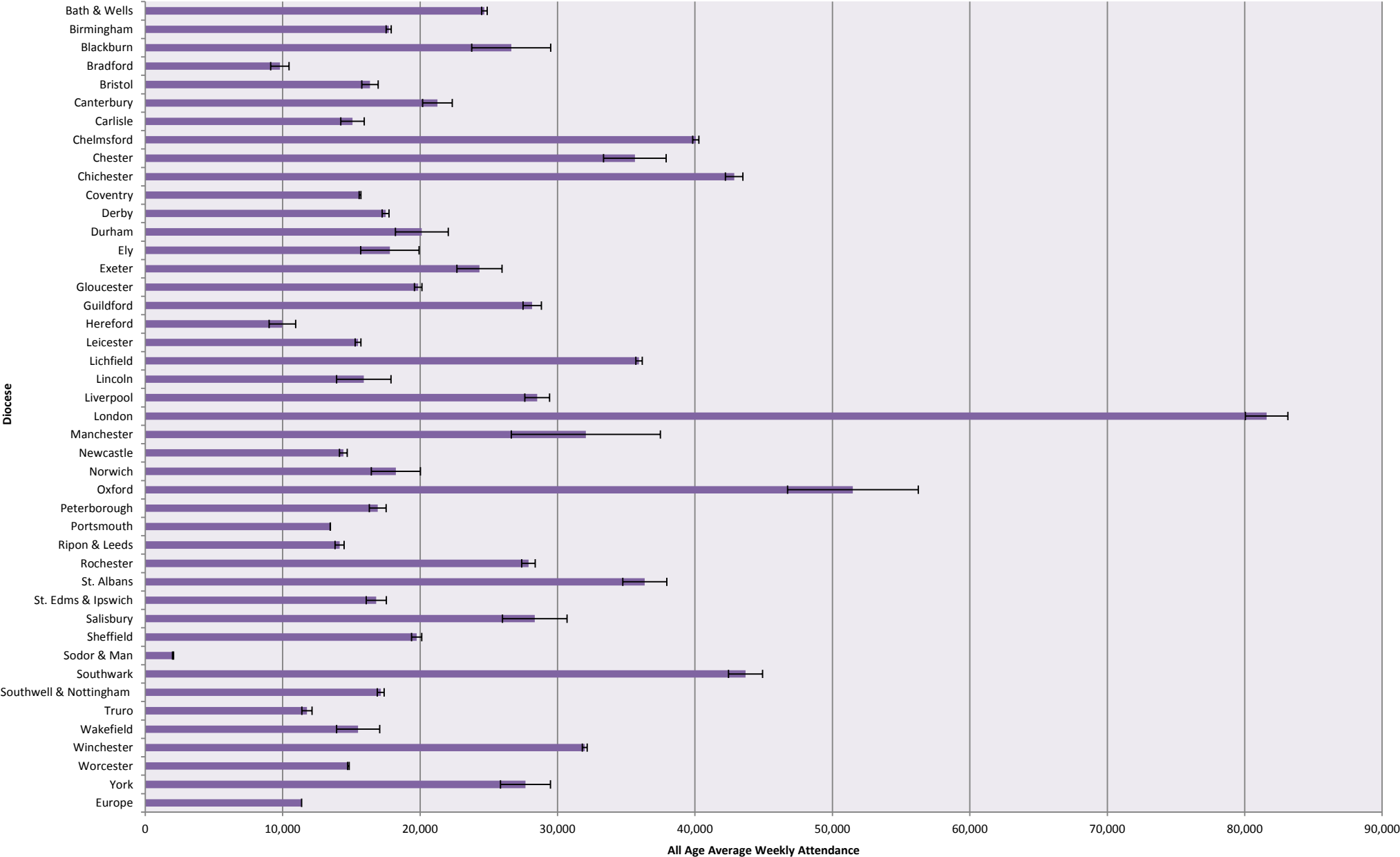
Notes

All figures have been revised from those previously published. See the Methodological Annex for more information.

In 2012, All Age Average Weekly Attendance for most dioceses was between 10,000 and 30,000

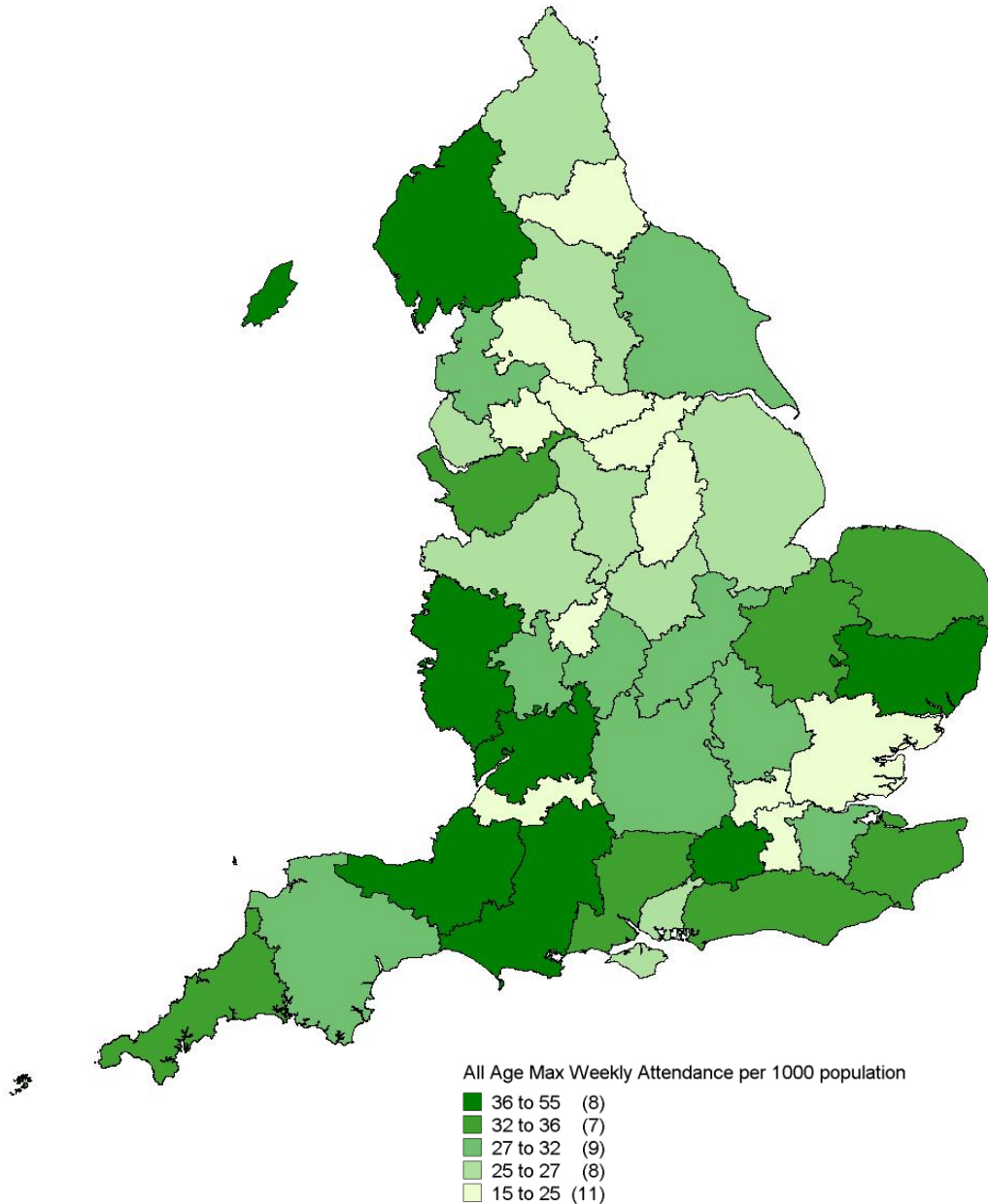
Figure 1: Diocesan All Age Average Weekly Attendance October Count 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)



On average in 2012, 1.05 million people, or 2% of the population, attended church each week

Figure 2: All Age Highest Weekly Attendance per 1000 people October Count 2012



London, the largest diocese in terms of All Age Average Weekly Attendance (AWA) had around 80,000 attendees each week in October 2012 (Table 2) whereas most dioceses had between 10,000 and 30,000 (Figure 1).

Large differences between AWA and Highest or Lowest Weekly Attendance indicate a fluctuating service pattern over the month. Small differences indicate a relatively consistent level of attendance.

On average, All Age Highest Weekly Attendance was 50% (median 48%) higher than All Age AWA in 2012 (Table 2). Sodor & Man, Lincoln and Hereford showed the greatest percentage difference between Highest and Average Weekly Attendance; London, Europe and Southwark showed the smallest.

On average, All Age Lowest Weekly Attendance was 31% (median 32%) lower than All Age AWA in 2012 (Table 2). Worcester and Sodor & Man showed the greatest percentage difference between Lowest and Average Weekly Attendance; Europe, Lincoln, Southwark and Chichester showed the smallest.

All Age Average Sunday Attendance represented between 74% and 95% of All Age Average Weekly Attendance for dioceses in 2012. Nationally, the figure is 82%.

Looking at attendance in a population context (Figure 2), for every 1,000 people living in the diocese, just 8 dioceses had between 36 and 55 people attending church during the week with the maximum attendance in October 2012. For all other dioceses the proportion of the population attending was lower, with over half of dioceses having less than 32 people attending church for every 1,000 in the population.

For the Church of England as a whole, All Age AWA has shown very little change over the decade (2003 to 2012) (Figure 3) with possible signs of small decline year on year. For diocesan trends over the decade see Figure 32.

Looking at churches (Table 3), where a complete return was given for a single church in 2012, the AWA of the median church is around 50. However, this drops to around 30 for churches in rural parishes and is much higher (around 100) for churches in urban parishes.

A median of zero for even Highest Midweek Attendance shows that the majority of churches in rural parishes have no midweek attendees. This is very different to churches in urban parishes where even Lowest Midweek Attendance has a median of 2.

There is a range in attendance at churches, which is skewed. Some are very small and some are very big. Most are closer to the bottom. Sunday Attendance is higher than Midweek Attendance for all cases except when considering the biggest church as Lowest Midweek Attendance exceeds the Sunday equivalent. Note that in this case, there appears to be one church which has the maximum number of attendees for all (lowest, highest and average) Midweek statistics.

For the same group of churches, the proportion that has shown signs of decline (23%) is slightly greater than the proportion that has shown signs of growth (20%).

The median church, in terms of All Age Average Weekly Attendance, welcomed around 50 people each week in October 2012, 40 adults and 5 children

Figure 3: Total Church of England All Age Average Weekly Attendance October Count 2003 - 2012

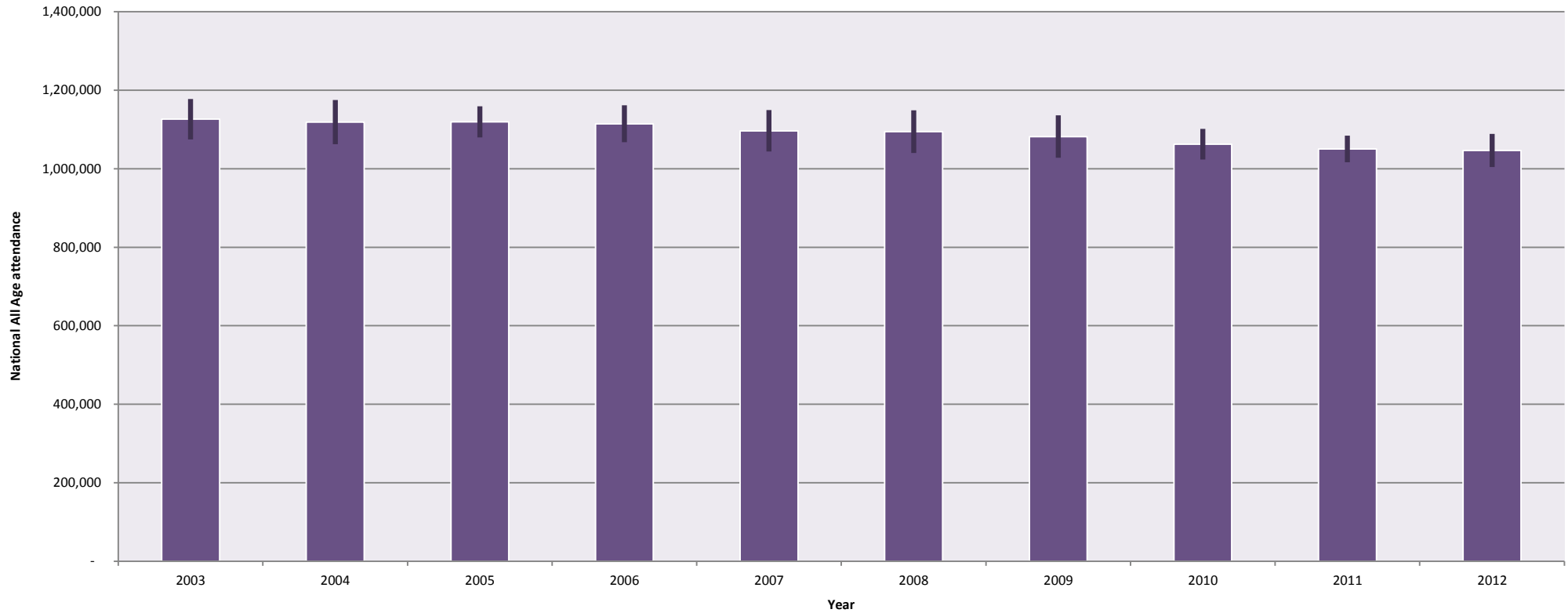


Figure 4: Proportion of Churches in All Age Average Weekly Attendance Growth and Decline October Count 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

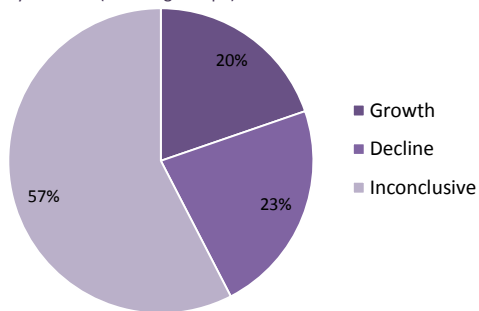


Table 3: Church level All Age Attendance October Count 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

All Age	Highest weekly attendance	Average weekly attendance	Lowest weekly attendance	Highest Midweek attendance	Average Midweek attendance	Lowest Midweek attendance	Highest Sunday attendance	Average Sunday attendance	Lowest Sunday attendance	Usual Sunday attendance
Maximum Church	2,220	2,025	1,929	1,372	1,372	1,372	1,467	1,380	1,276	1,150
Median Church	74	47	30	6	3	-	63	41	28	36
Minimum Church	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Base	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703
Median Rural Church	48	27	16	-	-	-	43	24	15	22
Base	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271
Median Urban Church	134	98	69	11	8	2	111	82	60	70
Base	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240

Notes

See the Methodological Annex for more information on these derived statistics

Notes

Based on 8703 churches submitting a full single church return in 2012

See the Methodological Annex for details on growth outcomes

Almost 9 in 10 adults attending church did so on a Sunday

Table 4: Diocesan Adult Weekly and Adult Sunday Attendance October Count 2008 - 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Average weekly attendance ¹				Average weekly attendance 2012 ¹		Highest weekly attendance 2012 ¹		Lowest weekly attendance 2012 ¹		Average Sunday attendance ¹				Average Sunday attendance 2012 ¹		Highest Sunday attendance 2012 ¹		Lowest Sunday attendance 2012 ¹	
			2008	2009	2010	2011	Total	Error	Total	Error	Total	Error	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total	Error	Total	Error	Total	Error
1	Bath & Wells	C	21,400	21,100	20,200	19,000	20,500	+1%	29,600	+2%	15,000	+1%	19,600	19,300	18,500	17,400	18,600	+1%	27,100	+2%	13,800	+1%
2	Birmingham	C	15,100	14,600	13,800	13,800	14,100	+2%	18,200	+2%	10,800	+2%	13,500	12,900	12,200	12,100	12,400	+2%	16,300	+2%	9,700	+1%
3	Blackburn	Y	23,700	22,300	21,300	21,000	21,000	+10%	27,400	+14%	15,900	+9%	21,300	20,100	19,000	18,700	18,600	+10%	24,700	+13%	14,000	+9%
4	Bradford	Y	9,000	9,100	8,600	8,100	8,100	+7%	10,300	+8%	6,100	+7%	8,100	8,000	7,700	7,400	7,300	+7%	9,300	+7%	5,700	+7%
5	Bristol	C	12,600	13,600	13,500	13,300	13,200	+4%	17,900	+5%	9,900	+4%	11,200	12,100	11,900	11,700	11,200	+3%	15,000	+4%	8,500	+3%
6	Canterbury	C	17,400	17,000	16,400	15,600	16,400	+5%	22,500	+7%	11,700	+5%	15,000	15,000	14,200	13,800	14,100	+5%	18,900	+6%	10,200	+5%
7	Carlisle	Y	13,100	13,000	12,800	12,500	12,800	+6%	20,200	+8%	8,900	+5%	11,400	11,600	11,400	10,800	11,200	+6%	17,700	+10%	7,900	+5%
8	Chelmsford	C	33,400	33,500	32,500	32,300	32,100	+1%	42,700	+2%	23,700	+1%	29,600	30,000	28,900	28,800	28,700	+1%	38,600	+2%	21,600	+1%
9	Chester	Y	30,800	31,200	29,600	29,300	28,400	+6%	39,600	+8%	20,600	+6%	26,900	26,800	25,800	25,500	24,800	+5%	34,600	+7%	18,300	+5%
10	Chichester	C	36,000	36,000	36,100	35,700	35,100	+2%	45,800	+2%	27,100	+2%	31,000	30,700	30,500	30,400	30,500	+2%	39,700	+2%	24,000	+2%
11	Coventry	C	12,800	13,200	13,100	13,000	12,900	+1%	17,600	+1%	9,500	+1%	11,400	11,500	11,500	11,300	11,100	+1%	15,500	+1%	8,300	+1%
12	Derby	C	14,700	14,600	14,400	14,400	14,400	+2%	20,000	+3%	10,300	+2%	13,200	12,900	12,700	13,100	12,700	+2%	17,900	+3%	9,200	+2%
13	Durham	Y	16,500	17,100	17,300	17,000	16,500	+10%	22,800	+10%	11,200	+12%	13,900	14,200	14,100	13,800	13,300	+10%	18,800	+11%	9,400	+11%
14	Ely	C	14,700	14,500	14,500	14,300	14,200	+12%	19,800	+15%	10,400	+12%	13,200	13,000	13,100	13,000	13,000	+11%	18,200	+15%	9,600	+10%
15	Exeter	C	20,500	21,900	21,700	21,600	20,900	+7%	30,000	+10%	15,500	+7%	18,700	20,100	19,800	19,600	19,300	+7%	28,000	+10%	14,200	+6%
16	Gloucester	C	17,600	17,800	17,000	16,400	16,400	+1%	23,400	+2%	11,600	+1%	15,600	15,200	13,800	13,600	14,300	+1%	20,300	+2%	10,400	+1%
17	Guildford	C	22,700	20,100	21,300	21,400	21,600	+3%	27,700	+4%	16,300	+2%	20,300	18,200	19,100	19,000	19,200	+2%	24,100	+3%	15,100	+2%
18	Hereford	C	9,100	8,900	8,900	8,700	8,500	+10%	14,600	+12%	5,400	+9%	8,000	7,900	7,800	7,600	7,400	+9%	12,900	+10%	4,900	+8%
19	Leicester	C	11,500	12,200	12,300	12,300	12,700	+2%	19,800	+2%	8,900	+2%	10,400	10,800	10,800	10,900	11,000	+2%	17,200	+2%	7,800	+2%
20	Lichfield	C	29,100	28,900	27,900	27,400	28,300	+1%	40,000	+1%	20,700	+1%	25,400	25,100	24,100	23,400	24,200	+1%	34,100	+1%	18,200	+1%
21	Lincoln	C	16,700	15,900	14,400	13,900	13,300	+12%	21,500	+15%	9,600	+13%	14,500	13,800	12,600	12,100	11,700	+12%	19,300	+15%	8,500	+13%
22	Liverpool	Y	22,600	21,200	21,900	22,100	22,000	+3%	30,100	+4%	16,000	+3%	19,800	18,800	18,700	18,800	18,300	+3%	25,300	+3%	13,400	+2%
23	London	C	60,700	60,000	58,600	59,600	63,600	+2%	73,700	+3%	45,800	+2%	48,400	48,300	46,900	47,200	49,800	+2%	58,200	+3%	39,000	+2%
24	Manchester	Y	26,200	25,200	24,500	24,500	23,600	+18%	32,800	+25%	16,700	+16%	22,900	21,800	21,400	21,200	20,300	+16%	27,900	+23%	15,000	+15%
25	Newcastle	Y	12,300	12,100	12,200	11,900	12,200	+2%	16,700	+3%	8,900	+3%	10,700	10,500	10,400	10,100	10,100	+2%	14,000	+3%	7,600	+3%
26	Norwich	C	16,200	15,900	15,200	16,100	15,900	+10%	24,300	+14%	11,400	+12%	14,800	14,600	13,900	13,800	13,700	+9%	21,900	+14%	10,400	+12%
27	Oxford	C	43,100	43,500	43,900	42,300	41,700	+10%	55,500	+12%	31,200	+10%	38,200	37,900	38,600	37,200	37,200	+9%	50,400	+11%	28,300	+10%
28	Peterborough	C	14,700	14,300	14,500	13,900	13,400	+4%	19,600	+6%	9,300	+4%	12,400	12,200	12,400	12,000	11,700	+4%	17,500	+7%	8,300	+5%
29	Portsmouth	C	11,700	11,500	11,500	10,900	11,000	+1%	14,800	+1%	8,200	+1%	10,500	10,300	10,200	9,800	9,900	+1%	13,300	+1%	7,500	+1%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	12,800	12,600	11,700	12,500	11,200	+3%	15,800	+4%	8,000	+3%	11,300	11,000	10,300	10,400	9,900	+3%	13,800	+3%	7,100	+3%
31	Rochester	C	23,000	22,500	22,800	21,700	21,900	+2%	28,900	+2%	15,900	+2%	20,700	20,600	20,400	19,300	19,500	+2%	26,100	+2%	14,400	+2%
32	St. Albans	C	29,300	28,200	27,700	27,100	27,200	+4%	36,300	+6%	19,200	+5%	24,800	23,900	23,300	22,700	22,500	+4%	30,300	+6%	16,600	+4%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	14,900	15,500	14,700	14,200	14,300	+4%	23,100	+5%	9,700	+5%	13,300	13,800	13,200	12,400	12,600	+4%	20,700	+5%	8,800	+5%
34	Salisbury	C	24,600	24,600	24,300	23,700	23,300	+7%	34,300	+11%	16,400	+8%	21,500	21,200	21,300	20,700	20,600	+7%	30,400	+10%	14,800	+7%
35	Sheffield	Y	15,500	15,500	15,300	15,600	15,900	+2%	21,900	+3%	11,400	+2%	13,100	13,000	12,900	12,600	12,900	+2%	17,600	+3%	9,500	+2%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,000	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,800	+2%	3,100	+3%	1,100	+1%	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,500	+2%	2,400	+3%	1,000	+1%
37	Southwark	C	35,200	33,300	33,700	33,200	32,600	+3%	41,100	+4%	25,700	+2%	32,700	30,600	30,700	30,200	30,100	+3%	37,600	+4%	24,100	+2%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	14,200	13,700	13,500	13,600	13,900	+2%	19,700	+2%	9,800	+3%	12,500	12,200	11,800	11,800	12,000	+2%	17,100	+2%	8,600	+3%
39	Truro	C	11,200	11,200	10,600	10,000	10,100	+3%	14,400	+5%	6,900	+4%	9,800	9,800	9,400	8,900	8,900	+4%	12,900	+5%	6,200	+4%
40	Wakefield	Y	14,100	13,800	13,300	13,000	12,800	+9%	17,900	+12%	8,900	+9%	12,200	11,900	11,300	11,100	11,100	+9%	15,300	+13%	7,900	+8%
41	Winchester	C	26,000	26,400	26,200	26,400	25,100	+1%	33,200	+1%	18,400	+1%	22,900	23,100	23,000	22,500	21,700	+1%	28,900	+1%	16,400	+1%
42	Worcester	C	12,300	12,300	12,200	11,700	11,900	+1%	18,200	+1%	7,800	+1%	10,700	11,000	10,500	10,200	10,500	+1%	16,100	+1%	7,100	+1%
43	York	Y	24,800	25,200	22,900	22,900	22,500	+6%	32,800	+8%	15,400	+5%	20,900	20,800	19,600	19,500	19,200	+5%	27,500	+7%	13,500	+5%
44	Europe	C	10,600	10,700	10,400	10,000	9,900	-	12,700	-	8,100	-	10,000	10,000	9,800	9,500	9,400	-	12,000	-	7,700	-
Totals Province of Canterbury		C	639,100	633,600	624,400	614,100	616,500		841,100		450,600		561,100	555,900	545,200	534,400	537,700		739,400		403,500	
Totals Province of York		Y	237,500	233,700	226,900	226,000	222,800		310,800		158,800		206,700	202,200	195,900	193,300	190,400		266,100		138,900	
Totals Church Of England			876,500	867,300	851,300	840,100	839,300	+4%	1,151,900	+6%	609,400	+4%	767,800	758,100	741,200	727,600	728,100	+4%	1,005,500	+5%	542,500	+4%

Footnotes

1 See the Methodological Annex for an explanation of how these are calculated

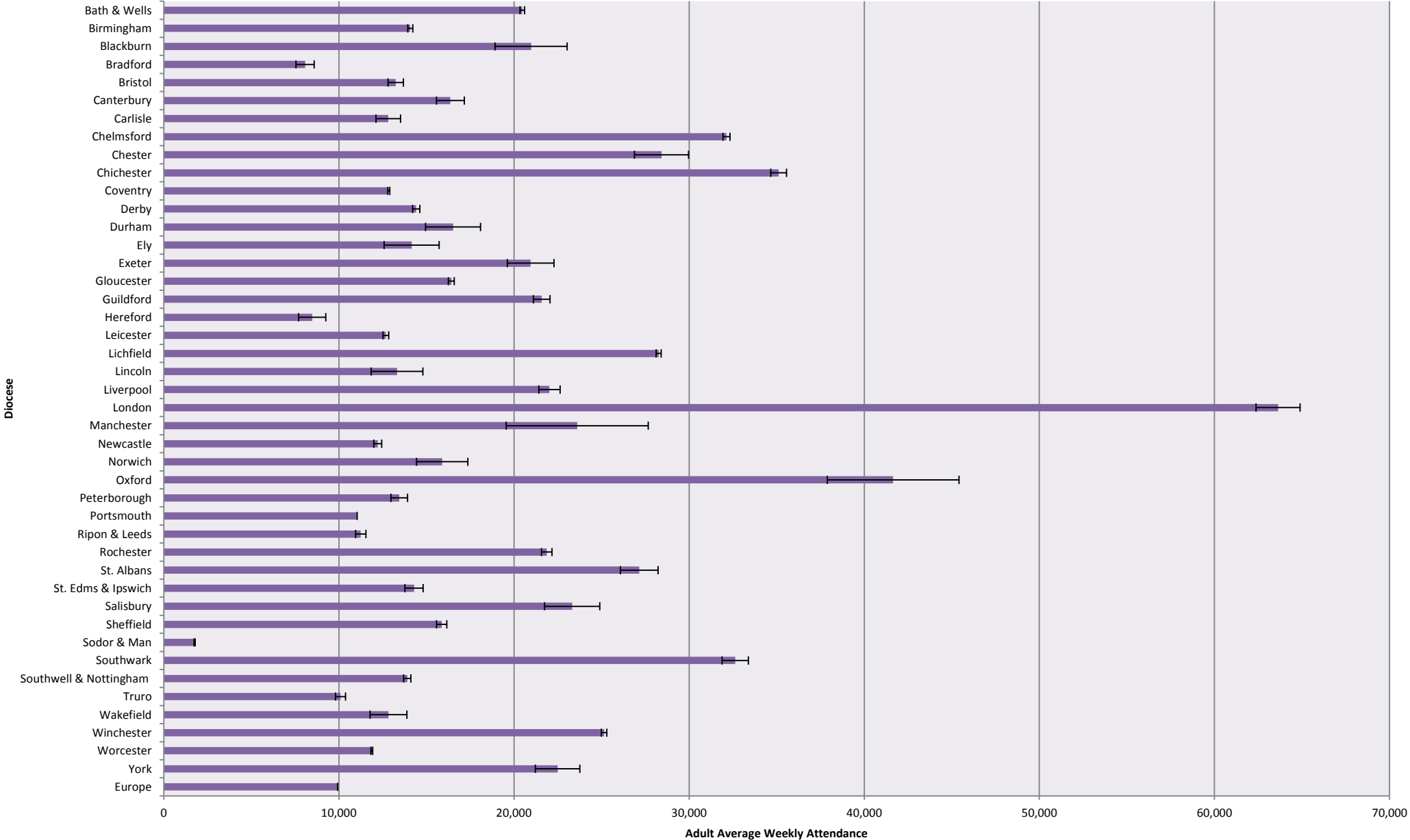
Notes

All figures have been revised from those previously published. See the Methodological Annex for more information.

In 2012, Adult Average Weekly Attendance for most diocese was between 10,000 and 20,000

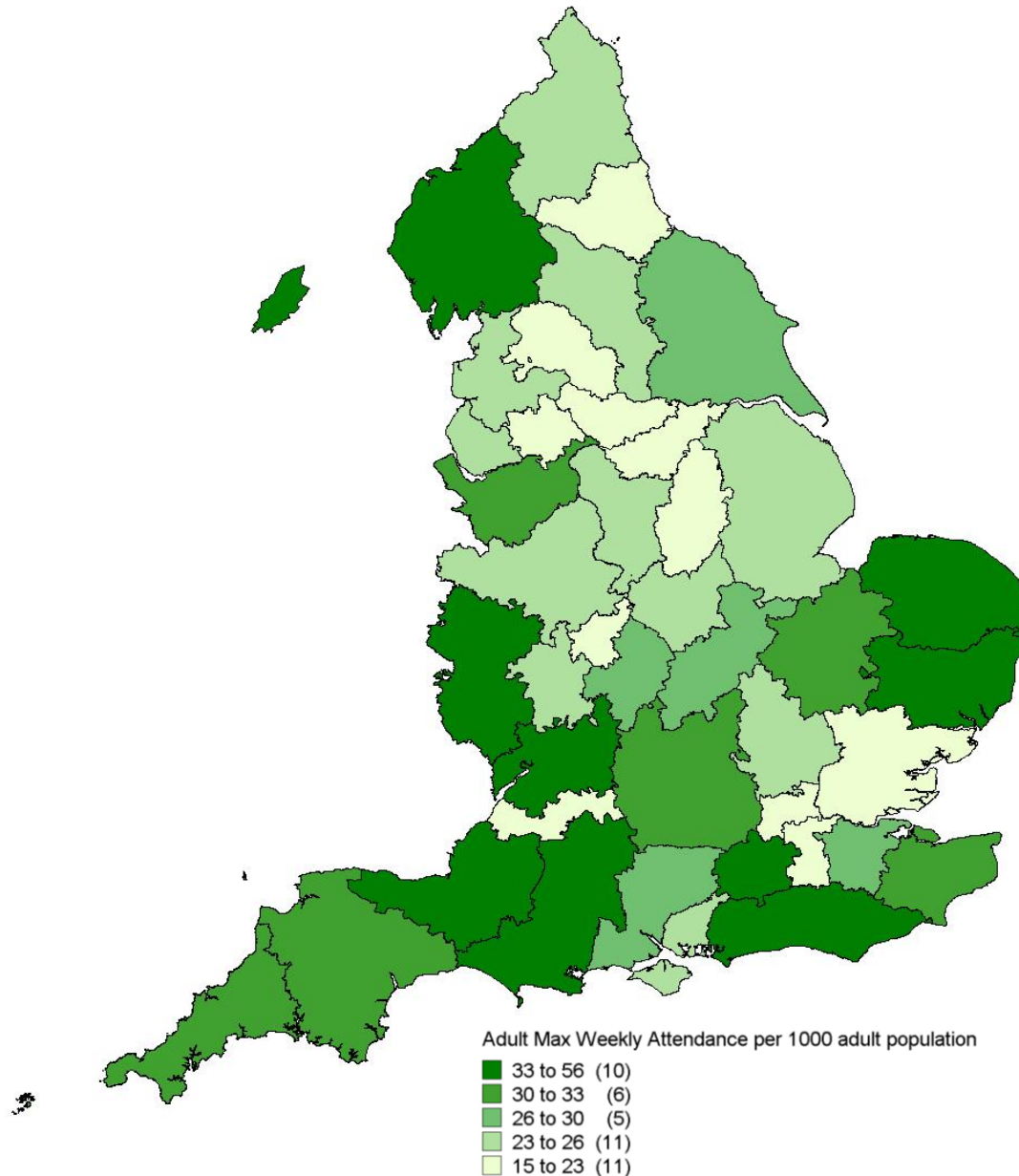
Figure 5: Diocesan Adult Average Weekly Attendance October Count 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)



On average in 2012, 840,000 adults, or 2% of the adult population, attended church each week

Figure 6: Adult Highest Weekly Attendance per 1000 adults October Count 2012



London, the largest diocese in terms of Adult Average Weekly Attendance had around 60,000 attendees each week in October 2012 (Table 4) whereas most dioceses had between 10,000 and 20,000 (Figure 5).

Large differences between AWA and Highest or Lowest Weekly Attendance indicate a fluctuating service pattern over the month. Small differences indicate a relatively consistent level of attendance.

On average, Adult Highest Weekly Attendance was 41% (median 39%) higher than Adult Average Weekly Attendance in 2012 (Table 4). Sodor & Man and Hereford showed the greatest percentage difference between Highest and Average Weekly Attendance; London and Southwark showed the smallest.

On average, Adult Lowest Weekly Attendance was 28% (median 28%) lower than Adult Weekly Average Attendance in 2012 (Table 4). Sodor & Man, Hereford and Worcester showed the greatest percentage difference between Lowest and Average Weekly Attendance; Europe, Southwark, Chichester and Birmingham showed the smallest.

Adult Average Sunday Attendance represented between 78% and 95% of Adult Average Weekly Attendance for dioceses in 2012. For the Total Church of England the figure is 87%. (Table 4)

Looking at attendance in a population context (Figure 2), for every 1,000 adults living in the diocese, 10 dioceses had between 33 and 56 people attending church during the week with the maximum attendance in October 2012. For all other dioceses the proportion of the population attending was lower, with over half of dioceses having less than 30 adults attending church for every 1,000 in the population.

For the Church of England as a whole, Adult Average Weekly Attendance has shown possible signs of decline of around 100,000 over the decade from 2003 to 2012 (Figure 7).

Looking at churches (Table 5), where a complete return was given for a single church in 2012, the Average Weekly Attendance of the median church is around 40 however, this halves to around 20 for churches in rural parishes but doubles (around 80) for churches in urban parishes.

A median of zero for even Highest Midweek Attendance shows that the majority of churches in rural parishes have no midweek attendees. This is very different to churches in urban parishes where even Lowest Midweek Attendance has a median of 2. Highest, Average and Lowest Sunday Attendance exceed the Midweek equivalents.

For these churches where a complete return was given for a single church in 2012, the proportion that has shown signs of decline (23%) is slightly greater than the proportion that has shown signs of growth (19%).

The median church, in terms of Adult Average Weekly Attendance, welcomed around 40 adults each week in October 2012

Figure 7: Total Church of England Adult Average Weekly Attendance October Count 2003 - 2012

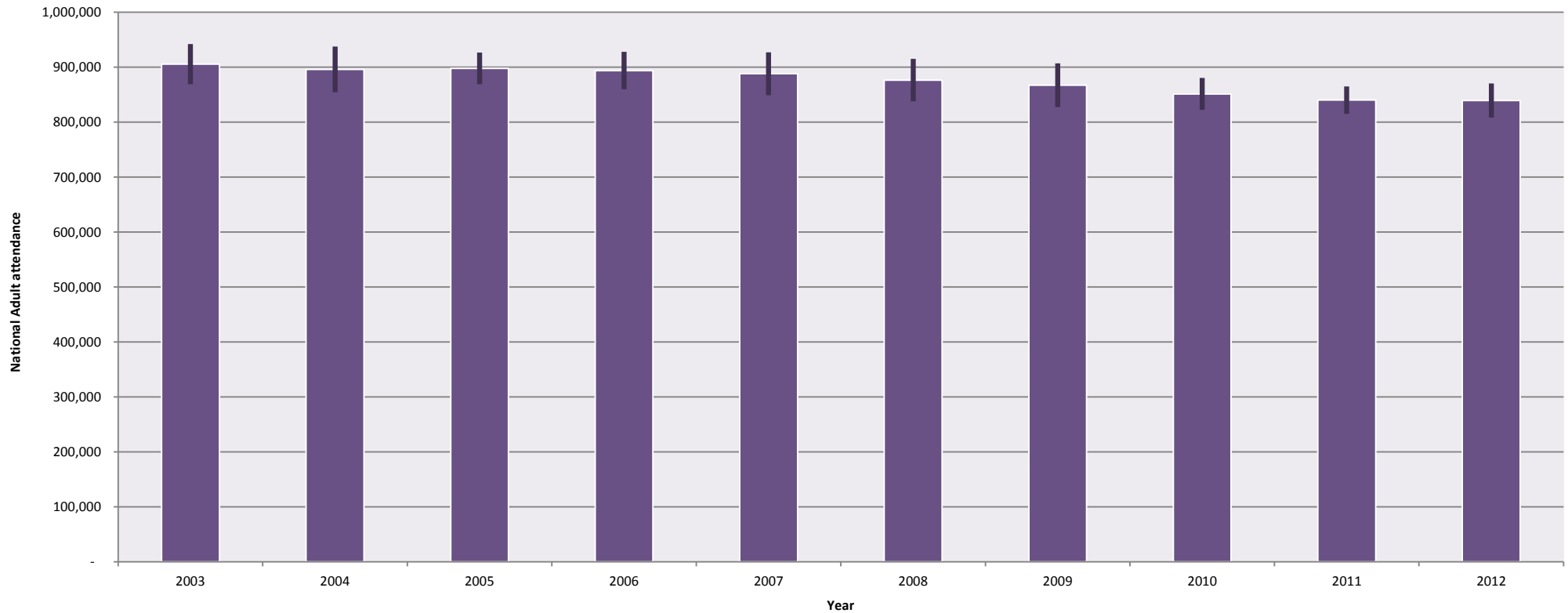
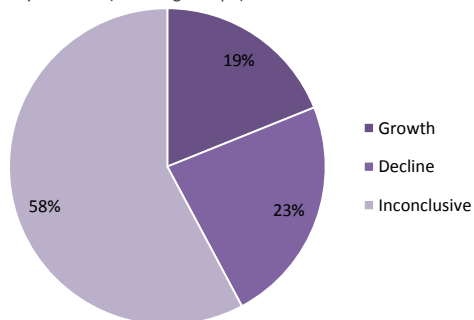


Figure 8: Proportion of Churches in Adult Average Weekly Attendance Growth and Decline October Count 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)



Notes

Based on 8703 churches submitting a full single church return in 2012
See the Methodological Annex for details on growth outcomes

Table 5: Church level Adult Attendance October Count 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Adult	Highest weekly attendance	Average weekly attendance	Lowest weekly attendance	Highest Midweek attendance	Average Midweek attendance	Lowest Midweek attendance	Highest Sunday attendance	Average Sunday attendance	Lowest Sunday attendance	Usual Sunday attendance
Maximum Church	1,770	1,695	1,576	937	880	880	1,357	1,280	1,183	1,000
Median Church	60	40	28	1	1	-	63	41	28	32
Minimum Church	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Base	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703
Median Rural Church	40	24	15	-	-	-	43	24	15	20
Base	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271
Median Urban Church	103	79	59	10	6	2	111	82	60	60
Base	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240

Notes

See the Methodological Annex for more information on these derived statistics

3 in 5 children attending church do so on a Sunday

Table 6: Diocesan Child Weekly and Child Sunday Attendance October Count 2008 - 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Average weekly attendance ¹				Average weekly attendance 2012 ¹		Highest weekly attendance 2012 ¹		Lowest weekly attendance 2012 ¹		Average Sunday attendance ¹				Average Sunday attendance 2012 ¹		Highest Sunday attendance 2012 ¹		Lowest Sunday attendance 2012 ¹	
			2008	2009	2010	2011	Total	Error	Total	Error	Total	Error	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total	Error	Total	Error	Total	Error
1	Bath & Wells	C	4,700	4,600	4,500	4,100	4,100	+3%	8,700	+3%	1,200	+5%	2,600	2,400	2,400	2,300	2,400	+2%	4,700	+3%	900	+2%
2	Birmingham	C	3,900	4,000	3,700	3,300	3,600	+2%	6,300	+3%	1,700	+2%	2,300	2,200	2,300	2,200	2,300	+2%	3,700	+3%	1,300	+2%
3	Blackburn	Y	7,300	6,400	6,100	5,900	5,600	+19%	10,500	+20%	2,700	+28%	5,400	4,900	4,600	4,600	4,500	+13%	8,000	+16%	2,300	+16%
4	Bradford	Y	2,500	2,700	2,300	1,800	1,700	+11%	3,200	+12%	700	+11%	1,400	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	+9%	2,100	+9%	600	+11%
5	Bristol	C	3,400	3,500	3,300	3,300	3,100	+7%	6,100	+9%	1,300	+6%	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,300	2,100	+4%	3,800	+5%	1,100	+5%
6	Canterbury	C	4,300	4,700	4,900	4,100	4,800	+8%	9,800	+9%	1,500	+12%	3,000	2,900	2,900	2,400	2,900	+11%	4,400	+13%	1,100	+15%
7	Carlisle	Y	2,800	2,700	2,500	2,300	2,200	+13%	5,500	+13%	600	+12%	1,600	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,300	+12%	2,900	+15%	500	+11%
8	Chelmsford	C	8,200	8,300	8,300	8,300	7,800	+2%	14,200	+2%	3,800	+3%	5,800	5,800	5,700	5,600	5,700	+1%	9,700	+1%	3,300	+2%
9	Chester	Y	7,100	7,400	6,700	6,900	7,100	+13%	15,900	+15%	2,600	+11%	4,600	4,700	4,400	4,400	4,300	+10%	8,100	+12%	2,100	+9%
10	Chichester	C	8,400	8,300	8,700	7,900	7,600	+3%	14,000	+4%	3,500	+4%	5,200	5,200	5,200	4,500	5,000	+2%	8,500	+2%	3,000	+2%
11	Coventry	C	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,300	2,700	+1%	5,600	+1%	1,200	+1%	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,900	+1%	3,500	+1%	1,000	+1%
12	Derby	C	2,800	2,900	2,700	2,600	3,000	+2%	6,600	+3%	1,100	+2%	2,100	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800	+3%	3,400	+4%	900	+3%
13	Durham	Y	3,100	3,400	3,800	3,500	3,600	+15%	7,600	+13%	1,300	+27%	2,000	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	+13%	3,600	+13%	1,000	+26%
14	Ely	C	3,700	3,700	3,800	3,900	3,600	+21%	6,300	+24%	1,400	+26%	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,400	2,100	+21%	3,900	+22%	1,100	+26%
15	Exeter	C	2,900	3,200	3,300	3,400	3,300	+13%	6,700	+17%	1,400	+19%	2,200	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,200	+14%	4,500	+17%	1,000	+24%
16	Gloucester	C	3,800	4,400	4,000	3,500	3,400	+5%	7,800	+5%	1,200	+1%	2,500	2,200	2,200	2,000	1,900	+2%	3,700	+3%	1,000	+1%
17	Guildford	C	6,700	6,600	6,500	6,600	6,500	+5%	11,900	+9%	3,200	+5%	4,700	4,600	4,300	4,400	4,500	+4%	7,000	+6%	2,700	+3%
18	Hereford	C	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,400	1,400	+19%	3,000	+20%	300	+22%	900	700	800	700	700	+17%	1,900	+15%	200	+26%
19	Leicester	C	2,000	2,100	2,700	2,300	2,700	+3%	6,400	+3%	1,000	+3%	1,500	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,700	+2%	3,300	+3%	800	+4%
20	Lichfield	C	8,000	7,800	7,500	8,300	7,500	+2%	17,400	+3%	2,300	+2%	4,100	3,900	3,700	3,500	3,500	+1%	6,500	+1%	1,700	+2%
21	Lincoln	C	3,800	3,200	3,700	2,900	2,500	+25%	6,400	+28%	700	+26%	1,900	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,300	+21%	3,100	+28%	500	+26%
22	Liverpool	Y	5,900	6,000	5,900	6,600	6,400	+6%	13,300	+8%	2,000	+10%	4,300	4,000	3,900	4,100	3,800	+4%	6,900	+4%	1,900	+5%
23	London	C	16,900	15,800	16,000	16,400	17,900	+3%	29,300	+5%	10,500	+7%	10,500	10,300	10,000	10,100	11,400	+3%	16,100	+3%	8,200	+3%
24	Manchester	Y	8,500	8,000	8,000	8,500	8,400	+25%	16,700	+31%	3,900	+35%	5,900	5,500	5,400	5,600	5,500	+19%	8,900	+21%	3,200	+32%
25	Newcastle	Y	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,000	2,100	+3%	4,900	+4%	800	+4%	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,200	+3%	2,200	+3%	700	+4%
26	Norwich	C	2,300	2,100	1,900	2,300	2,300	+23%	6,400	+28%	500	+36%	1,400	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	+16%	2,700	+20%	400	+40%
27	Oxford	C	10,500	11,400	10,500	10,100	9,700	+16%	18,700	+19%	4,800	+17%	7,300	7,700	7,300	7,000	6,800	+16%	11,500	+18%	3,800	+18%
28	Peterborough	C	3,700	3,600	3,500	3,400	3,400	+8%	7,900	+9%	1,200	+10%	2,300	2,200	2,300	2,200	2,100	+7%	4,200	+9%	1,000	+9%
29	Portsmouth	C	2,100	2,400	2,600	2,500	2,400	+1%	5,300	+1%	700	+1%	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,300	1,400	+1%	2,600	+1%	700	+2%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	3,400	3,200	2,900	3,000	2,900	+3%	5,400	+3%	1,100	+5%	2,200	2,200	1,900	2,000	1,900	+4%	3,500	+5%	900	+5%
31	Rochester	C	6,900	6,300	6,400	6,700	5,900	+5%	10,900	+5%	2,600	+6%	4,800	4,500	4,400	4,200	4,100	+2%	6,900	+2%	2,200	+4%
32	St. Albans	C	8,800	8,600	8,900	8,700	9,100	+9%	16,600	+11%	2,800	+9%	5,000	4,700	4,600	4,300	4,300	+6%	7,500	+6%	2,300	+8%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	2,800	2,500	2,400	2,600	2,400	+11%	5,800	+12%	900	+10%	1,800	1,700	1,600	1,400	1,500	+8%	3,300	+8%	600	+15%
34	Salisbury	C	4,800	5,300	4,800	5,100	4,900	+23%	11,800	+26%	1,600	+17%	2,900	3,000	2,800	2,900	2,800	+15%	6,100	+21%	1,300	+12%
35	Sheffield	Y	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	3,800	+4%	7,300	+6%	1,900	+3%	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,200	2,200	+3%	4,000	+4%	1,200	+4%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	400	400	300	300	300	+3%	600	+3%	100	+7%	300	300	200	200	200	+4%	400	+5%	100	+7%
37	Southwark	C	11,600	10,700	11,000	11,800	10,900	+6%	18,300	+8%	5,900	+7%	9,300	8,300	8,200	8,400	8,400	+5%	12,200	+6%	5,500	+6%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	4,200	3,000	3,100	3,400	3,200	+2%	6,900	+2%	1,100	+3%	2,000	1,900	1,800	1,900	2,000	+3%	3,600	+4%	1,000	+3%
39	Truro	C	1,700	1,800	1,500	1,400	1,600	+8%	3,800	+11%	300	+11%	1,000	1,000	800	800	800	+8%	2,100	+9%	200	+10%
40	Wakefield	Y	2,900	3,000	2,900	2,800	2,600	+28%	5,400	+37%	1,100	+28%	2,000	1,900	1,700	1,600	1,600	+20%	3,100	+22%	700	+32%
41	Winchester	C	7,100	6,600	6,700	7,000	6,700	+1%	13,900	+1%	2,500	+2%	4,200	3,900	3,900	3,700	3,700	+2%	6,500	+2%	2,000	+2%
42	Worcester	C	2,800	2,400	2,200	2,600	2,800	+2%	6,100	+2%	500	+2%	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,300	+2%	3,100	+3%	400	+2%
43	York	Y	5,900	6,300	5,700	5,300	5,100	+16%	11,800	+17%	1,600	+22%	3,000	3,100	2,900	2,900	2,900	+9%	5,900	+11%	1,200	+11%
44	Europe	C	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,400	1,400	-	2,100	-	900	-	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,300	1,400	-	2,000	-	900	-
Totals Province of Canterbury		C	154,400	152,300	151,600	150,200	149,100		294,100		62,900		100,300	96,700	94,700	91,200	93,100		162,200		50,900	
Totals Province of York		Y	60,300	59,100	56,400	56,600	54,900		115,000		21,600		38,500	37,100	35,300	34,600	34,600		63,200		17,400	
Totals Church Of England			214,700	211,400	207,900	206,800	204,000	+8%	409,100	+10%	84,500	+10%	138,800	133,900	129,900	126,800	127,700	+6%	225,400	+8%	68,300	+8%

Footnotes

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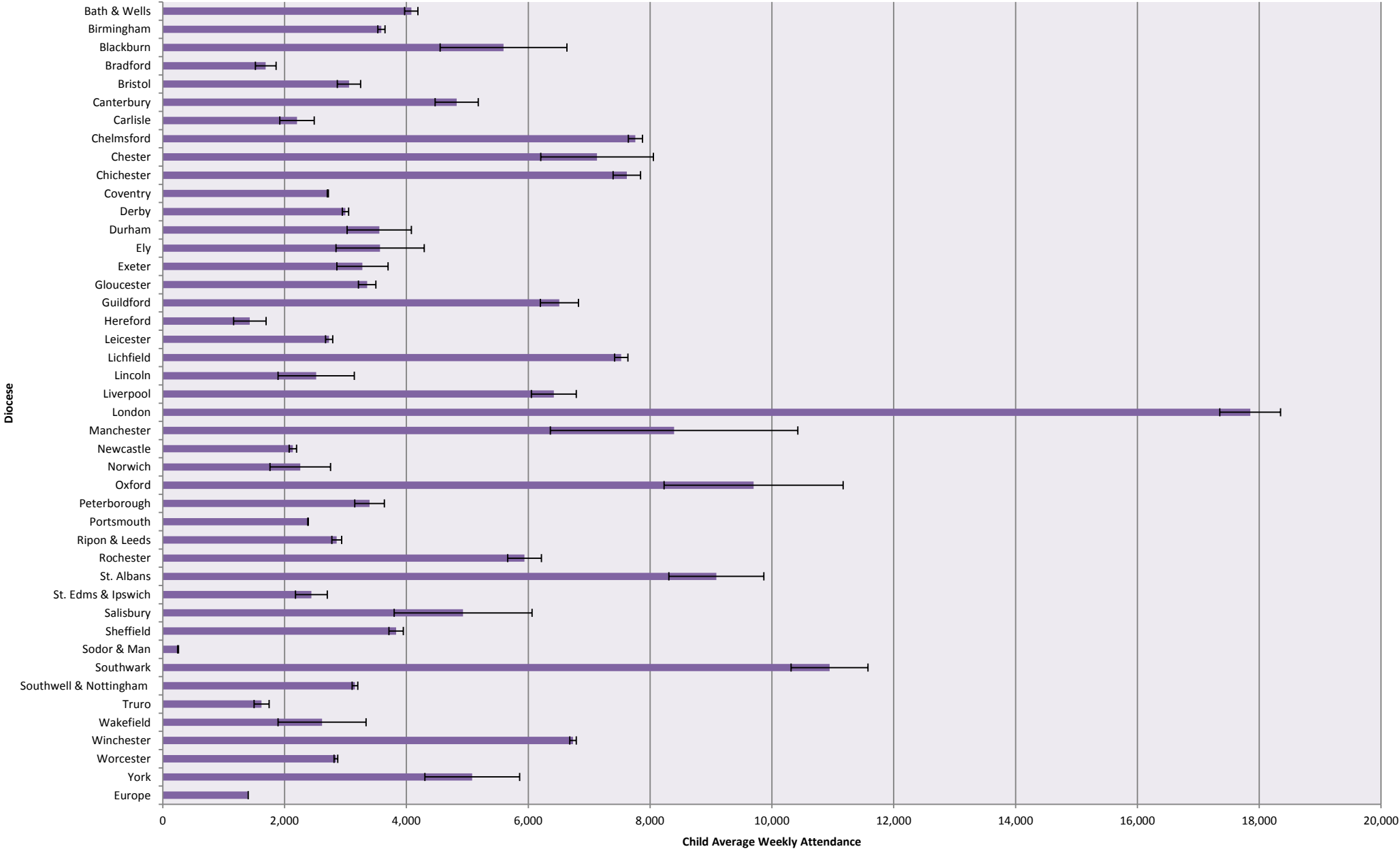
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All figures have been revised from those previously published. See the Methodological Annex for more information.

In 2012, Child Average Weekly Attendance for most diocese was less than 5,000

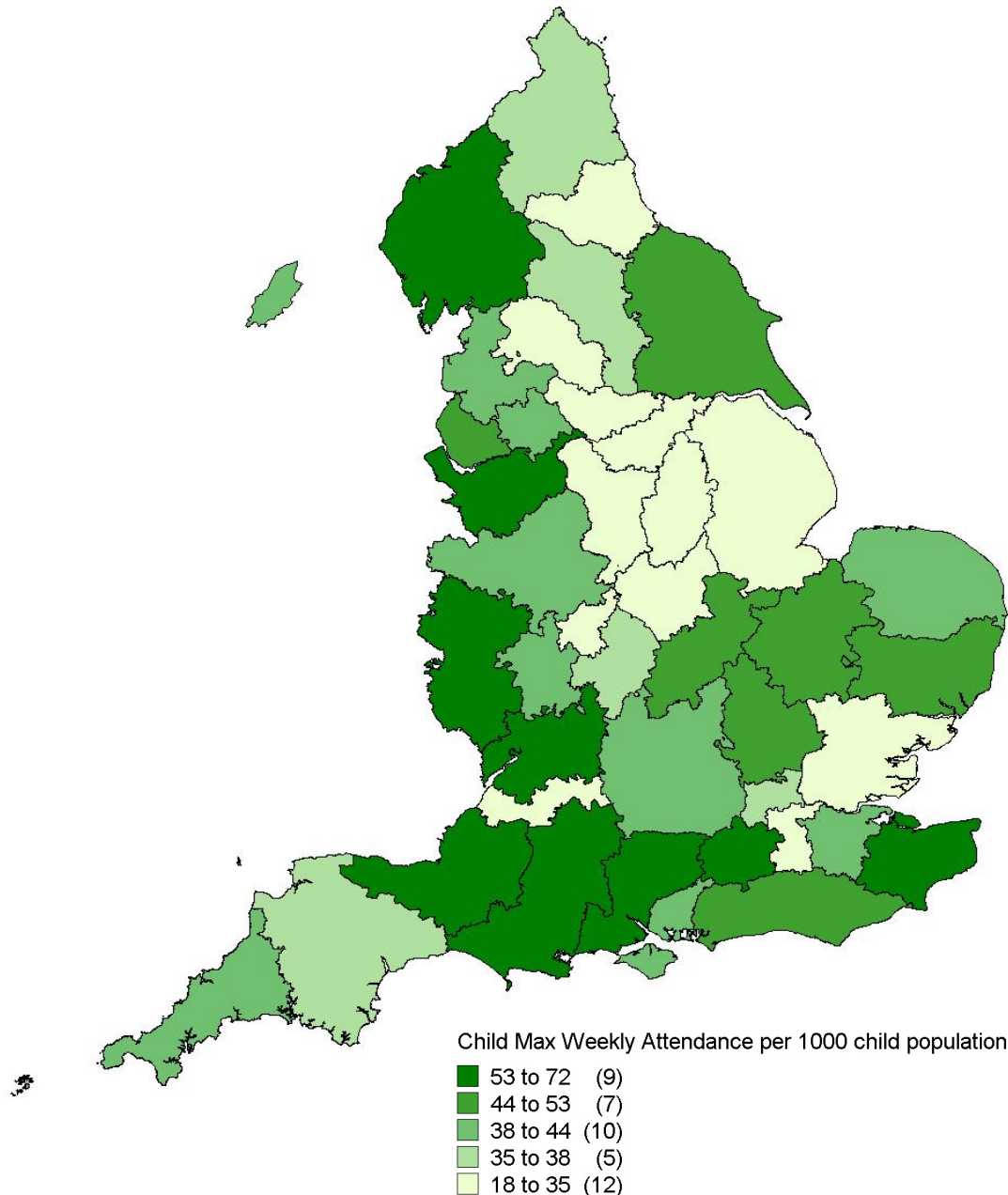
Figure 9: Diocesan Child Average Weekly Attendance October Count 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)



On average in 2012, 200,000 children, or 2% of the child population, attended church each week

Figure 10: Highest Weekly Child Attendance per 1000 people October Count 2012



For the Church of England as a whole (Figure 11), Child weekly attendance has remained broadly stable, hovering between around 200,000 and 225,000 throughout the decade (2003 - 2012).

In terms of Child Weekly Attendance, most dioceses had less than 5,000 attendees each week in October 2012 and only 2 dioceses confidently exceeded 10,000 (Figure 9).

Large differences between AWA and Highest or Lowest Weekly Attendance indicate a fluctuating service pattern over the month. Small differences indicate a relatively consistent level of attendance.

On average, Highest Child Weekly Attendance was 108% (median 108%) higher than Average Child Weekly Attendance in 2012 (Table 6). Norwich, Lincoln and Carlisle showed the greatest percentage difference between highest and average weekly attendance; Europe, London and Southwark showed the smallest.

On average, lowest all age weekly attendance was 62% (median 63%) lower than average all age weekly attendance in 2012 (Table 6). Worcester, Truro and Hereford showed the greatest percentage difference between lowest and average weekly attendance; Europe, and London showed the smallest.

Child Average Sunday Attendance represented between 62% and 100% of Child Average Weekly Attendance for dioceses in 2012. For the Total Church of England the figure is 63%. (Table 6)

Looking at attendance in a population context (Figure 10), for every 1,000 children living in the diocese, 9 dioceses had between 53 and 72 children attending church during the week with the maximum attendance in October 2012. For all other dioceses the proportion of the population attending was lower, with over half of dioceses having less than 44 children attending church for every 1,000 in the population.

Looking at churches, where a complete return was given for a single church in 2012, the average weekly attendance of the median church is around 5 however, this drops to just 2 for churches in rural parishes but triples to 15 for churches in urban parishes.

A median of zero for even highest midweek attendance shows that the majority of churches in have no midweek child attendees. In fact, 16% of these churches had no children attending any services in October 2012. 18% had no children on any Sunday in the same month.

Sunday attendance is higher than midweek attendance for all cases except when considering the maximum Church where Highest, average and lowest midweek attendance exceeds the Sunday equivalents.

For the same group of churches, the proportion that has shown signs of decline (14%) is slightly smaller than the proportion that has shown signs of growth (24%).

The median church, in terms of Child Average Weekly Attendance, welcomed around 5 children each week in October 2012

Figure 11: Total Church of England Child Average Weekly attendance October Count 2003 - 2012

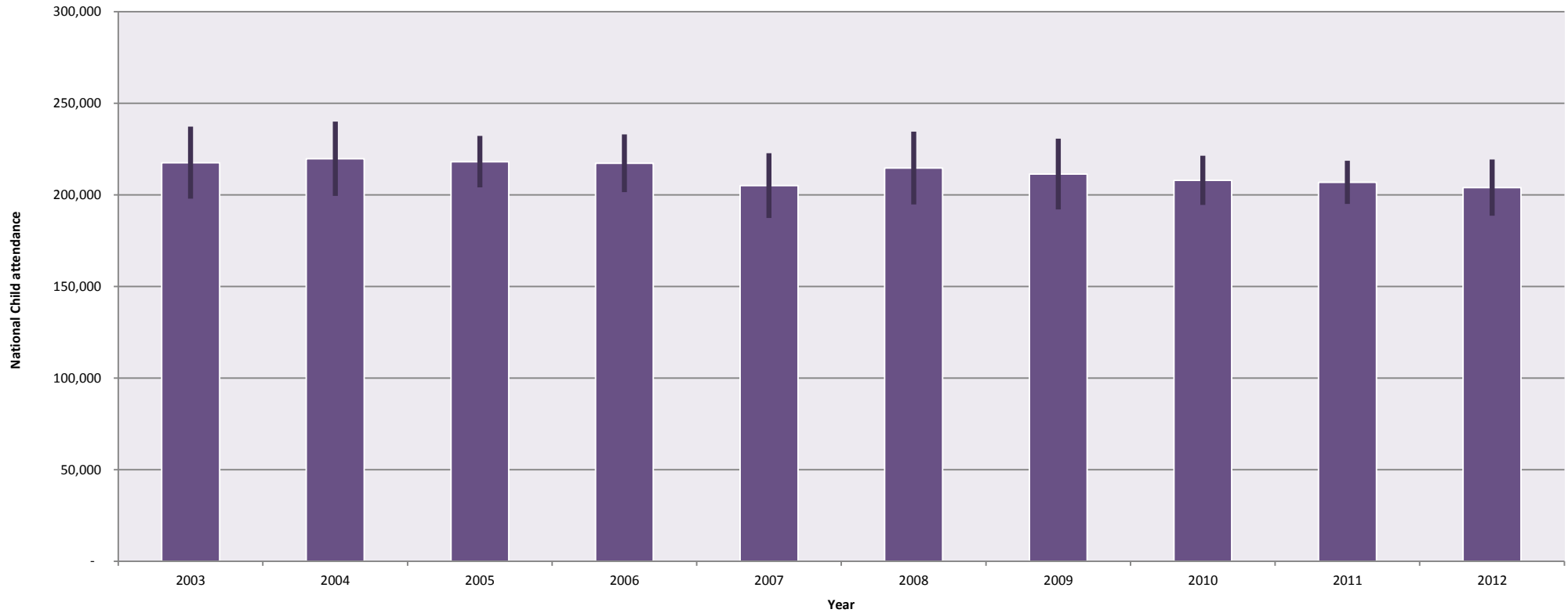
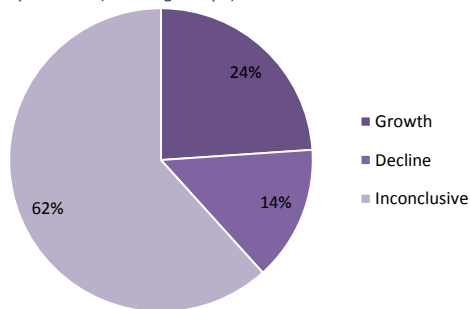


Figure 12: Proportion of Churches in Child Average Weekly Attendance Growth and Decline October Count 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)



Notes
Based on 8703 churches submitting a full single church return in 2012
See the Methodological Annex for details on growth outcomes

Table 7: Church level Child Attendance October Count 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Child	Highest weekly attendance	Average weekly attendance	Lowest weekly attendance	Highest Midweek attendance	Average Midweek attendance	Lowest Midweek attendance	Highest Sunday attendance	Average Sunday attendance	Lowest Sunday attendance	Usual Sunday attendance
Maximum Church	879	565	562	811	505	500	396	242	212	292
Median Church	12	5	-	-	-	-	10	4	-	4
Minimum Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Base	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703	8,703
Median Rural Church	6	2	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	2
Base	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271	5,271
Median Urban Church	26	15	6	-	-	-	21	12	6	10
Base	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240	3,240

Notes

See the Methodological Annex for more information on these derived statistics

Dioceses had, on average, 7 adults per child on a usual Sunday in 2012

Table 8: Diocesan Adult and Child Usual Sunday Attendance 2008 - 2012

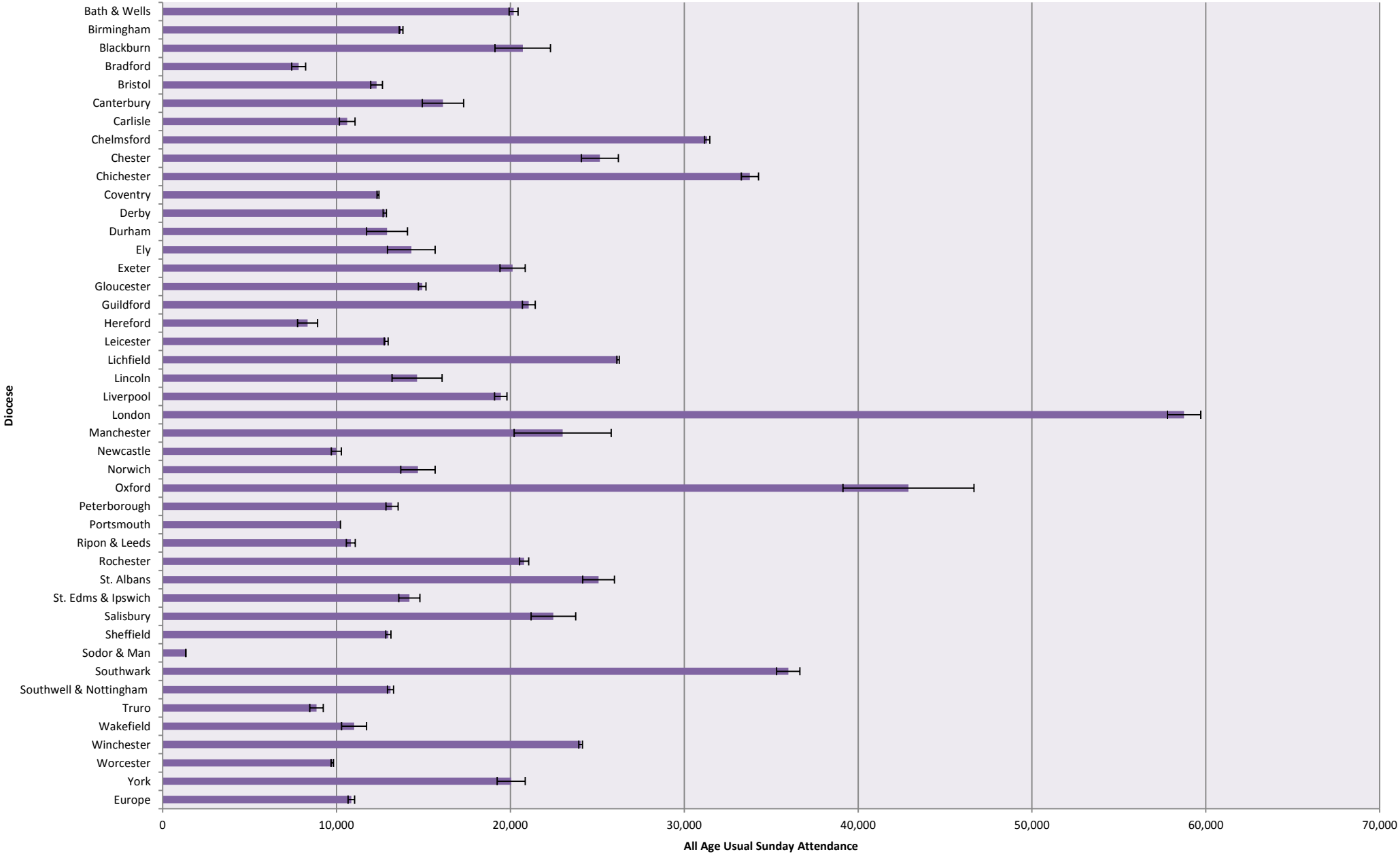
Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	2008				2009				2010				2011				2012				2012 All Age Error
			Adult	Child	All Age	Adults per child	Adult	Child	All Age	Adults per child	Adult	Child	All Age	Adults per child	Adult	Child	All Age	Adults per child	Adult	Child	All Age	Adults per child	
1	Bath & Wells	C	18,600	2,500	21,100	7	18,500	2,500	21,000	7	17,900	2,300	20,200	8	18,300	2,500	20,800	7	17,700	2,500	20,200	7	+2%
2	Birmingham	C	12,500	2,100	14,600	6	12,100	2,100	14,300	6	11,600	2,000	13,600	6	11,500	2,000	13,500	6	11,700	2,000	13,700	6	+1%
3	Blackburn	Y	18,300	4,200	22,500	4	17,800	4,000	21,800	4	17,100	3,900	21,000	4	17,000	3,900	21,000	4	16,800	4,000	20,700	4	+8%
4	Bradford	Y	7,200	1,100	8,300	7	7,100	1,100	8,200	7	7,100	1,000	8,100	7	6,800	1,000	7,800	7	6,800	1,000	7,800	7	+6%
5	Bristol	C	10,100	1,800	11,900	6	10,800	1,900	12,700	6	10,700	1,900	12,600	6	10,800	2,000	12,800	5	10,400	1,900	12,300	5	+3%
6	Canterbury	C	13,900	2,600	16,400	5	13,700	2,400	16,000	6	13,900	2,300	16,200	6	12,900	2,100	15,000	6	13,400	2,700	16,100	5	+8%
7	Carlisle	Y	10,300	1,200	11,400	9	10,000	1,100	11,000	9	9,800	1,100	10,900	9	9,800	1,000	10,800	9	9,600	1,000	10,600	9	+5%
8	Chelmsford	C	27,300	5,100	32,400	5	27,400	5,100	32,500	5	26,800	5,200	32,100	5	26,700	4,900	31,600	5	26,400	4,900	31,300	5	+1%
9	Chester	Y	22,900	4,000	26,900	6	23,100	3,800	26,900	6	22,900	3,700	26,600	6	23,200	3,700	26,900	6	21,700	3,400	25,100	6	+5%
10	Chichester	C	29,100	5,100	34,300	6	29,100	4,800	33,900	6	28,500	4,700	33,200	6	29,000	4,700	33,600	6	29,100	4,700	33,800	6	+2%
11	Coventry	C	11,000	1,800	12,800	6	11,000	1,800	12,800	6	10,900	1,800	12,800	6	11,000	1,800	12,800	6	10,600	1,700	12,400	6	+1%
12	Derby	C	11,700	1,900	13,500	6	11,300	1,600	12,900	7	11,400	1,600	13,000	7	11,500	1,600	13,100	7	11,300	1,500	12,800	7	+1%
13	Durham	Y	12,500	1,800	14,300	7	12,300	1,700	14,000	7	11,900	1,900	13,700	6	11,700	1,600	13,300	7	11,300	1,700	12,900	7	+10%
14	Ely	C	12,300	1,900	14,200	6	12,000	1,900	13,900	6	12,300	2,000	14,300	6	12,400	2,000	14,400	6	12,100	2,200	14,300	5	+10%
15	Exeter	C	19,600	2,400	22,000	8	19,300	2,300	21,600	8	18,500	2,100	20,600	9	18,600	2,100	20,700	9	18,200	1,900	20,100	9	+4%
16	Gloucester	C	15,200	2,200	17,400	7	15,000	2,300	17,200	7	14,300	2,100	16,400	7	13,300	1,800	15,200	7	13,200	1,800	14,900	7	+2%
17	Guildford	C	18,600	4,100	22,700	5	18,300	3,800	22,100	5	18,100	3,700	21,800	5	17,500	3,700	21,300	5	17,300	3,700	21,100	5	+2%
18	Hereford	C	7,200	800	7,900	9	7,400	800	8,200	9	7,100	700	7,900	10	7,300	700	8,100	10	7,500	800	8,300	9	+7%
19	Leicester	C	10,400	1,600	12,000	7	10,800	1,600	12,400	7	10,700	1,600	12,400	7	11,000	1,600	12,600	7	11,200	1,700	12,900	7	+1%
20	Lichfield	C	24,100	3,700	27,800	6	23,500	3,600	27,100	7	22,900	3,500	26,400	7	22,800	3,400	26,200	7	22,900	3,300	26,200	7	+1%
21	Lincoln	C	14,600	1,600	16,300	9	13,600	1,400	14,900	10	12,700	1,200	14,000	10	12,600	1,200	13,900	10	13,400	1,300	14,600	10	+10%
22	Liverpool	Y	17,200	3,600	20,700	5	16,800	3,300	20,100	5	16,100	3,100	19,200	5	16,200	3,100	19,400	5	16,400	3,100	19,500	5	+2%
23	London	C	46,900	10,700	57,600	4	46,700	10,300	56,900	5	45,900	10,000	55,900	5	46,500	10,200	56,700	5	48,300	10,500	58,700	5	+2%
24	Manchester	Y	19,600	5,000	24,600	4	19,500	4,800	24,300	4	18,900	5,000	23,900	4	18,600	4,900	23,500	4	18,200	4,900	23,000	4	+13%
25	Newcastle	Y	9,500	1,200	10,700	8	9,500	1,200	10,700	8	9,500	1,200	10,600	8	9,300	1,100	10,400	8	8,900	1,000	10,000	9	+3%
26	Norwich	C	14,800	1,500	16,300	10	14,200	1,300	15,500	11	14,000	1,500	15,500	9	13,900	1,300	15,200	11	13,700	1,000	14,700	14	+7%
27	Oxford	C	35,800	7,100	42,900	5	35,600	6,900	42,500	5	36,000	6,700	42,700	5	35,500	6,600	42,200	5	36,000	6,900	42,900	5	+9%
28	Peterborough	C	12,200	2,300	14,500	5	11,900	2,200	14,100	5	11,700	2,100	13,800	6	11,700	2,100	13,800	5	11,300	1,900	13,200	6	+3%
29	Portsmouth	C	9,900	1,500	11,400	7	9,800	1,400	11,200	7	9,700	1,300	11,000	7	9,100	1,200	10,200	8	9,000	1,200	10,200	8	+1%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	10,200	1,800	12,100	6	10,000	1,900	11,900	5	9,600	1,700	11,300	6	9,600	1,700	11,300	6	9,200	1,700	10,800	6	+3%
31	Rochester	C	19,000	4,400	23,400	4	18,400	4,100	22,400	5	18,600	4,100	22,800	4	18,200	3,800	22,000	5	17,100	3,600	20,800	5	+2%
32	St. Albans	C	22,000	4,400	26,400	5	21,400	4,100	25,500	5	21,000	4,000	25,000	5	20,900	4,100	25,000	5	21,100	4,000	25,100	5	+4%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	13,500	1,800	15,200	8	13,000	1,600	14,700	8	13,100	1,700	14,700	8	12,700	1,500	14,200	9	12,600	1,600	14,200	8	+5%
34	Salisbury	C	20,600	2,800	23,400	7	20,000	2,700	22,700	7	20,100	2,600	22,700	8	19,700	2,600	22,300	8	19,900	2,600	22,500	8	+6%
35	Sheffield	Y	11,500	2,100	13,600	6	11,600	2,000	13,600	6	11,600	1,900	13,500	6	11,300	1,900	13,200	6	11,100	1,900	13,000	6	+2%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,400	200	1,600	6	1,400	200	1,600	6	1,300	200	1,600	6	1,200	200	1,400	8	1,200	200	1,300	7	+1%
37	Southwark	C	29,900	8,200	38,000	4	28,600	7,500	36,100	4	29,200	7,600	36,800	4	29,000	7,700	36,700	4	28,300	7,700	36,000	4	+2%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	11,800	1,900	13,600	6	11,500	1,600	13,100	7	11,400	1,600	13,000	7	12,200	1,700	13,900	7	11,400	1,700	13,100	7	+2%
39	Truro	C	9,000	1,000	9,900	9	8,900	800	9,600	11	8,600	800	9,300	11	8,400	800	9,300	10	8,100	700	8,800	12	+5%
40	Wakefield	Y	10,900	1,600	12,500	7	10,700	1,500	12,200	7	10,400	1,400	11,900	7	10,100	1,400	11,400	7	9,700	1,300	11,000	8	+7%
41	Winchester	C	21,600	4,100	25,800	5	21,900	3,800	25,700	6	21,600	3,700	25,300	6	21,500	3,700	25,200	6	20,300	3,800	24,000	5	+1%
42	Worcester	C	10,500	1,400	11,900	7	10,400	1,200	11,600	9	10,000	1,100	11,100	9	9,800	1,100	10,900	9	8,800	1,000	9,800	9	+1%
43	York	Y	19,300	2,400	21,700	8	18,600	2,200	20,700	9	17,800	2,400	20,200	8	17,900	2,300	20,200	8	17,800	2,300	20,000	8	+5%
44	Europe	C	9,900	1,600	11,500	6	9,800	1,600	11,400	6	9,400	1,600	11,000	6	9,300	1,600	10,900	6	9,300	1,600	10,900	6	+2%
Totals Province of Canterbury		C	531,700	94,000	625,700	6	524,300	89,400	613,600	6	517,400	87,600	605,000	6	513,800	86,400	600,200	6	510,200	86,600	596,800	6	
Totals Province of York		Y	182,500	32,000	214,500	6	179,900	30,200	210,100	6	175,300	30,100	205,400	6	175,000	29,600	204,600	6	170,000	29,000	199,000	6	
Totals Church Of England			714,200	126,000	840,200	6	704,200	119,600	823,800	6	692,700	117,700	810,400	6	688,800	116,000	804,800	6	680,200	115,600	795,800	6	+4%

Most dioceses had between 10,000 and 30,000 people attending on a Usual Sunday in 2012

Figure 13: Diocesan All Age Usual Sunday Attendance 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)



All Age Usual Sunday Attendance approximately halved between 1968 and 2012

Figure 14: Total Church of England Adult and Child Usual Sunday Attendance 2003 - 2012

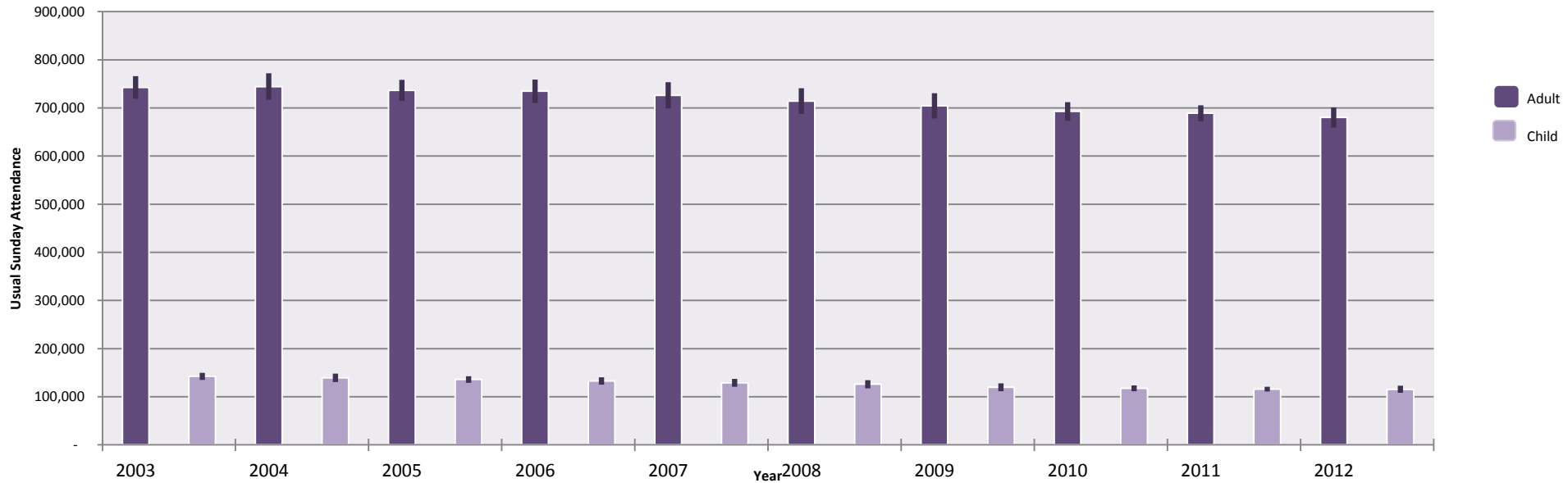
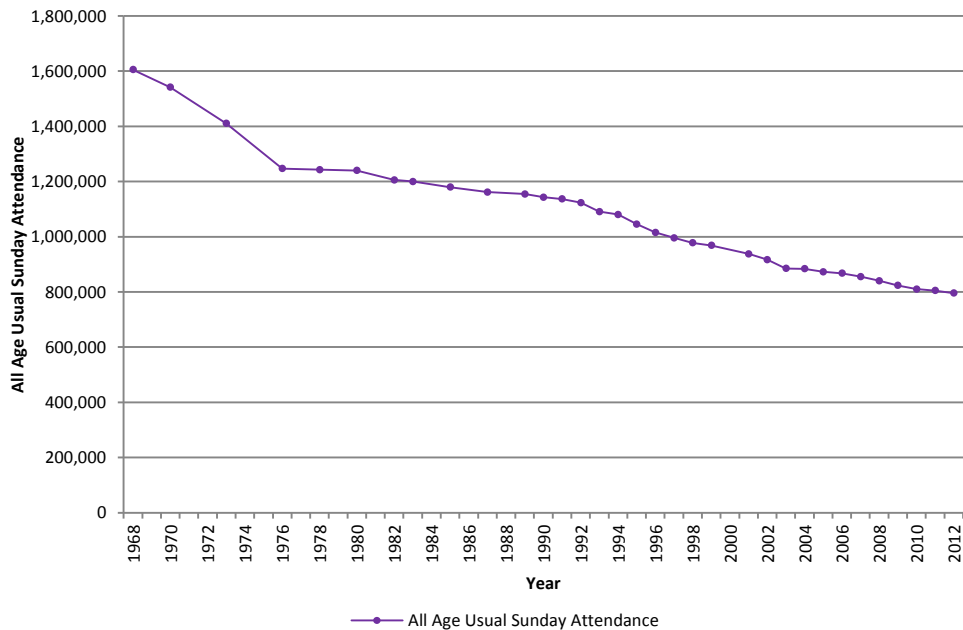


Figure 15: Total Church of England All Age Usual Sunday Attendance 1960 - 2012



London, the largest diocese in terms of All Age Usual Sunday Attendance had around 60,000 people attending on a usual Sunday in October 2012 whereas most dioceses had between 10,000 and 30,000 (Figure 13) and the average for all dioceses was around 18,000 (Table 8).

The average number of adults on a usual Sunday in 2012 was around 15,500 (median 12,900) and the average number of children was around 2,600 (median 1,900) (Table 8). Three dioceses had more than 5,000 children attending on a usual Sunday in 2012.

Dioceses had, on average, 7 adults per child (median 6) on a usual Sunday in 2012 with 3 dioceses (Norwich, Truro and Lincoln) having 10 or more adults per child (Table 8). Blackburn, Manchester and Southwark had just 4 adults per child on a Usual Sunday. In 2008, the average was 6 adults per child.

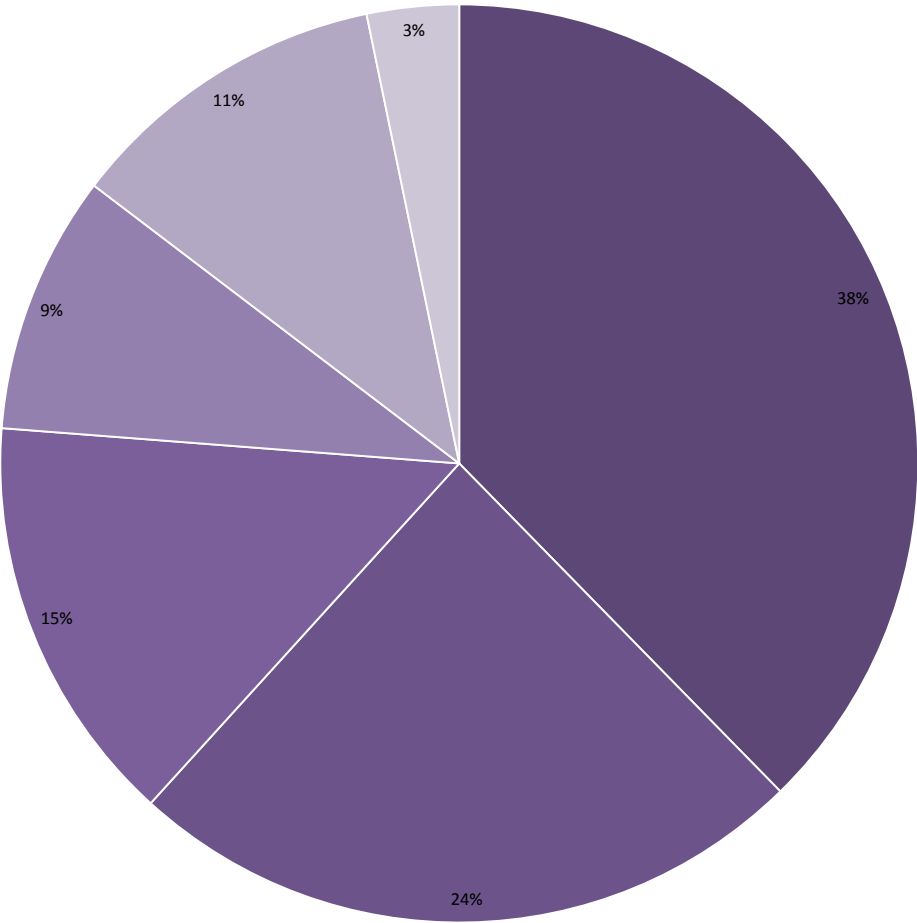
For the Church of England as a whole (Figure 14), Adult Usual Sunday Attendance has hovered around 700,000 and Child Usual Sunday attendance around 100,000 for the last decade (2003 to 2012) with both Child and Adult Usual Sunday attendance showing possible signs of small decline over the period however it is clear that All Age Usual Sunday Attendance has fallen between 1968 and 2012, approximately halving (Figure 15).

Looking at churches, where complete data were given for a single church in 2012 (Figure 16), over a third of churches had 25 or fewer people attending on a usual Sunday and over half of churches had 50 or fewer. Just 3% of churches had more than 200 people on a usual Sunday. Within the same group of churches (Figure 17), 17% showed signs of growth while 37% showed signs of decline.

Over half of churches had 50 or fewer people attend on a usual Sunday in 2012

Figure 16: Church level All Age Usual Sunday Attendance 2012

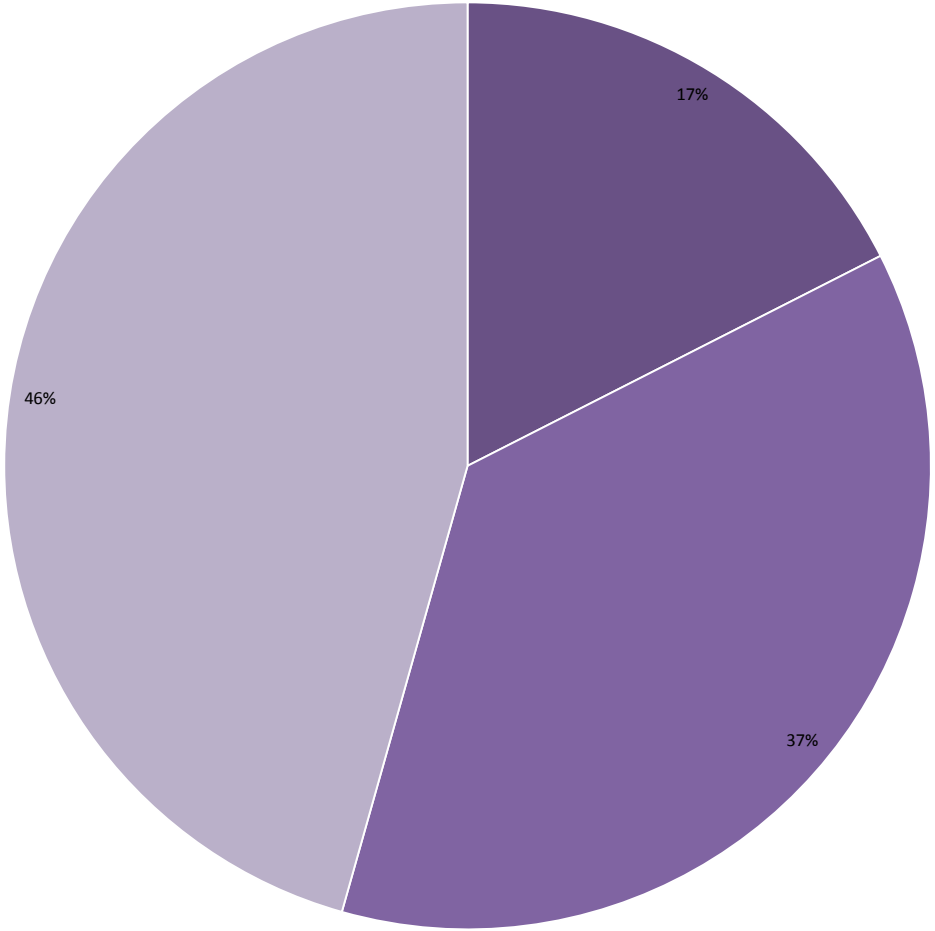
Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)



■ 0-25 ■ 26-50 ■ 51-75 ■ 76-100 ■ 101-200 ■ 200+

Figure 17: Proportion of Churches in All Age Usual Sunday Attendance Growth and Decline

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)



■ Growth ■ Decline ■ Inconclusive

Over half of the Worshipping Community for the Total Church of England in 2012 was aged between 18 and 69. Over 1/4 aged 70 and over

Table 9: Diocesan Worshipping Community 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Worshipping Community ¹				All Age Average Sunday Attendance as % of Total Worshipping Community ²	Joiners ^{1,3}			Leavers ^{1,3}			% of churches reporting at least one ⁴						
			0 - 17	18 - 69	70+	Total		Error	0 - 17	18+	Total	0 - 17	18+	Total	0 - 17	18+	Total			
1	Bath & Wells	C	4,000	13,800	9,400	27,400	+4%	77%	477	1,389	1,866	192	1,583	1,775	21%	53%	55%	11%	65%	66%
2	Birmingham	C	3,900	10,300	4,800	19,100	+5%	77%	455	1,057	1,512	199	1,013	1,212	51%	72%	74%	35%	77%	78%
3	Blackburn	Y	5,000	10,900	6,100	22,000	+16%	105%	479	861	1,340	139	755	894	34%	46%	47%	17%	50%	50%
4	Bradford	Y	1,700	5,100	3,200	10,100	+11%	85%	274	519	793	67	483	550	36%	60%	62%	13%	65%	66%
5	Bristol	C	3,600	9,500	4,400	17,400	+9%	77%	470	972	1,442	173	906	1,079	33%	53%	54%	22%	60%	60%
6	Canterbury	C	4,100	8,800	5,200	18,100	+14%	94%	609	922	1,531	142	784	926	28%	42%	44%	13%	47%	48%
7	Carlisle	Y	2,000	6,300	5,000	13,300	+12%	94%	186	477	663	59	476	535	20%	38%	40%	6%	42%	43%
8	Chelmsford	C	8,900	22,800	10,400	42,000	+10%	82%	1,101	2,043	3,144	316	1,662	1,978	40%	62%	64%	18%	64%	65%
9	Chester	Y	6,400	19,500	9,500	35,400	+12%	82%	881	1,752	2,633	286	1,497	1,783	40%	57%	58%	20%	58%	59%
10	Chichester	C	7,900	18,000	12,000	38,000	+13%	94%	935	1,775	2,710	240	1,656	1,896	33%	49%	52%	17%	53%	54%
11	Coventry	C	3,200	10,600	4,800	18,800	+6%	70%	488	1,086	1,574	147	849	996	36%	64%	66%	18%	70%	71%
12	Derby	C	3,300	9,700	5,300	18,300	+5%	80%	433	970	1,403	115	920	1,035	34%	59%	61%	16%	64%	65%
13	Durham	Y	3,000	7,500	5,600	16,400	+13%	94%	377	745	1,122	61	707	768	31%	48%	49%	8%	51%	51%
14	Ely	C	3,800	10,400	4,300	18,500	+15%	82%	285	743	1,028	107	629	736	19%	39%	39%	7%	40%	40%
15	Exeter	C	4,300	11,300	9,200	24,900	+12%	87%	353	905	1,258	99	1,202	1,301	17%	43%	43%	6%	49%	49%
16	Gloucester	C	4,500	12,500	6,100	23,100	+7%	71%	534	1,123	1,657	173	1,065	1,238	25%	49%	51%	10%	53%	54%
17	Guildford	C	5,900	15,000	6,100	29,100	+13%	82%	674	1,280	1,954	224	954	1,178	47%	58%	58%	27%	60%	60%
18	Hereford	C	1,800	4,900	4,200	12,000	+11%	68%	159	379	538	35	570	605	12%	32%	35%	4%	43%	44%
19	Leicester	C	4,300	10,700	6,500	21,500	+3%	59%	525	1,346	1,871	122	878	1,000	37%	65%	65%	11%	67%	68%
20	Lichfield	C	9,200	23,100	14,900	47,300	+2%	59%	1,201	2,402	3,603	313	1,966	2,279	44%	71%	73%	17%	75%	76%
21	Lincoln	C	2,900	11,600	9,300	23,800	+13%	55%	216	625	841	39	715	754	11%	27%	30%	4%	33%	33%
22	Liverpool	Y	5,400	13,100	7,000	25,500	+7%	87%	950	1,539	2,489	262	1,352	1,614	49%	71%	72%	20%	75%	75%
23	London	C	17,200	51,500	10,400	79,200	+12%	77%	2,224	5,936	8,160	964	3,854	4,818	50%	60%	61%	33%	63%	63%
24	Manchester	Y	5,200	11,300	5,400	21,900	+18%	118%	428	814	1,242	192	734	926	26%	38%	38%	15%	42%	42%
25	Newcastle	Y	1,700	5,900	4,400	12,000	+12%	95%	236	578	814	70	509	579	32%	58%	58%	9%	55%	57%
26	Norwich	C	2,100	7,300	6,600	16,100	+13%	93%	289	688	977	106	950	1,056	11%	26%	28%	5%	33%	35%
27	Oxford	C	11,600	25,600	10,500	48,000	+18%	92%	1,011	1,918	2,929	343	1,671	2,014	24%	35%	36%	12%	40%	41%
28	Peterborough	C	4,000	9,700	5,700	19,400	+9%	72%	444	910	1,354	158	778	936	26%	46%	48%	14%	49%	50%
29	Portsmouth	C	2,300	7,600	5,300	15,100	+7%	75%	346	864	1,210	101	714	815	47%	66%	68%	21%	72%	72%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	3,800	7,700	4,400	15,900	+8%	74%	242	486	728	80	691	771	29%	49%	50%	16%	58%	59%
31	Rochester	C	6,400	16,300	6,300	29,100	+10%	82%	793	1,402	2,195	179	958	1,137	48%	65%	66%	22%	64%	65%
32	St. Albans	C	7,900	18,100	8,900	34,800	+14%	77%	767	1,273	2,040	227	1,070	1,297	33%	43%	46%	17%	46%	47%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	2,700	9,600	6,400	18,600	+10%	76%	223	726	949	96	811	907	15%	41%	42%	6%	50%	50%
34	Salisbury	C	5,200	15,400	9,100	29,600	+10%	80%	634	1,306	1,940	205	1,278	1,483	21%	40%	41%	10%	50%	51%
35	Sheffield	Y	3,200	8,600	4,700	16,700	+9%	91%	435	972	1,407	122	728	850	42%	65%	65%	21%	72%	72%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	400	1,700	600	2,700	+9%	62%	36	77	113	17	71	88	20%	62%	62%	22%	64%	71%
37	Southwark	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	3,600	9,700	5,300	18,600	+7%	75%	612	1,160	1,772	139	941	1,080	35%	56%	57%	19%	63%	64%
39	Truro	C	1,400	5,200	4,200	10,700	+8%	91%	111	564	675	57	597	654	19%	53%	56%	8%	65%	65%
40	Wakefield	Y	2,500	7,300	4,600	14,400	+14%	89%	232	523	755	102	599	701	29%	50%	50%	17%	56%	56%
41	Winchester	C	8,300	16,400	8,600	33,400	+11%	76%	887	1,576	2,463	284	1,525	1,809	38%	57%	59%	21%	61%	63%
42	Worcester	C	2,500	6,400	5,100	14,000	+9%	85%	222	561	783	68	723	791	22%	52%	53%	12%	63%	64%
43	York	Y	3,700	12,800	7,600	24,300	+13%	91%	421	1,003	1,424	140	979	1,119	21%	39%	41%	10%	45%	46%
44	Europe	C	2,900	8,800	2,400	14,000	+8%	77%	413	1,440	1,853	243	1,106	1,349	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals Province of Canterbury		C	150,100	400,900	206,400	761,300		78%	17,300	38,200	55,500	5,700	33,400	39,100	28%	48%	50%	14%	54%	55%
Totals Province of York		Y	47,600	127,400	73,400	249,200		91%	5,800	11,500	17,300	1,700	10,500	12,300	31%	50%	51%	14%	54%	55%
Totals Church Of England			197,700	528,300	279,800	1,010,500	+12%	81%	23,068	49,687	72,755	7,403	43,909	51,312	29%	49%	50%	14%	54%	55%

Footnotes

- Figures for Southwark are excluded from Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury
- Figures for Southwark are excluded from this calculation for Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury
- These figures are as reported and include no estimation for data not returned.
- Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury figures exclude Europe and Southwark from calculations.

Notes

Southwark dioceses submitted no data on Worshipping Community, as such no estimates were made and no figures can be reported.

Around 38,000 people who had not previously attended church were welcomed in to a Church of England worshipping community in 2012.

Figure 18: Worshipping Community per 1000 Christians 2012

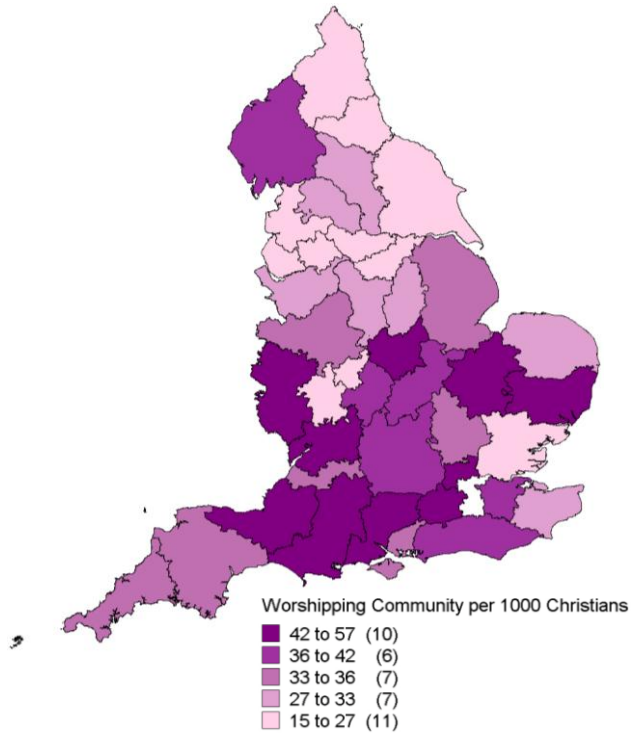


Figure 19: Total Church of England Worshipping Community by age 2012

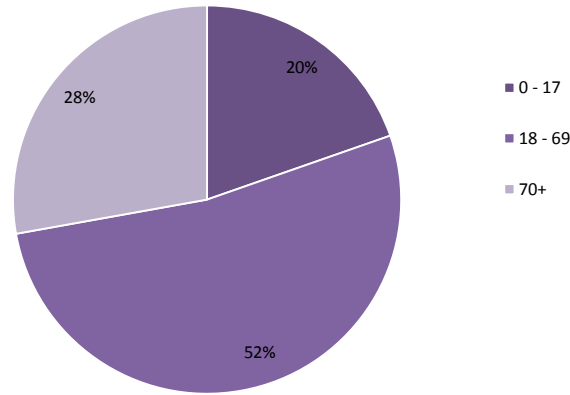


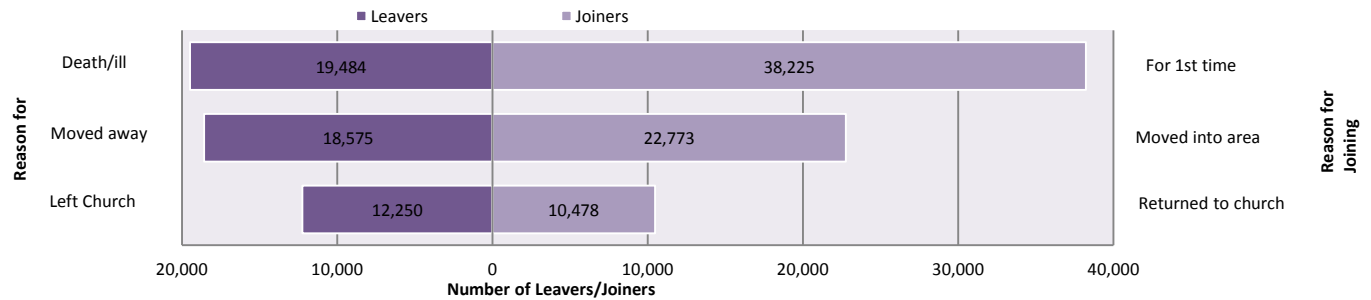
Table 10: Total Church of England All Age Average Sunday Attendance October Count and Worshipping Community Comparison 2012

	Average Sunday Attendance October Count	Worshipping Community	Average Sunday Attendance as % of Worshipping Community
All Age	809,700	1,010,500	80%
Adult	688,500	808,100	85%
Child	118,000	197,700	60%

Notes

Southwark dioceses submitted no data on Worshipping Community, as such no estimates were made and no figures can be reported. The above table also, therefore, excludes Southwark from the Average Sunday Attendance totals.

Figure 20: Total Church of England Joiners and Leavers by reason 2012



Notes

50% of churches reported at least one "joiner" and 55% of churches reported at least one "leaver"

Around 38,000 people who had not previously attended church were welcomed in to a Church of England worshipping community in 2012 (Table 9). Over half of the worshipping community for the Total Church of England in 2012 were aged between 18 and 69, 28% were 70 or over and 20% were under 18 (Figure 19). In every diocese, the most populous age group in the worshipping community in 2012 was those aged 18 to 69. On average, for every under 18 in diocesan worshipping communities, there were 4 aged 18 and over. 11 dioceses had 6 or more adults for every child in the worshipping community. The proportion of the worshipping community aged 70 or over ranged from 13% (London) to 41% (Norwich) with an average of 29%. For the total church of England, the proportion of the population aged 70 or over is around 12%.

For dioceses, on average, All Age Average Sunday Attendance was 80% the size of the worshipping community. All Age Average Sunday Attendance was greater than worshipping community in just 2 dioceses. The total Church of England worshipping community exceeded the average Sunday attendance, most notably for Children. This could indicate that there are groups considered integral to a church who do not meet on a Sunday.

Under 18s make up around 30% of joiners but just 15% of leavers. The number of joiners aged 18 and over was just 13% higher than the number of leavers of the same age. The greatest net increase of 3,342 occurred in London. The average net change for all diocese was 487 and the median was 382. All dioceses reported a net increase in the number of under 18s however 10 dioceses reported a net decrease in the number of those aged 18 and over. The number of joiners reported exceeded the number of leavers for the Total Church of England and for all but 5 dioceses. However, this could be due to underreporting of leavers as, for example, it may take longer to confidently classify someone as having left. This could be considered evident by the number of those joining by moving into the area exceeding the number of those leaving by moving out of the area however this could be simply to do with the sample under consideration.

The number of people on the Electoral Roll for the Total Church of England (excluding Europe) represented 3% of the adult population in 2012

Table 11: Diocesan Electoral Roll Numbers 1995 - 2012 (selected years)

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	1995		2000		2006		2012	
			Electoral Roll ²	% of adult population	Electoral Roll	% of adult population ¹	Electoral Roll	% of adult population ¹	Electoral Roll	% of adult population ¹
1	Bath & Wells	C	48,500	7%	43,500	6%	39,500	5%	35,200	5%
2	Birmingham	C	21,000	2%	19,700	2%	18,400	2%	16,900	1%
3	Blackburn	Y	46,100	4%	38,900	4%	35,100	3%	32,800	3%
4	Bradford	Y	14,800	3%	13,300	3%	11,900	2%	10,800	2%
5	Bristol	C	23,300	3%	20,300	3%	17,000	2%	15,800	2%
6	Canterbury	C	21,900	3%	22,700	3%	22,300	3%	20,200	3%
7	Carlisle	Y	27,800	7%	25,300	6%	21,500	5%	20,600	5%
8	Chelmsford	C	57,600	3%	54,100	2%	50,200	2%	47,300	2%
9	Chester	Y	57,000	4%	54,100	4%	49,200	4%	46,000	4%
10	Chichester	C	66,600	6%	60,800	5%	55,900	4%	53,200	4%
11	Coventry	C	19,700	3%	18,200	3%	17,100	3%	17,300	3%
12	Derby	C	23,700	3%	22,000	3%	19,900	2%	17,500	2%
13	Durham	Y	32,200	3%	28,100	2%	23,500	2%	21,700	2%
14	Ely	C	24,200	5%	22,000	4%	18,400	3%	19,000	3%
15	Exeter	C	38,000	4%	34,700	4%	31,600	3%	30,000	3%
16	Gloucester	C	29,700	6%	27,200	6%	22,500	4%	24,100	5%
17	Guildford	C	34,300	5%	32,800	4%	30,500	4%	30,000	4%
18	Hereford	C	20,000	9%	20,300	9%	18,000	7%	16,800	6%
19	Leicester	C	19,000	3%	17,100	2%	17,800	2%	17,400	2%
20	Lichfield	C	58,400	4%	55,400	3%	47,800	3%	45,000	3%
21	Lincoln	C	36,300	5%	31,600	4%	27,300	3%	24,600	3%
22	Liverpool	Y	38,800	3%	33,200	3%	29,300	2%	28,600	2%
23	London	C	50,300	2%	62,400	2%	63,300	2%	68,600	2%
24	Manchester	Y	42,700	3%	39,700	3%	35,300	2%	33,300	2%
25	Newcastle	Y	20,100	3%	18,600	3%	16,900	3%	15,800	2%
26	Norwich	C	30,500	5%	26,700	4%	23,200	3%	18,000	2%
27	Oxford	C	66,600	4%	63,800	4%	57,800	3%	55,600	3%
28	Peterborough	C	21,600	4%	20,000	3%	19,000	3%	19,400	3%
29	Portsmouth	C	21,100	4%	20,300	3%	18,400	3%	17,000	3%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	25,400	4%	19,000	3%	17,500	3%	15,600	2%
31	Rochester	C	36,400	4%	33,600	3%	31,600	3%	29,800	3%
32	St. Albans	C	51,300	4%	47,500	4%	41,900	3%	38,600	3%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	27,900	6%	26,900	6%	25,500	5%	22,200	4%
34	Salisbury	C	50,500	7%	48,700	7%	43,200	6%	40,300	5%
35	Sheffield	Y	24,400	3%	22,000	2%	20,300	2%	18,000	2%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	3,200	5%	3,100	5%	2,800	4%	2,300	3%
37	Southwark	C	51,100	3%	48,900	2%	46,200	2%	48,500	2%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	21,300	3%	19,000	2%	19,500	2%	19,300	2%
39	Truro	C	20,900	5%	18,000	4%	17,000	4%	15,100	3%
40	Wakefield	Y	27,400	3%	25,400	3%	21,200	2%	18,300	2%
41	Winchester	C	48,800	5%	45,200	5%	41,200	4%	38,200	3%
42	Worcester	C	24,400	4%	23,300	4%	20,200	3%	17,800	3%
43	York	Y	42,900	4%	40,400	4%	36,600	3%	33,600	3%
44	Europe	C	-	-	9,500	-	10,800	-	11,000	-
Totals Province of Canterbury		C	1,043,700	4%	997,000	4%	913,600	3%	870,400	2%
Totals Province of York		Y	424,200	3%	380,000	3%	340,500	3%	316,800	2%
Totals Church Of England			1,467,900	4%	1,377,000	3%	1,254,100	3%	1,187,200	3%

Footnotes

¹ Adult Population excludes Europe in all years and the % of adult population for Total Church of England omits the Electoral Roll for the diocese of Europe. See the Methodological Annex for more information.

² Electoral Roll 1995 excludes Europe.

Notes

Adult is 16 and over for 2000 onwards; 15 and over for 1995.

Electoral Roll comprises those entitled to have their names entered upon the roll of the parish who are lay members of the Church of England of either sex of sixteen years of age and over, who are baptised and are resident in the parish or, if not resident, have habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment.

Before 1957 the minimum age for inclusion on the Electoral Roll was 18. From 1957 to 1980 the age was lowered to 17 after which it was reduced again to 16. Electoral Roll figures for 1982 and previous years include some cathedral roll figures. These have been excluded from the figures for later years but were reintroduced for 2003 onwards.

Europe is included from 1997 onwards.

The number of people on the Electoral Roll, around 1,200,000 for the Total Church of England (excluding Europe), represented 3% of the adult population in 2012 (Table 11). This has fallen from 4% in 1995. The proportion of the adult population on the Electoral Roll in 2012 was 5% or more in just 5 dioceses. The smallest proportion was in Birmingham where just 1% of adults were on the Electoral Roll in 2012.

Of the 44 dioceses, just 7 have seen some increase in their Electoral Roll between 2006 and 2012 (Table 11).

The number of people on the Church of England's Electoral Roll has fallen over the decade from 2003 to 2012 (Figure 22).

Sharp decreases generally occur on years when the Electoral Roll is cleaned (marked by a red line on Figure 22 and by a red point on Figure 23), followed by some slight increase in the following 4 or 5 years. When looking at the trend in Electoral Roll it is helpful to compare years at the same stage in the cleaning cycle as in Table 11. This makes the fall of around 500,000 between 1978 and 2007 more apparent (Figure 23).

Looking at churches, where complete data was given for a single church in 2012, the maximum number on the Electoral Roll was 1,036 (Table 12) however just 8% of churches had over 200 people on the Roll (Figure 21). Over half had 75 or fewer on their Electoral Roll, the median figure being 63. This was lower for churches in rural parishes (45) and higher for those in urban parishes (103).

Returns submitted indicate that the minimum Electoral Roll for this group of churches was zero however, this is likely to indicate that the Electoral Roll for this church has been included with another church in the parish.

The median church has around 60 people on the Electoral Roll

Figure 21: Church level Electoral Roll Numbers 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

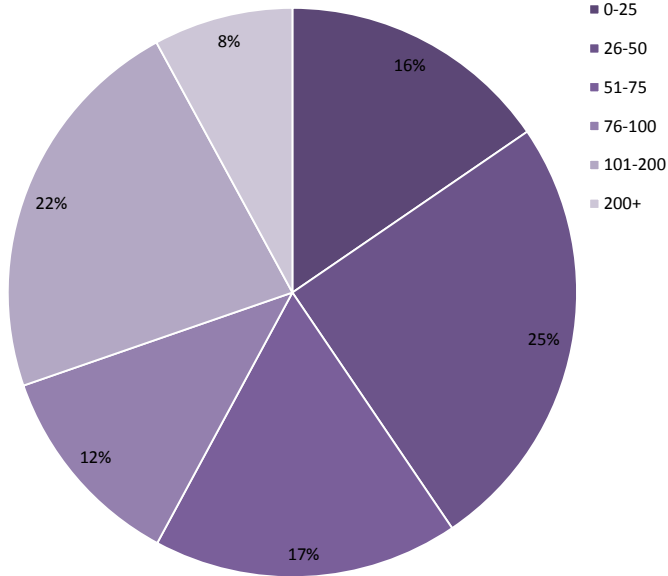


Figure 22: Total Church of England Electoral Roll Numbers 2003 - 2012

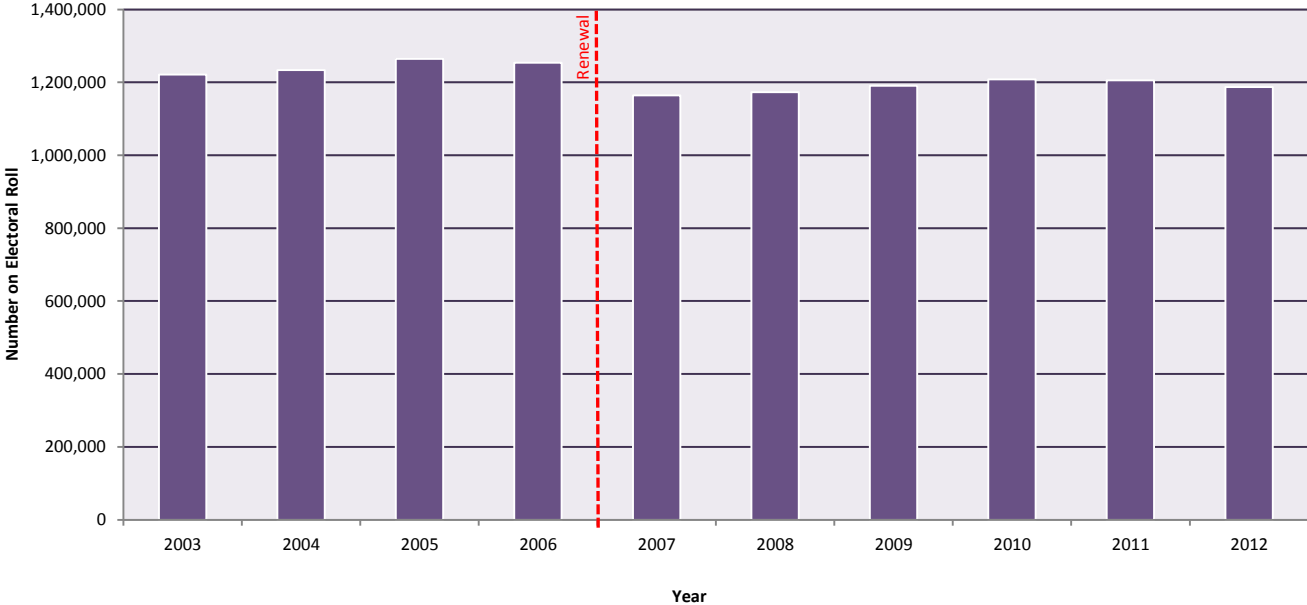
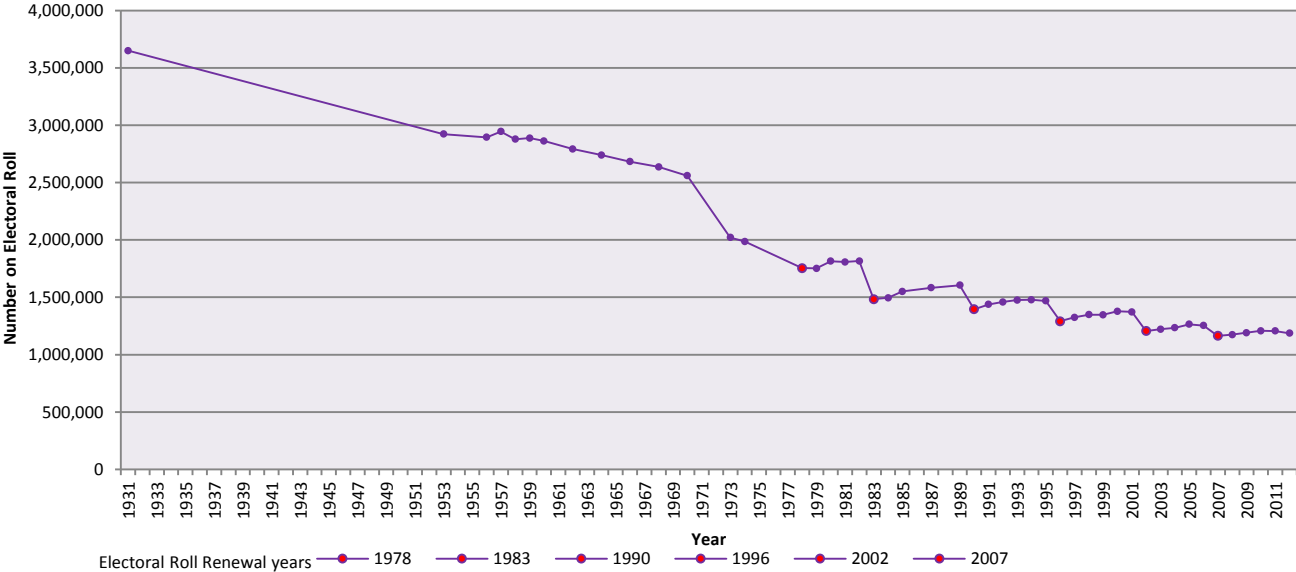


Table 12: Church level Electoral Roll 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

All Age (16+)	Electoral Roll
Maximum Church	1,036
Median Church	63
Minimum Church	-
Base	8,703
Median Rural Church	45
Base	5,271
Median Urban Church	103
Base	3,240

Figure 23: Total Church of England Electoral Roll Numbers 1900 - 2012



Notes Electoral Roll renewal is only reported for 1978 onwards

Most dioceses had between 10,000 and 25,000 taking Easter Communion and between 20,000 and 40,000 attending an Easter service

Table 13: Diocesan Easter Communicants and Attendance 2008 - 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Easter Communicants ¹					Error 2012	Easter Attendance ¹					Error 2012	Easter Communicants as % of Adult population 2012 ²
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		
1	Bath & Wells	C	28,900	29,800	29,300	28,800	27,800	+2%	40,100	41,300	41,800	39,300	38,700	+2%	4%
2	Birmingham	C	16,100	17,000	15,500	15,700	15,800	+2%	23,400	23,200	22,500	21,700	21,800	+2%	1%
3	Blackburn	Y	28,300	27,000	26,300	25,900	25,700	+12%	37,700	35,400	35,000	34,900	33,700	+13%	2%
4	Bradford	Y	10,100	10,400	10,100	9,900	10,200	+6%	13,700	13,600	13,500	13,300	13,400	+6%	2%
5	Bristol	C	13,600	14,800	13,700	13,900	13,700	+3%	20,300	21,100	21,000	20,500	20,800	+3%	2%
6	Canterbury	C	19,800	20,000	19,700	19,700	20,400	+8%	28,400	28,800	28,900	28,100	29,500	+9%	3%
7	Carlisle	Y	16,600	17,400	16,700	16,300	16,500	+7%	23,200	23,100	22,800	22,300	22,600	+11%	4%
8	Chelmsford	C	37,000	38,000	39,100	37,600	36,700	+2%	53,200	54,900	54,800	53,200	54,400	+2%	2%
9	Chester	Y	30,500	31,800	30,300	30,300	29,400	+6%	45,100	45,000	44,100	41,800	41,300	+6%	2%
10	Chichester	C	44,900	44,700	42,900	44,100	42,500	+2%	62,900	61,800	61,000	61,000	61,700	+2%	3%
11	Coventry	C	17,400	15,200	14,800	15,200	15,100	+1%	25,700	21,000	20,600	20,300	21,100	+1%	2%
12	Derby	C	16,000	17,000	16,500	16,100	15,800	+2%	22,200	23,300	22,400	21,600	21,500	+2%	2%
13	Durham	Y	16,200	17,300	16,900	16,100	15,900	+10%	21,100	23,200	22,900	21,500	21,700	+11%	1%
14	Ely	C	15,000	16,000	16,600	16,400	16,600	+13%	21,300	22,900	24,500	23,100	23,600	+14%	3%
15	Exeter	C	34,900	34,900	33,100	32,100	32,100	+7%	46,200	46,000	44,300	42,600	43,200	+9%	3%
16	Gloucester	C	23,200	23,200	21,800	21,100	20,500	+2%	30,200	30,800	30,600	29,200	29,700	+2%	4%
17	Guildford	C	26,300	24,700	24,900	25,000	24,600	+2%	39,700	36,500	37,500	37,500	37,400	+3%	3%
18	Hereford	C	13,400	13,700	13,200	13,100	13,600	+9%	16,900	17,800	17,600	17,100	18,800	+9%	5%
19	Leicester	C	14,800	15,000	15,200	14,800	16,200	+5%	21,100	20,700	20,700	19,900	22,600	+5%	2%
20	Lichfield	C	34,700	34,200	33,200	32,400	32,000	+1%	46,300	45,600	44,600	42,300	42,400	+1%	2%
21	Lincoln	C	17,600	18,800	18,800	18,200	18,200	+17%	24,000	24,600	24,000	23,400	25,800	+16%	2%
22	Liverpool	Y	23,600	23,800	22,600	23,100	22,500	+3%	31,200	31,200	29,600	31,000	30,900	+3%	2%
23	London	C	55,200	56,600	57,700	55,700	54,600	+3%	81,900	85,000	85,900	88,300	87,600	+5%	2%
24	Manchester	Y	25,900	25,900	24,400	25,100	24,900	+16%	34,300	34,700	33,500	34,100	33,200	+16%	1%
25	Newcastle	Y	13,900	13,600	13,200	12,800	12,800	+3%	18,800	18,600	18,400	17,600	18,500	+3%	2%
26	Norwich	C	21,500	22,500	22,400	23,100	22,400	+15%	28,200	29,900	29,800	29,700	29,500	+15%	3%
27	Oxford	C	53,400	52,300	51,800	50,800	50,500	+11%	75,500	74,900	74,700	73,300	76,300	+10%	3%
28	Peterborough	C	18,000	18,100	18,500	18,600	18,200	+6%	25,300	24,800	24,500	24,400	24,500	+8%	3%
29	Portsmouth	C	16,700	16,400	15,900	15,400	14,700	+1%	22,500	21,600	21,300	20,500	20,500	+1%	2%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	16,000	16,100	15,600	14,900	14,300	+3%	22,100	20,700	20,800	20,300	19,500	+3%	2%
31	Rochester	C	25,500	24,500	23,600	23,800	23,000	+2%	38,200	36,000	35,700	35,100	35,700	+2%	2%
32	St. Albans	C	30,100	30,500	30,600	30,300	30,900	+4%	43,600	44,000	43,000	43,000	45,600	+4%	2%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	19,900	21,100	20,500	20,100	19,800	+9%	27,300	28,700	28,400	27,000	27,800	+9%	4%
34	Salisbury	C	33,900	33,300	32,900	32,600	33,100	+10%	47,400	46,500	45,400	44,000	46,400	+10%	4%
35	Sheffield	Y	13,800	14,000	13,700	13,400	13,600	+3%	19,100	19,500	20,100	19,400	19,600	+3%	1%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,100	1,900	+1%	5,100	5,100	3,000	2,800	2,700	+18%	3%
37	Southwark	C	41,800	40,900	41,000	39,700	37,400	+2%	60,800	58,500	59,700	58,700	54,000	+2%	2%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	15,000	14,900	15,000	14,400	14,300	+5%	21,400	21,700	20,700	19,700	20,200	+4%	2%
39	Truro	C	16,000	17,000	15,500	15,100	15,100	+4%	21,300	23,000	20,500	20,400	21,000	+5%	3%
40	Wakefield	Y	14,900	15,200	14,800	14,500	14,100	+10%	19,700	20,300	19,500	19,500	19,000	+12%	2%
41	Winchester	C	31,800	31,800	31,600	31,400	31,000	+1%	46,500	45,700	44,500	44,700	44,200	+1%	3%
42	Worcester	C	15,300	15,000	15,000	14,000	13,600	+2%	20,400	20,300	20,000	19,000	18,300	+2%	2%
43	York	Y	26,900	27,800	27,600	25,600	25,800	+6%	36,200	38,100	37,700	35,400	36,000	+7%	2%
44	Europe	C	15,200	15,200	15,100	15,000	14,700	-	19,100	19,700	19,400	19,200	19,100	-	-
Totals Province of Canterbury		C	767,800	772,200	760,600	749,700	740,300		1,080,100	1,079,000	1,069,800	1,048,100	1,063,200		2%
Totals Province of York		Y	254,000	257,600	249,600	244,400	241,900		348,700	350,300	341,500	333,700	332,100		2%
Totals Church Of England			1,021,900	1,029,800	1,010,200	994,000	982,200	+5%	1,428,800	1,429,300	1,411,200	1,381,800	1,395,300	+5%	2%

Footnotes

- 1 Includes vigil services on Easter Eve
- 2 Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury Adult Population excludes Europe and counts for the diocese of Europe are excluded from the calculations of % of adult population for Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury. See the Methodological Annex for more information.

Notes

Around 1,400,000 people attended an Easter service in 2012 and around 1 million took communion (Table 13).

Overall for the Total Church of England (excluding Europe), in 2012, Easter communicants accounted for 2% of the adult population (Table 13). Hereford had the largest proportion (5%), while 4 dioceses had just 1%.

Average Easter Attendance for the dioceses in 2012 was around 32,000 (median around 27,000) while the average number of communicants was around 22,000 (median 19,000). Most dioceses had between 10,000 and 25,000 taking Easter communion and between 20,000 and 40,000 attending an Easter service.

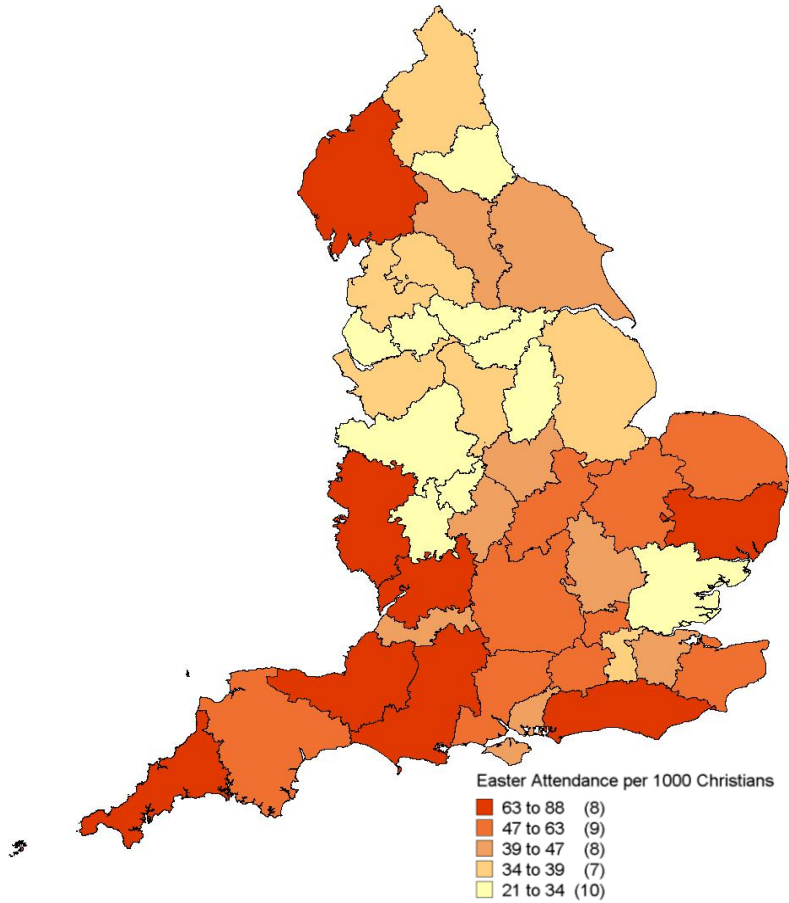
Between 62% and 77% of Easter attendees for each diocese in 2012 also took communion. The proportion was highest for Europe, Bradford and Blackburn. For the total Church of England 70% of attendees took communion in 2012 while in 2008 the figure was 72%.

For the Total Church of England the number of Easter communicants as a proportion of the adult population has fallen overall since the early 1900s (Figure 26). Around 8% of the adult population took Communion at an Easter service in 1930 while just 2% did so in 2012.

The number of communicants over the last decade has hovered around 1 million while the number of Easter attendees has been around 1.4 million. It appears that, when Easter falls in March, the number of attendees and communicants is marginally lower than when it falls in April (Figure 25).

Around 1.4 million people attended an Easter service in 2012 and almost 1 million took communion

Figure 24: Easter Attendance per 1000 Christians 2012



For every 1000 Christians living in the area, over half of dioceses welcomed less than 47 people to an Easter service in 2012. Just 8 dioceses had more than 63 people attending an Easter service for every 1000 Christians (Figure 24).

There appears to be a North-South divide with fewer attendees per 1000 Christians in the North (with the exception of Carlisle) than in the South (with the exception of Chelmsford).

Figure 25: Total Church of England Easter Attendance and Communicants 2003 - 2012

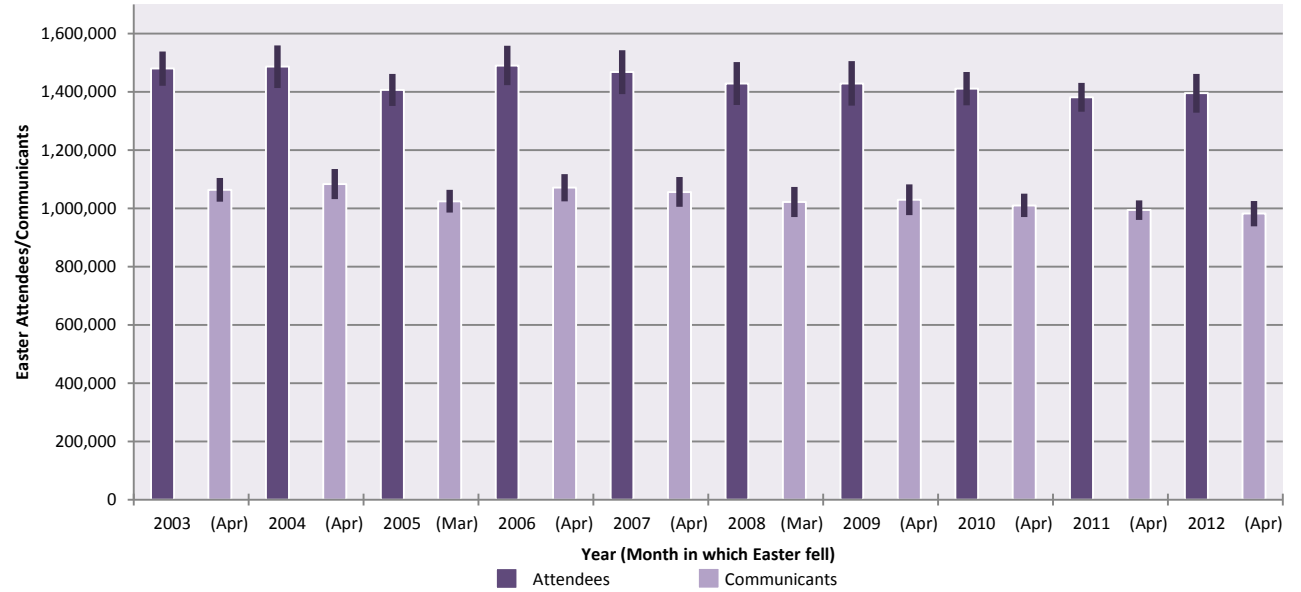
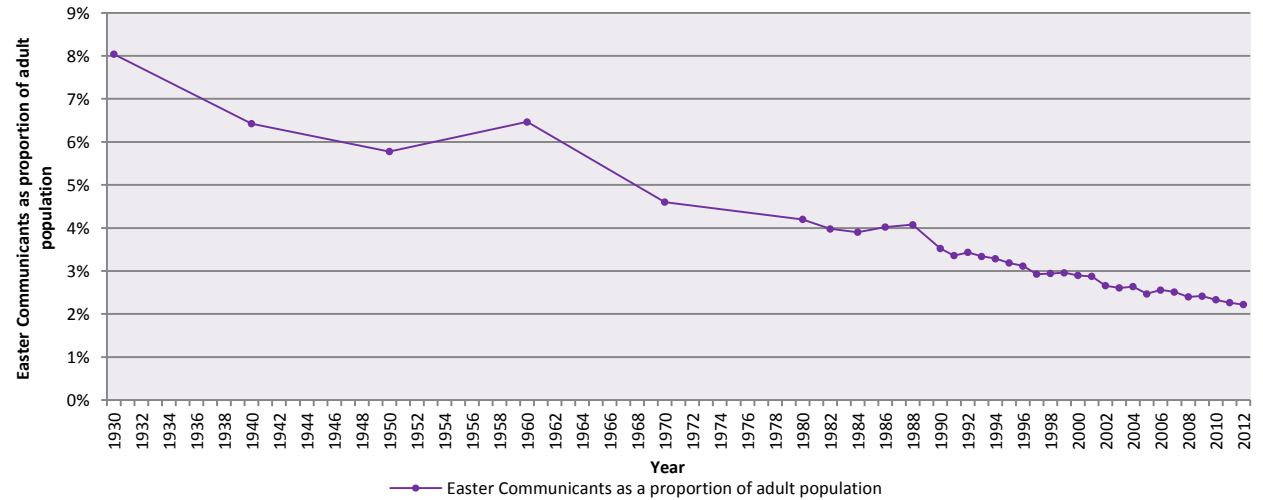


Figure 26: Total Church of England Easter Communicants in a Population context 1930 - 2012



Notes

Figures for 1930 to 1999 are for Easter day communicants only. Figures for 2000 to 2012 are for Easter Day and Eve communicants.

Adults are aged 15 or over up until 1998, aged 16 or over after this.

Adult population for Total Church of England in 2012 excludes Europe and Christian Population for Total Church of England in 2012 excludes Europe, Isle of Man (Sodor and Man), Guernsey and Jersey (Winchester) however the Easter communicants for Total Church of England includes Guernsey and Jersey counts.

Most dioceses had between 10,000 and 25,000 taking Christmas Communion and between 30,000 and 60,000 attending a Christmas service

Table 14: Diocesan Christmas Communicants and Attendance 2008 - 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Christmas Communicants					Error 2012	Christmas Attendance					Error 2012	Christmas Communicants as % of Adult population 2012 ¹
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		
1	Bath & Wells	C	32,700	29,400	26,700	31,000	28,800	+2%	76,800	68,800	62,000	76,900	69,300	+2%	4%
2	Birmingham	C	16,300	14,900	12,500	15,100	14,100	+1%	41,500	37,100	31,400	38,100	39,300	+1%	1%
3	Blackburn	Y	25,200	21,100	20,200	21,800	21,500	+5%	53,400	43,700	42,200	47,500	50,300	+7%	2%
4	Bradford	Y	10,100	8,600	8,500	9,200	8,500	+3%	27,700	22,900	23,800	26,000	26,300	+3%	2%
5	Bristol	C	16,800	16,800	13,700	15,900	16,000	+1%	42,300	40,300	39,200	45,900	44,000	+1%	2%
6	Canterbury	C	20,700	20,200	19,500	20,500	19,500	+8%	58,200	62,900	57,400	60,500	59,300	+10%	3%
7	Carlisle	Y	17,700	15,100	14,200	15,700	14,900	+4%	38,700	32,800	31,400	35,700	37,300	+3%	4%
8	Chelmsford	C	39,400	35,300	33,500	37,300	32,400	+2%	110,400	102,200	94,500	111,800	99,400	+1%	1%
9	Chester	Y	32,400	30,200	28,200	31,800	28,500	+7%	78,400	75,100	71,700	81,400	76,400	+7%	2%
10	Chichester	C	48,500	46,000	42,900	46,400	41,800	+2%	126,700	121,300	114,100	127,200	110,500	+2%	3%
11	Coventry	C	17,800	14,500	13,400	15,600	15,200	+1%	47,000	39,800	38,700	43,700	45,900	+1%	2%
12	Derby	C	15,300	14,200	13,400	15,500	13,800	+3%	39,600	38,800	37,500	42,400	38,600	+3%	2%
13	Durham	Y	14,700	14,500	13,500	14,600	13,400	+9%	34,200	37,100	33,200	38,700	37,900	+6%	1%
14	Ely	C	18,200	16,400	16,600	17,900	16,300	+5%	50,600	45,000	46,700	51,600	48,400	+5%	3%
15	Exeter	C	36,600	30,600	26,600	33,400	30,000	+9%	78,900	70,800	61,600	77,500	69,900	+8%	3%
16	Gloucester	C	25,300	23,500	22,300	24,900	20,600	+3%	60,000	57,200	51,800	63,200	56,800	+2%	4%
17	Guildford	C	28,300	26,300	25,000	27,200	24,800	+4%	86,200	85,500	84,700	92,200	88,200	+3%	3%
18	Hereford	C	15,400	14,300	12,500	14,200	13,300	+9%	30,000	26,200	24,300	29,500	28,700	+9%	5%
19	Leicester	C	15,900	14,900	14,200	16,000	17,000	+5%	39,100	37,100	33,200	37,200	42,200	+6%	2%
20	Lichfield	C	37,300	33,600	30,000	34,000	31,900	+1%	83,900	74,900	67,700	79,400	78,800	+1%	2%
21	Lincoln	C	21,500	18,700	18,300	18,800	19,500	+18%	48,900	43,000	43,100	45,500	47,400	+14%	2%
22	Liverpool	Y	22,700	20,200	17,500	21,000	19,400	+3%	41,200	36,800	31,600	39,000	33,900	+4%	2%
23	London	C	52,800	53,400	52,300	57,300	54,500	+3%	110,200	111,700	112,600	123,700	125,500	+3%	2%
24	Manchester	Y	24,000	19,300	19,400	21,500	20,100	+5%	43,300	37,600	36,400	42,400	42,000	+5%	1%
25	Newcastle	Y	13,000	11,800	11,000	12,000	11,500	+2%	42,700	38,800	35,600	40,600	40,700	+1%	2%
26	Norwich	C	22,700	21,300	20,300	21,800	20,300	+17%	54,500	54,800	55,600	62,800	57,400	+11%	3%
27	Oxford	C	61,000	56,700	54,000	56,900	54,100	+11%	151,500	145,900	143,600	154,100	150,200	+11%	3%
28	Peterborough	C	20,300	18,500	17,700	19,900	18,400	+3%	49,700	45,500	45,300	53,400	52,300	+3%	3%
29	Portsmouth	C	17,400	16,800	15,300	15,900	13,900	+1%	45,400	42,500	39,200	44,200	42,400	+1%	2%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	18,000	14,100	14,000	14,700	13,200	+3%	42,800	30,500	31,700	35,800	32,500	+3%	2%
31	Rochester	C	26,200	23,700	22,000	24,200	21,100	+2%	76,800	71,100	66,900	75,500	68,200	+2%	2%
32	St. Albans	C	36,000	32,100	30,200	32,800	31,000	+5%	104,100	94,300	87,800	96,500	95,300	+4%	2%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	20,900	19,500	18,800	19,800	18,900	+7%	51,400	46,600	48,100	52,300	48,900	+6%	4%
34	Salisbury	C	38,100	34,700	32,100	35,700	33,900	+8%	79,000	77,000	74,800	80,600	81,200	+7%	4%
35	Sheffield	Y	13,100	12,200	11,400	13,000	10,800	+4%	33,400	30,200	30,300	34,400	33,800	+3%	1%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,700	2,600	2,600	1,800	1,800	+2%	5,300	4,900	4,100	4,400	3,500	+1%	3%
37	Southwark	C	45,000	40,600	39,500	42,200	37,800	+3%	107,800	97,900	98,700	105,100	98,400	+2%	2%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	15,900	14,200	13,100	14,900	13,000	+5%	40,600	36,800	35,000	42,600	37,200	+3%	1%
39	Truro	C	16,000	14,100	12,800	14,400	13,200	+4%	35,900	32,400	30,600	34,700	32,600	+4%	3%
40	Wakefield	Y	15,100	14,000	13,400	13,900	12,600	+11%	38,800	35,300	34,400	37,600	36,000	+12%	1%
41	Winchester	C	37,100	33,900	33,300	36,400	32,000	+1%	91,700	88,500	83,800	94,500	89,700	+1%	3%
42	Worcester	C	17,400	14,400	12,300	15,200	13,300	+2%	42,500	37,500	31,500	38,600	36,800	+1%	2%
43	York	Y	30,100	25,800	24,900	27,100	25,200	+7%	77,300	67,500	63,500	75,700	69,800	+6%	2%
44	Europe	C	12,500	12,100	10,500	13,300	10,800	-	20,900	19,000	17,600	21,100	17,700	-	-
Totals Province of Canterbury		C	829,500	761,300	712,000	789,500	728,000		2,041,200	1,915,600	1,824,000	2,059,700	1,963,200		2%
Totals Province of York		Y	254,700	223,500	211,800	233,100	214,400		597,700	530,100	504,700	581,800	557,600		2%
Totals Church Of England			1,084,200	984,800	923,800	1,022,600	942,400	+5%	2,638,900	2,445,800	2,328,800	2,641,500	2,520,800	+4%	2%

Footnotes

1 Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury Adult Population excludes Europe and counts for the diocese of Europe are excluded from the calculations of % of adult population for Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury. See the Methodological Annex for more information.

Around 2,500,000 people attended a Christmas service in 2012 and around 900,000 took communion (Table 14).

Overall for the Total Church of England (excluding Europe), in 2012, Christmas communicants accounted for 2% of the adult population. Hereford had the largest proportion (5%), while 7 dioceses had just 1%.

Average Christmas attendance for the dioceses in 2012 was around 57,000 (median around 48,000) while the average number of communicants was around 21,000 (median 19,000). Most dioceses had between 10,000 and 25,000 taking Christmas communion and between 30,000 and 60,000 attending a service on Christmas eve or Christmas day.

Between 28% and 61% of Christmas attendees for each diocese in 2012 also took communion. The proportion was highest for Europe, Liverpool and Sodor & Man where over half of attendees took communion. For the total Church of England in 37% of attendees took communion in 2012 while in 2008 the figure was 39%.

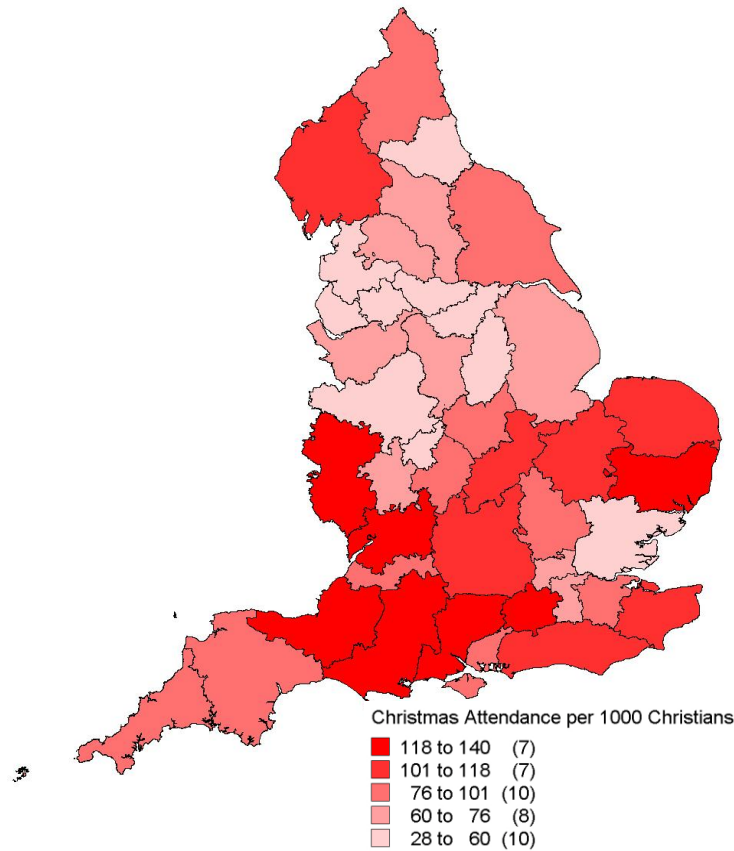
For the Total Church of England the number of Christmas communicants as a proportion of the adult population has fallen overall since the mid 1900s (Figure 29). Around 6% of the adult population took communion at a Christmas service in 1960 while just 2% did so in 2012.

The number of communicants over the last decade has hovered around 1 million while the number of Christmas attendees has been around 2.5 million.

Figure for attendance and communicants at services on Christmas day or Christmas eve may vary by the day of the week on which Christmas falls.

Around 2.5 million people attended a Christmas service in 2012 and almost 1 million took communion

Figure 27: Christmas Attendance per 1000 Christians 2012



For every 1000 Christians living in the area, 14 dioceses welcomed more than 100 people to a Christmas service in 2012 (Figure 27).

There appears to be a North-South divide with fewer attendees per 1000 Christians in the North (with the exception of Carlisle) than in the South (with the exception of Chelmsford).

Figure 28: Total Church of England Christmas Attendance and Communicants 2003 - 2012

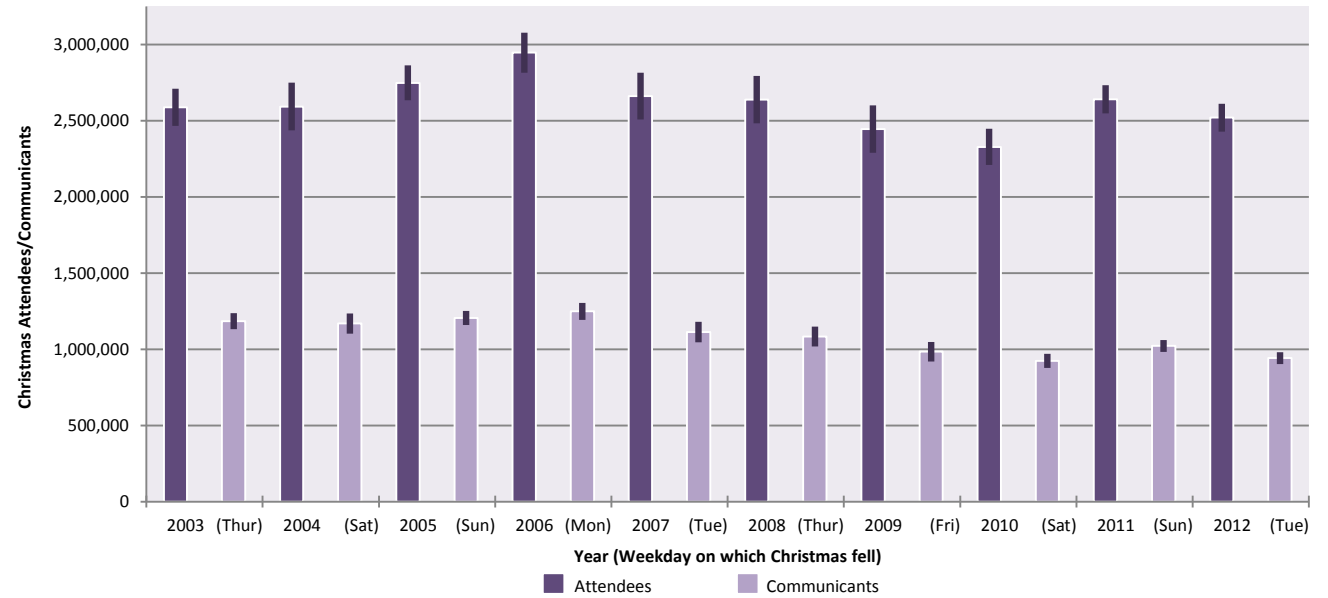
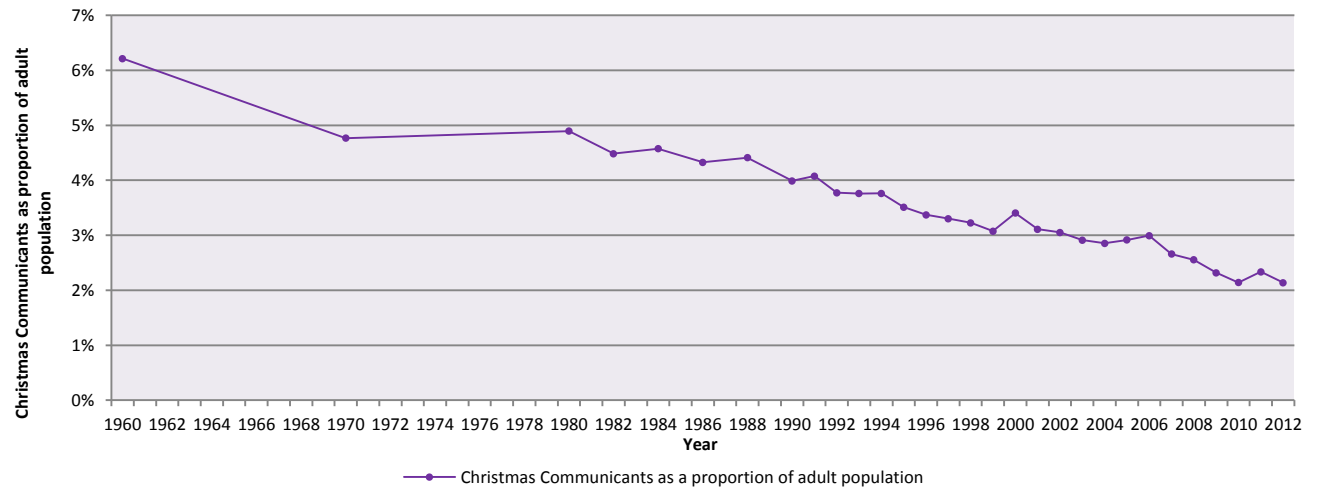


Figure 29: Total Church of England Christmas Communicants in a Population context 1960 - 2012



Notes

Figures for 1960 to 1999 are for Christmas day communicants only. Figures for 2000 to 2012 are for Christmas Day and Eve communicants.

Adults are aged 15 or over up until 1998, aged 16 or over after this.

Adult population for Total Church of England in 2012 excludes Europe and Christian Population for Total Church of England in 2012 excludes Europe, Isle of Man (Sodor and Man), Guernsey and Jersey (Winchester) however the Christmas communicants for Total Church of England includes Guernsey and Jersey counts.

Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day attracted more people (2,500,000) than those on a usual Sunday (800,000) in 2012

Table 15: Diocesan Participation 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	All Age Usual Sunday Attendance	% of population ¹	All Age Average Weekly Attendance	% of population ¹	All Age Worshipping Community ²	% of population ^{1,3}	Electoral Roll	% of adult population ¹	All Age Easter Attendance ⁴	% of population ¹	All Age Christmas Attendance	% of population ¹
1	Bath & Wells	C	20,200	2%	24,700	3%	27,400	3%	35,200	5%	38,700	4%	69,300	8%
2	Birmingham	C	13,700	1%	17,700	1%	19,100	1%	16,900	1%	21,800	1%	39,300	3%
3	Blackburn	Y	20,700	2%	26,600	2%	22,000	2%	32,800	3%	33,700	3%	50,300	4%
4	Bradford	Y	7,800	1%	9,800	1%	10,100	1%	10,800	2%	13,400	2%	26,300	4%
5	Bristol	C	12,300	1%	16,400	2%	17,400	2%	15,800	2%	20,800	2%	44,000	4%
6	Canterbury	C	16,100	2%	21,300	2%	18,100	2%	20,200	3%	29,500	3%	59,300	6%
7	Carlisle	Y	10,600	2%	15,100	3%	13,300	3%	20,600	5%	22,600	5%	37,300	7%
8	Chelmsford	C	31,300	1%	40,100	1%	42,000	1%	47,300	2%	54,400	2%	99,400	3%
9	Chester	Y	25,100	2%	35,600	2%	35,400	2%	46,000	4%	41,300	3%	76,400	5%
10	Chichester	C	33,800	2%	42,900	3%	38,000	2%	53,200	4%	61,700	4%	110,500	7%
11	Coventry	C	12,400	1%	15,600	2%	18,800	2%	17,300	3%	21,100	3%	45,900	6%
12	Derby	C	12,800	1%	17,500	2%	18,300	2%	17,500	2%	21,500	2%	38,600	4%
13	Durham	Y	12,900	1%	20,100	1%	16,400	1%	21,700	2%	21,700	1%	37,900	3%
14	Ely	C	14,300	2%	17,800	2%	18,500	3%	19,000	3%	23,600	3%	48,400	7%
15	Exeter	C	20,100	2%	24,300	2%	24,900	2%	30,000	3%	43,200	4%	69,900	6%
16	Gloucester	C	14,900	2%	19,900	3%	23,100	4%	24,100	5%	29,700	5%	56,800	9%
17	Guildford	C	21,100	2%	28,200	3%	29,100	3%	30,000	4%	37,400	4%	88,200	9%
18	Hereford	C	8,300	3%	10,000	3%	12,000	4%	16,800	6%	18,800	6%	28,700	9%
19	Leicester	C	12,900	1%	15,500	2%	21,500	2%	17,400	2%	22,600	2%	42,200	4%
20	Lichfield	C	26,200	1%	35,900	2%	47,300	2%	45,000	3%	42,400	2%	78,800	4%
21	Lincoln	C	14,600	1%	15,900	2%	23,800	2%	24,600	3%	25,800	2%	47,400	5%
22	Liverpool	Y	19,500	1%	28,500	2%	25,500	2%	28,600	2%	30,900	2%	33,900	2%
23	London	C	58,700	1%	81,600	2%	79,200	2%	68,600	2%	87,600	2%	125,500	3%
24	Manchester	Y	23,000	1%	32,100	2%	21,900	1%	33,300	2%	33,200	2%	42,000	2%
25	Newcastle	Y	10,000	1%	14,400	2%	12,000	1%	15,800	2%	18,500	2%	40,700	5%
26	Norwich	C	14,700	2%	18,200	2%	16,100	2%	18,000	2%	29,500	3%	57,400	7%
27	Oxford	C	42,900	2%	51,500	2%	48,000	2%	55,600	3%	76,300	3%	150,200	7%
28	Peterborough	C	13,200	2%	16,900	2%	19,400	2%	19,400	3%	24,500	3%	52,300	6%
29	Portsmouth	C	10,200	1%	13,500	2%	15,100	2%	17,000	3%	20,500	3%	42,400	6%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	10,800	1%	14,100	2%	15,900	2%	15,600	2%	19,500	2%	32,500	4%
31	Rochester	C	20,800	2%	27,900	2%	29,100	2%	29,800	3%	35,700	3%	68,200	5%
32	St. Albans	C	25,100	1%	36,300	2%	34,800	2%	38,600	3%	45,600	2%	95,300	5%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	14,200	2%	16,800	3%	18,600	3%	22,200	4%	27,800	4%	48,900	7%
34	Salisbury	C	22,500	2%	28,300	3%	29,600	3%	40,300	5%	46,400	5%	81,200	9%
35	Sheffield	Y	13,000	1%	19,800	2%	16,700	1%	18,000	2%	19,600	2%	33,800	3%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,300	2%	2,000	2%	2,700	3%	2,300	3%	2,700	3%	3,500	4%
37	Southwark	C	36,000	1%	43,700	2%	-	0%	48,500	2%	54,000	2%	98,400	4%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	13,100	1%	17,100	2%	18,600	2%	19,300	2%	20,200	2%	37,200	3%
39	Truro	C	8,800	2%	11,800	2%	10,700	2%	15,100	3%	21,000	4%	32,600	6%
40	Wakefield	Y	11,000	1%	15,500	1%	14,400	1%	18,300	2%	19,000	2%	36,000	3%
41	Winchester	C	24,000	2%	32,000	2%	33,400	2%	38,200	3%	44,200	3%	89,700	7%
42	Worcester	C	9,800	1%	14,800	2%	14,000	2%	17,800	3%	18,300	2%	36,800	4%
43	York	Y	20,000	1%	27,700	2%	24,300	2%	33,600	3%	36,000	3%	69,800	5%
44	Europe	C	10,900	-	11,400	-	14,000	-	11,000	-	19,100	-	17,700	-
Totals Province of Canterbury			596,800	2%	768,200	2%	761,300	2%	870,400	3%	1,063,200	3%	1,963,200	5%
Totals Province of York			199,000	1%	278,500	2%	249,200	2%	316,800	2%	332,100	2%	557,600	4%
Totals Church Of England			795,800	1%	1,046,600	2%	1,010,500	2%	1,187,200	3%	1,395,300	3%	2,520,800	5%

Participation in Church of England services in 2012 varied (Table 15), with services on Christmas eve and Christmas day attracting more people (2,500,000) than those on a usual Sunday (800,000).

Christmas day and Christmas eve services in 2012 saw a greater proportion of the population attending (5% for Total Church of England) than for other measures of participation. The lowest proportion of the population attending a Christmas service for any diocese was 2% (Liverpool and Manchester). The highest was 9% (Gloucester, Guildford, Hereford and Salisbury).

The most modest measure of participation was Usual Sunday Attendance which, for the Total Church of England, accounted for just 1% of the population.

Average Weekly Attendance and worshipping community figures both indicate that 2% of the population participated.

Electoral Roll and Easter attendance were greater still with 3% of the population.

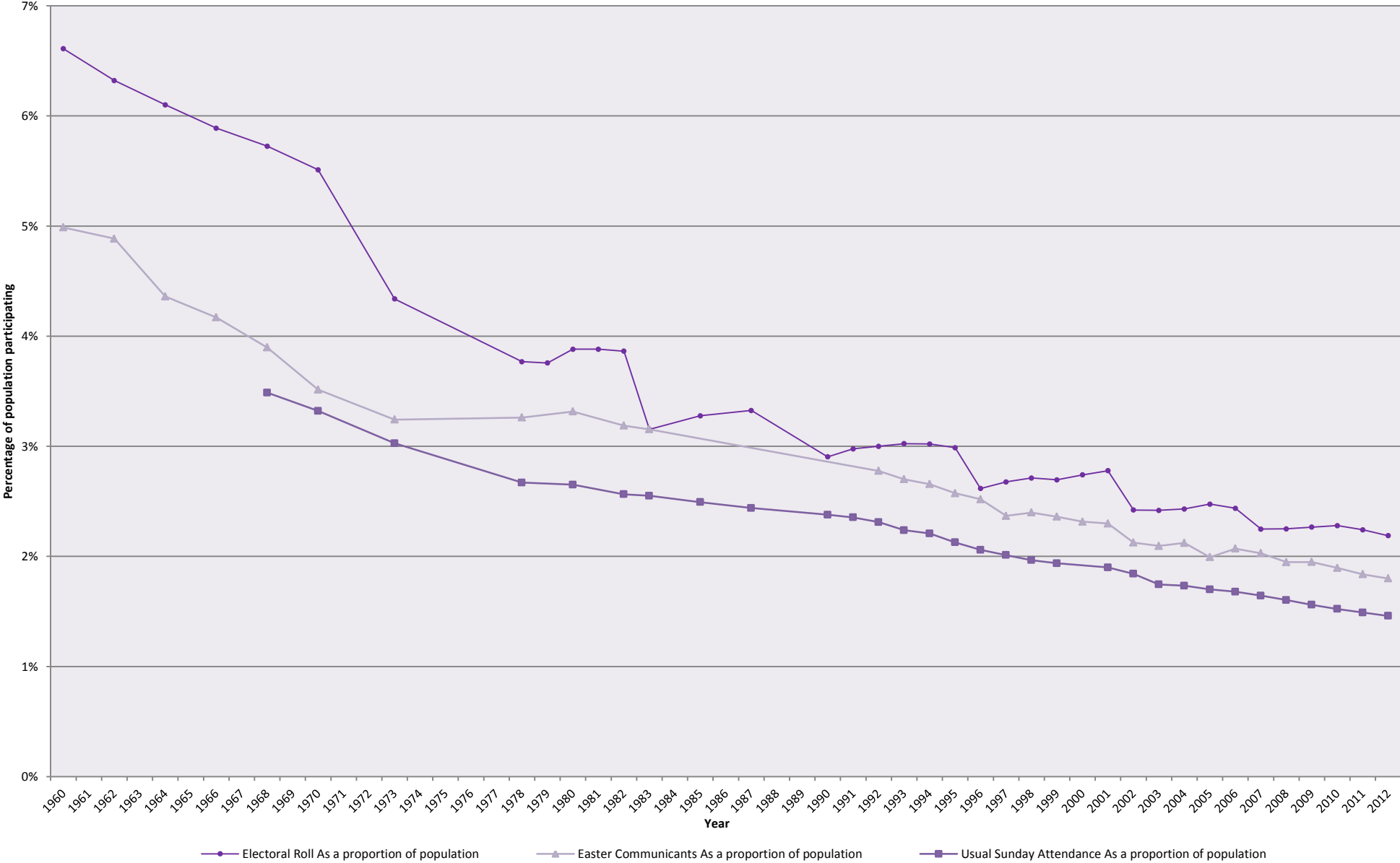
Since the 1960s, the proportion of the populations on the Electoral Roll, taking communion at Easter and attending church on a usual Sunday have more than halved (Figure 30).

Footnotes

- Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury Population and Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury Adult Population exclude Europe and counts for the dioceses of Europe are excluded from the calculations of % of population and % of adult population
- Southwark dioceses submitted no data on Worshipping Community, as such no estimates were made and no figures can be report
- In this calculation, Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury Population and All Age Worshipping Community excludes Europe and Southwark
- Includes vigil services on Easter Eve

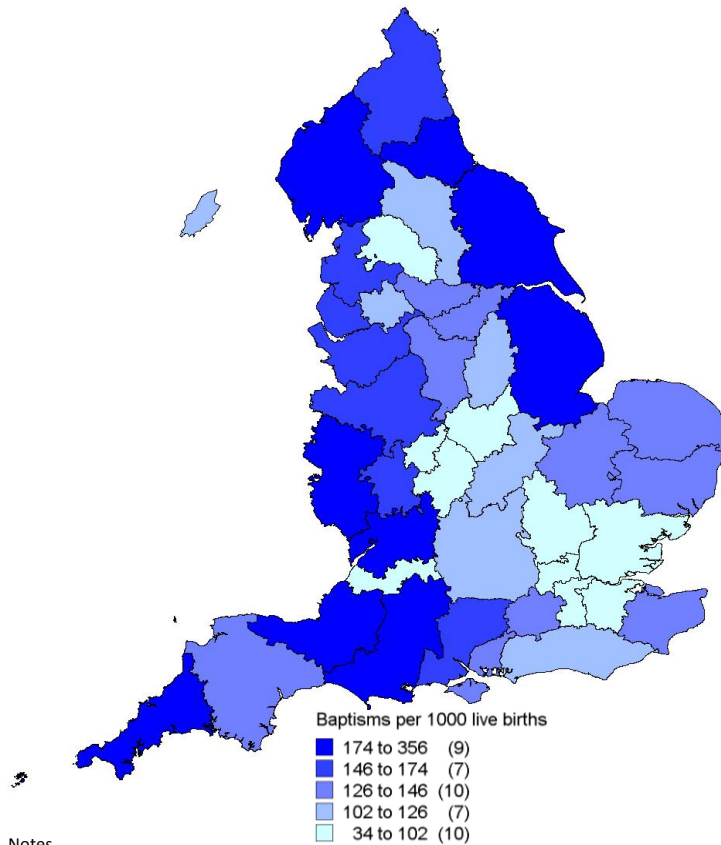
Since the 1960s, the proportion of the population participating at Easter or on a usual Sunday, has more than halved

Figure 30: Total Church of England Participation 1960 - 2012



For over half of dioceses, less than 146 infants were baptised per 1,000 live births in 2012

Figure 31: Proportion of Live Births Baptised into Church of England 2012



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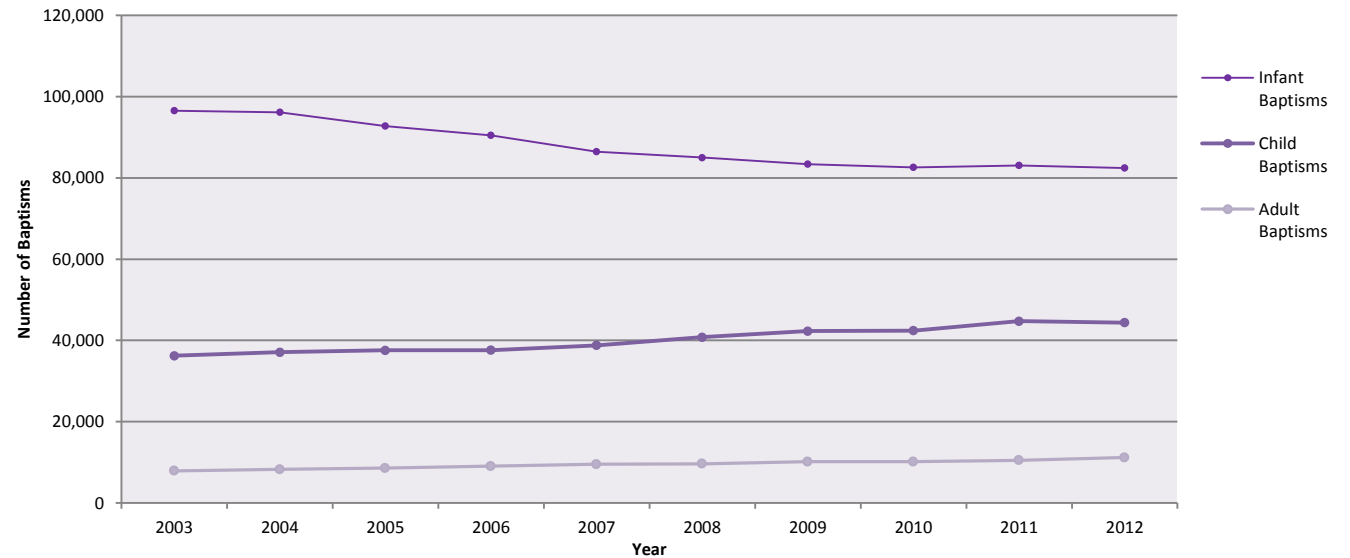
See the Methodological Annex for information on how live births are estimated

Table 17: Church level Baptisms 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

All Age	Infant Baptisms	Child Baptisms	Adult Baptisms
Maximum Church	100	66	52
Median Church	3	1	-
Minimum Church	-	-	-
Median Rural Church	2	-	-
Median Urban Church	5	4	1

Figure 32: Total Church of England Baptisms 2003 - 2012



On average, in 2012, dioceses held 1,900 infant baptisms, 1000 child baptisms, 250 adult baptisms, 90 infant thanksgivings and 40 child thanksgivings. (Table 16). The diocese with the greatest number of infant baptisms in 2012 was Lichfield with just under 4,000. For child baptisms it was also Lichfield (around 2,000) whereas Chelmsford held the most adult baptisms (around 700). Overall, the Church of England baptised almost 140,000 people in 2012.

There are signs, however, that for the Church of England as a whole, the relative popularity of these occasional offices has changed over the decade from 2003 to 2012 (Figure 32). Infant baptisms have fallen from around 96,000 to around 82,000 (a 15% decrease) while child baptisms have increased from around 36,000 to around 44,000 (23% increase) and adult baptisms have increased from around 8,000 to 11,000 (41%). Overall, infant and child baptisms combined have decreased from 133,000 in 2003 to 127,000 in 2012.

Looking at churches, where a complete return was given for a single church in 2012 (Table 17), the median number of baptisms was 3 for infants, 1 for children and 0 for adults. This drops to just 2 Infant baptisms and zero child and adult baptisms for churches in rural parishes but increases to 5 infant baptisms, 4 child baptisms and 1 adult baptism in churches in urban parishes. The maximum number of baptisms undertaken by a church was 100 for infants, 66 for children and 52 for adults.

For over half of dioceses, less than 146 infants were baptised per 1,000 live births in 2012 (Figure 31).

The Church of England performed around 56,000 marriages in 2012 or 1000 per week

Table 18: Diocesan Marriages and Services of prayer and dedication after a civil marriage 2008 - 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Marriages					Error 2012	Services of prayer and dedication after a civil marriage					Error 2012
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
1	Bath & Wells	C	1,490	1,350	1,450	1,320	1,650	+3%	120	100	70	90	70	+6%
2	Birmingham	C	1,080	1,000	980	940	1,100	+4%	50	50	30	50	60	+7%
3	Blackburn	Y	1,040	980	1,070	1,070	1,140	+19%	70	60	60	50	70	+62%
4	Bradford	Y	570	580	650	670	670	+8%	20	20	20	30	30	+33%
5	Bristol	C	750	800	890	800	830	+5%	30	50	40	50	40	+14%
6	Canterbury	C	1,090	1,040	1,250	1,220	1,350	+11%	70	80	100	70	90	+39%
7	Carlisle	Y	760	770	810	730	780	+14%	50	40	50	50	40	+46%
8	Chelmsford	C	2,810	2,720	2,720	2,380	2,340	+1%	210	120	120	130	140	+5%
9	Chester	Y	1,570	1,630	1,670	1,670	1,800	+10%	60	60	50	80	50	+50%
10	Chichester	C	1,740	1,650	1,840	1,880	1,950	+4%	160	150	150	150	150	+10%
11	Coventry	C	900	910	930	910	1,050	+1%	60	50	50	60	50	+10%
12	Derby	C	1,100	1,050	1,100	1,100	1,180	+3%	90	50	60	70	40	+15%
13	Durham	Y	1,120	1,190	1,170	1,110	1,180	+14%	60	80	70	60	50	+49%
14	Ely	C	920	880	970	910	1,010	+19%	60	50	50	60	50	+83%
15	Exeter	C	1,460	1,540	1,560	1,570	1,690	+12%	120	110	120	90	100	+47%
16	Gloucester	C	990	1,000	1,100	1,130	1,270	+3%	70	60	70	70	70	+12%
17	Guildford	C	1,260	1,180	1,230	1,130	1,190	+7%	90	70	80	80	60	+35%
18	Hereford	C	630	630	660	650	700	+13%	40	40	40	40	40	+32%
19	Leicester	C	860	970	1,020	980	1,080	+5%	60	60	60	50	50	+16%
20	Lichfield	C	2,260	2,100	2,260	2,120	2,410	+1%	140	120	110	130	110	+4%
21	Lincoln	C	1,500	1,480	1,420	1,320	1,570	+16%	100	90	80	80	90	+31%
22	Liverpool	Y	1,070	1,010	1,020	940	1,130	+4%	60	50	60	80	40	+14%
23	London	C	1,620	1,700	1,620	1,400	1,430	+5%	170	150	160	170	120	+17%
24	Manchester	Y	1,250	1,250	1,230	1,090	1,170	+35%	60	60	60	70	60	+138%
25	Newcastle	Y	630	620	670	650	710	+4%	50	40	30	30	30	+11%
26	Norwich	C	1,170	1,210	1,210	1,250	1,280	+18%	90	70	70	100	70	+72%
27	Oxford	C	2,720	2,750	2,810	2,710	2,920	+17%	190	170	160	150	180	+36%
28	Peterborough	C	1,050	1,060	1,050	1,020	1,120	+11%	80	60	50	40	60	+32%
29	Portsmouth	C	910	870	920	920	1,000	-	80	70	60	70	60	-
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	800	810	770	830	850	+5%	50	30	40	40	40	+7%
31	Rochester	C	1,050	1,060	1,190	1,070	1,200	+3%	100	80	80	100	70	+14%
32	St. Albans	C	1,670	1,590	1,640	1,540	1,660	+7%	100	80	80	80	90	+18%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	990	1,070	1,080	1,120	1,110	+11%	70	70	40	60	60	+20%
34	Salisbury	C	1,390	1,410	1,450	1,400	1,540	+14%	100	90	100	110	100	+52%
35	Sheffield	Y	1,070	1,040	1,060	1,020	1,100	+5%	60	50	60	60	40	+28%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	120	120	110	130	130	+3%	20	10	20	10	10	+50%
37	Southwark	C	1,840	1,830	1,950	1,360	1,300	+10%	140	90	90	90	70	+51%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	1,260	1,200	1,180	1,050	1,140	+3%	80	70	60	80	70	+8%
39	Truro	C	890	910	940	890	1,170	+5%	70	70	60	70	60	+21%
40	Wakefield	Y	960	970	910	860	900	+18%	70	60	50	50	30	+108%
41	Winchester	C	1,670	1,710	1,940	1,790	1,900	+1%	130	110	120	120	90	+2%
42	Worcester	C	1,080	1,070	1,140	1,130	1,190	+2%	50	50	60	70	50	+8%
43	York	Y	1,700	1,650	1,600	1,610	1,770	+10%	90	90	70	70	80	+34%
44	Europe	C	160	90	90	100	100	-	360	400	390	330	280	-
Totals Province of Canterbury		C	39,020	38,620	40,390	38,040	41,280		3,170	2,820	2,730	2,810	2,520	
Totals Province of York		Y	13,910	13,810	13,920	13,410	14,470		790	710	700	760	640	
Totals Church Of England			52,940	52,430	54,320	51,460	55,750	+8%	3,960	3,530	3,440	3,580	3,160	+23%

Dioceses held an average of 1,300 marriages (median 1,200) and an average of 70 services of prayer and dedication after a civil marriage (median 60) in 2012 (Table 18). The diocese with the most marriages and services of prayer and dedication after a civil marriage in 2012 was Oxford (3,100). In general, those dioceses reporting larger numbers of marriages also reported larger numbers of blessings.

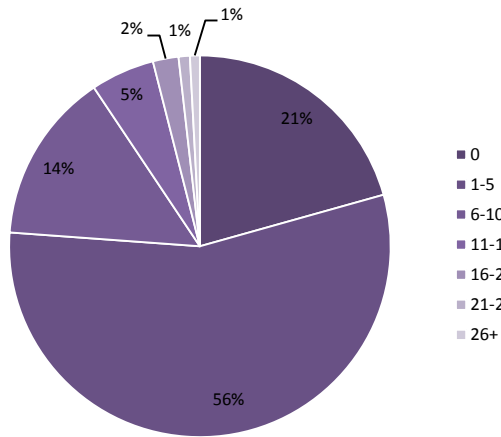
Just two dioceses (Exeter and Gloucester) have had year on year increases in marriages between 2008 and 2012. Exeter increased by 16% over the period, Gloucester by 28%. All other dioceses had years of no change or decrease however only 9 had fewer marriages in 2012 than in 2008.

In total, the Church of England performed almost 56,000 marriages (Table 18). This number has remained broadly stable since 2003 (Figure 35). There does appear to be a slight increase in the proportion of religious marriages that are Church of England as counted from parochial returns; 7 percentage points between 2003 and 2011 (Figure 34).

The majority of churches held 5 or fewer marriages in 2012

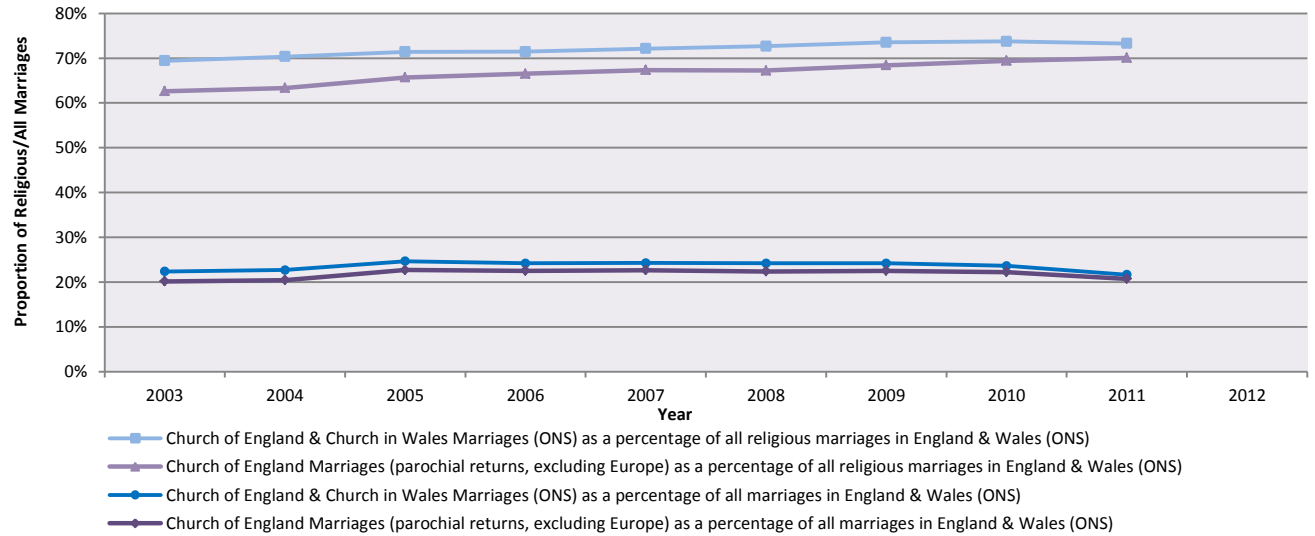
Figure 33: Church level Marriages 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)



Looking at churches, where complete data were given for a single church in 2012 (Figure 33), 1 in 5 (21%) did not perform any marriages in 2012. Over half (56%) held between 1 and 5 marriages and just 4% held 16 or more.

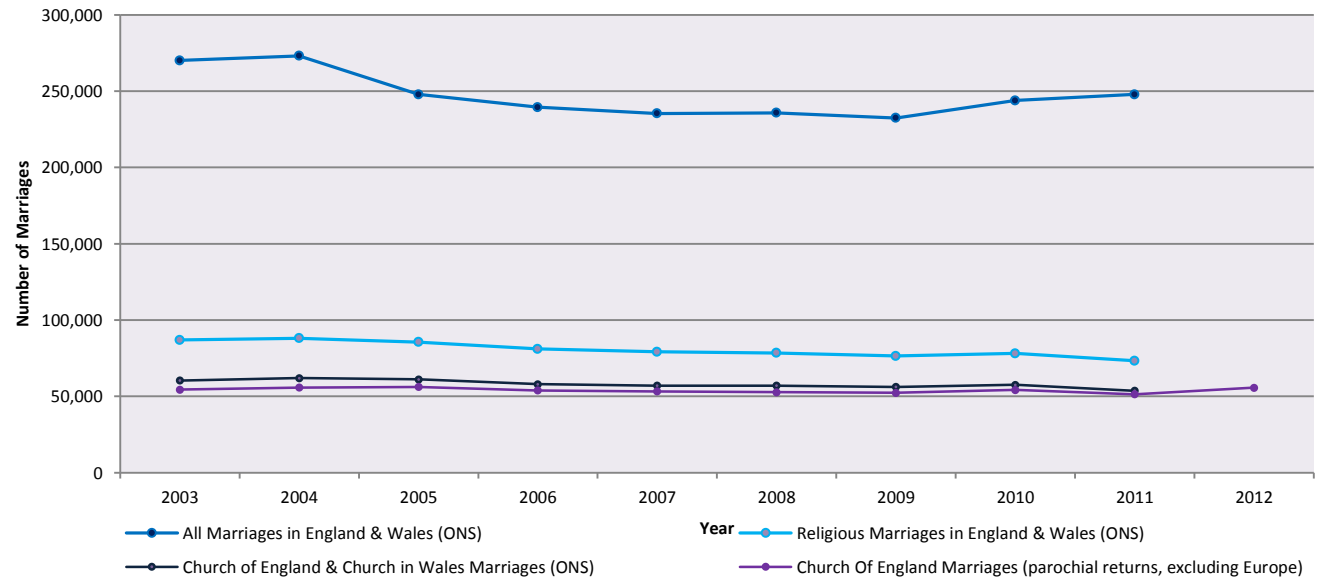
Figure 34: Total Church of England Marriages as a percentage of all Marriages 2003 - 2012



Notes

Church of England Marriages (parochial returns) exclude figures for Europe. ONS Marriages counts for 2011 are provisional. Marriages given by ONS are for England and Wales

Figure 35: Total Church of England, Religious and All Marriages 2003 - 2012



Notes

Church of England Marriages (parochial returns) exclude figures for Europe. ONS Marriages counts for 2011 are provisional. Marriages given by ONS are for England and Wales

Over a third of deaths (34%) in 2012 were marked by a Church of England funeral or by a service held in a crematorium/cemetery

Table 19: Diocesan Funerals 2008 - 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Funerals ¹					Error 2012	Services held in crematoria/cemeteries					Error 2012	Total Funerals and Services held in		Total Number of Deaths ²		Percentage of deaths with a Church of England funeral/service ³	
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012
1	Bath & Wells	C	2,360	2,430	2,360	2,260	2,240	+2%	1,580	1,490	1,520	1,500	1,490	+2%	3,730	9,220	40%			
2	Birmingham	C	1,320	1,260	1,240	1,200	1,290	+3%	3,020	2,920	2,800	2,690	3,220	+4%	4,510	12,250	37%			
3	Blackburn	Y	2,300	2,330	2,370	2,360	2,240	+16%	2,250	1,790	1,690	1,720	1,690	+26%	3,930	13,610	29%			
4	Bradford	Y	790	800	760	850	960	+9%	820	740	830	790	820	+7%	1,780	5,910	30%			
5	Bristol	C	1,060	1,080	1,060	1,090	990	+6%	1,210	1,400	1,200	1,080	1,020	+9%	2,010	7,560	27%			
6	Canterbury	C	1,210	1,260	1,320	1,220	1,270	+13%	2,120	2,140	2,270	2,130	1,980	+21%	3,250	9,000	36%			
7	Carlisle	Y	1,890	1,860	1,840	1,840	1,830	+10%	1,080	1,070	1,080	1,060	1,040	+11%	2,870	5,380	53%			
8	Chelmsford	C	3,030	3,010	2,830	2,740	2,840	+1%	4,710	4,390	4,030	3,760	3,640	+2%	6,480	24,080	27%			
9	Chester	Y	3,650	3,640	3,490	3,410	3,400	+9%	2,740	2,650	2,580	2,450	2,630	+7%	6,030	15,930	38%			
10	Chichester	C	2,460	2,120	2,150	2,200	2,190	+3%	3,280	2,940	2,780	2,470	2,420	+3%	4,610	17,030	27%			
11	Coventry	C	1,640	1,670	1,600	1,560	1,630	+2%	1,030	980	960	1,000	930	+1%	2,560	7,210	35%			
12	Derby	C	2,440	2,530	2,480	2,240	2,380	+2%	1,830	1,570	1,490	1,360	1,320	+3%	3,700	9,780	38%			
13	Durham	Y	3,570	3,700	3,600	3,410	3,250	+12%	2,320	2,190	2,130	1,920	1,880	+20%	5,130	15,150	34%			
14	Ely	C	1,690	1,620	1,580	1,490	1,440	+24%	1,000	940	880	880	900	+33%	2,340	5,960	39%			
15	Exeter	C	2,870	2,850	2,710	2,640	2,720	+12%	1,880	1,590	1,430	1,340	1,360	+19%	4,080	12,710	32%			
16	Gloucester	C	1,960	1,890	1,730	1,800	1,970	+3%	1,240	1,170	1,250	1,230	1,140	+3%	3,110	6,010	52%			
17	Guildford	C	1,400	1,320	1,330	1,230	1,250	+7%	1,930	1,870	1,880	1,820	1,710	+8%	2,960	8,240	36%			
18	Hereford	C	1,470	1,490	1,460	1,350	1,350	+13%	670	690	660	670	680	+16%	2,030	3,220	63%			
19	Leicester	C	1,560	1,490	1,640	1,520	1,770	+5%	1,200	1,280	1,170	1,040	1,280	+4%	3,050	8,140	37%			
20	Lichfield	C	5,740	5,630	5,270	4,960	5,270	+1%	4,630	4,060	4,400	3,850	3,960	+1%	9,230	19,690	47%			
21	Lincoln	C	2,780	2,670	2,390	2,360	2,440	+14%	2,080	1,950	1,700	1,560	1,840	+19%	4,280	11,000	39%			
22	Liverpool	Y	3,580	3,420	3,440	3,170	3,330	+3%	1,950	2,070	1,970	1,990	2,220	+5%	5,550	15,300	36%			
23	London	C	1,470	1,520	1,420	1,450	1,420	+6%	2,900	2,450	2,190	2,190	2,150	+7%	3,570	22,110	16%			
24	Manchester	Y	2,470	2,380	2,280	2,270	2,200	+26%	2,810	2,370	2,240	2,100	2,240	+43%	4,440	17,960	25%			
25	Newcastle	Y	1,330	1,300	1,310	1,230	1,190	+6%	1,650	1,350	1,400	1,300	1,240	+5%	2,430	7,890	31%			
26	Norwich	C	2,380	2,380	2,330	2,250	2,200	+16%	2,320	2,230	2,270	2,110	2,020	+24%	4,220	9,370	45%			
27	Oxford	C	3,530	3,500	3,450	3,440	3,560	+14%	3,430	3,310	3,160	2,930	3,140	+22%	6,700	16,970	39%			
28	Peterborough	C	1,530	1,400	1,470	1,520	1,420	+9%	740	730	750	760	790	+10%	2,210	7,210	31%			
29	Portsmouth	C	1,180	1,120	1,150	1,150	1,140	-	1,530	1,540	1,500	1,350	1,330	-	2,480	7,540	33%			
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	1,330	1,320	1,260	1,350	1,310	+6%	1,080	1,080	910	790	720	+11%	2,040	7,300	28%			
31	Rochester	C	2,040	1,470	1,420	1,450	1,390	+5%	3,910	3,580	3,490	3,280	3,170	+7%	4,560	10,580	43%			
32	St. Albans	C	3,590	2,600	2,510	2,450	2,460	+7%	2,970	2,820	2,590	2,400	2,610	+8%	5,070	14,420	35%			
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	2,480	1,840	1,850	1,800	1,760	+6%	1,150	1,130	920	930	990	+8%	2,740	6,090	45%			
34	Salisbury	C	2,690	2,380	2,270	2,100	2,170	+15%	1,850	1,670	1,440	1,560	1,470	+21%	3,640	9,480	38%			
35	Sheffield	Y	2,720	2,400	2,380	2,240	2,090	+4%	2,740	2,520	2,350	2,020	2,050	+7%	4,140	11,720	35%			
36	Sodor & Man	Y	300	250	270	280	220	+2%	150	170	190	110	150	+5%	370	800	46%			
37	Southwark	C	1,540	1,310	1,230	1,250	1,210	+8%	3,740	3,110	3,010	2,860	2,630	+8%	3,840	16,240	24%			
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	2,280	2,260	2,270	2,140	2,270	+3%	1,670	1,850	1,940	1,810	1,580	+4%	3,850	9,950	39%			
39	Truro	C	2,130	1,590	1,500	1,540	1,540	+7%	970	760	700	650	580	+14%	2,130	5,900	36%			
40	Wakefield	Y	2,190	2,140	2,100	2,140	2,070	+13%	2,000	1,720	1,800	1,660	1,670	+21%	3,740	10,500	36%			
41	Winchester	C	2,660	2,300	2,240	2,180	2,150	+2%	1,920	1,690	1,710	1,670	1,560	+3%	3,710	12,020	31%			
42	Worcester	C	2,030	1,780	1,870	1,720	1,730	+2%	1,930	1,620	1,650	1,500	1,590	+3%	3,320	8,360	40%			
43	York	Y	3,480	2,970	2,950	2,980	2,880	+9%	3,030	2,520	2,610	2,190	2,030	+15%	4,910	14,270	34%			
44	Europe	C	290	280	230	230	270	-	680	640	660	550	490	-	760	-	-			
Totals Province of Canterbury		C	64,540	59,790	58,100	56,390	57,470		63,460	58,670	56,470	53,140	53,390		110,860	317,400	35%			
Totals Province of York		Y	31,890	30,770	30,320	29,660	29,250		26,310	24,100	23,700	21,930	21,950		51,200	151,660	34%			
Totals Church Of England			96,430	90,560	88,420	86,050	86,720	+7%	89,770	82,770	80,170	75,070	75,340	+10%	162,050	469,060	34%			

Footnotes

- 1 These figures only include those funerals conducted on behalf of a parish
- 2 Total Church of England deaths in 2012 exclude Europe
- 3 Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury Percentage of Deaths with Church of England funeral/service excludes Europe

Notes

See the Methodological Annex for information on how the number of deaths is estimated

The median church performed 4 funerals and 1 service in crematorium/cemetery in 2012

Figure 36: Church of England Funerals/services per 1000 Deaths 2012

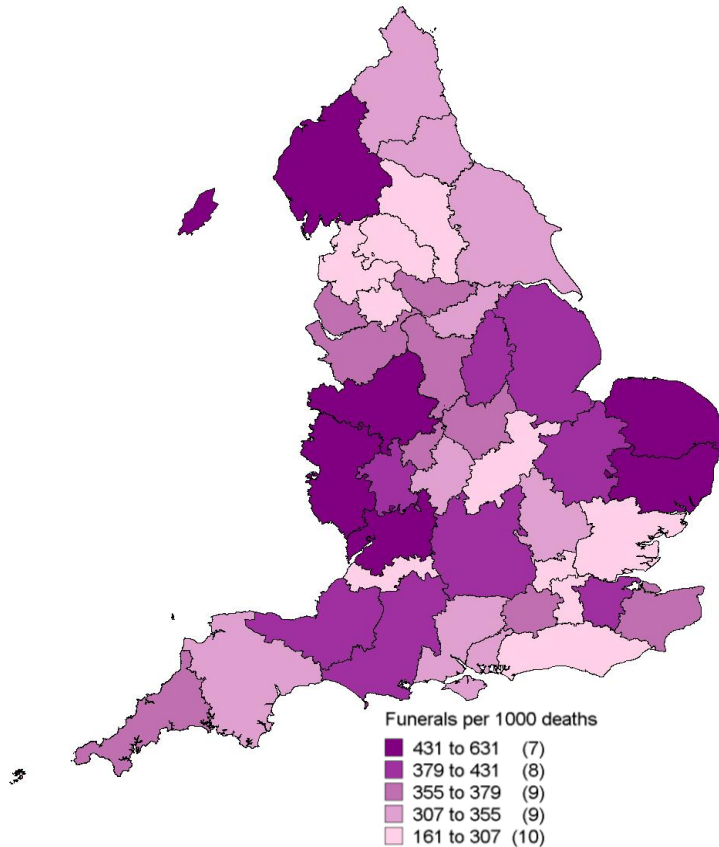


Table 20: Church level Funerals/Services 2012

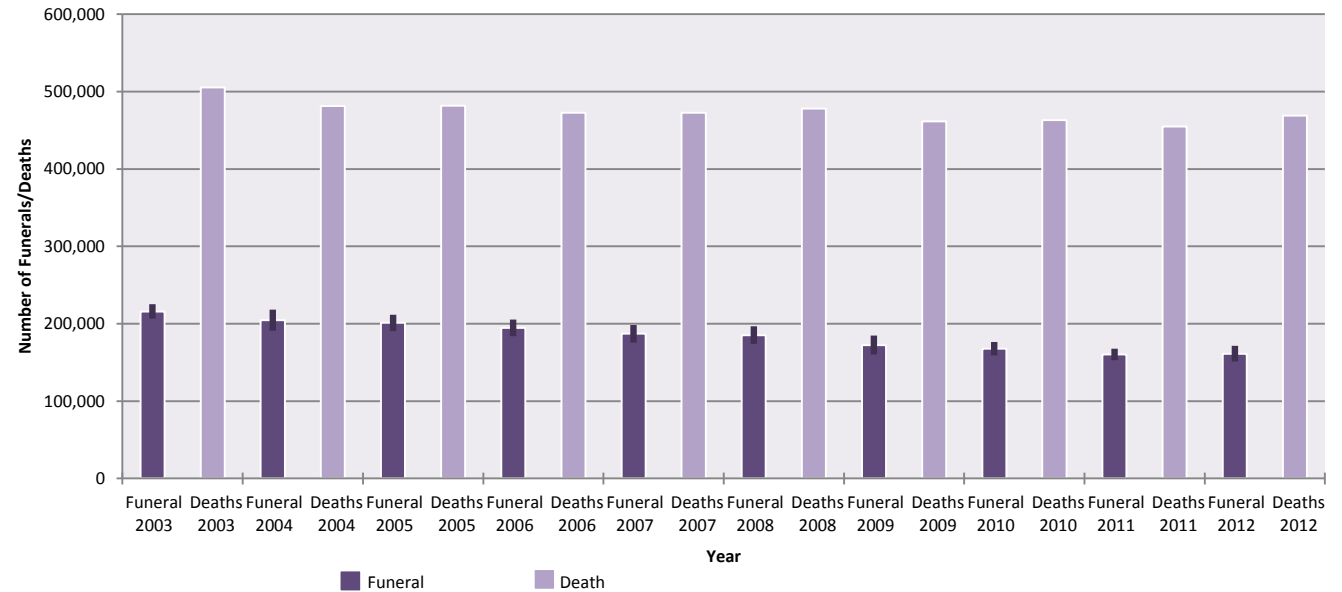
Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

All Age	Funerals	Services held in crematoria/cemeteries
Maximum Church	89	184
Median Church	4	1
Minimum Church	-	-
Median Rural Church	3	-
Median Urban Church	5	6

Notes

These figures only include those funerals conducted on behalf of a parish

Figure 37: Total Church of England Funerals 2003 - 2012



Notes

Funerals include services held in crematoria/cemeteries but exclude Europe. These figures only include those funerals conducted on behalf of a parish. Deaths exclude Europe

Over a third of deaths (34%) in 2012 were marked by a Church of England funeral or by a service held in a crematorium/cemetery (Table 19). For dioceses, this proportion ranged from 16% (London) to 63% (Hereford). In just 3 dioceses, over half of deaths were marked by a Church of England funeral or service.

While Lichfield held the greatest number of funerals/services (around 9,000), Birmingham had the greatest number per church (around 24).

The majority of dioceses (30) held a greater number of funerals than services in crematoria/cemeteries. Those dioceses with a greater number of funerals also tend to have a greater number of services in crematoria/cemeteries however when looking at these as a proportion of deaths, there is no clear relationship.

The total number of Church of England funerals/services appears to have fallen over the period from 2003 to 2012 by around 50,000. The Church of England still performed an average of around 3,000 funerals or services in crematoria/cemeteries each week in 2012.

Looking at churches, where complete data were given for a single church in 2012 (Figure 33), the median church performed 4 funerals and 1 service in crematorium/cemetery. For funerals, the maximum church held 89 while the minimum held zero. For services, the maximum church held 184 while the minimum held zero. For churches in rural parishes, the medians were 3 funerals and 0 services in crematoria/cemeteries. In churches in urban parishes, perhaps unsurprisingly, the relative popularity seems to shift with the median number of funerals (5) now less than the median number of services in crematoria/cemeteries (6).

Overall, 11% of churches held zero funerals, 52% held upto 5, 19% held 6 to 10, 8% held 11 to 15, 4% held 16 to 20, 2% held 21 to 25 and 3% held 26 or more. 40% of churches held zero services at crematoria/cemeteries, 32% held upto 5, 11% held 6 to 10, 6% held 11 to 15, 4% held 16 to 20, 2% held 21 to 25 and 5% held 26 or more.

The Church of England held 160,000 funerals/services (3000 per week), baptised 82,000 infants, performed 56,000 marriages and baptised 44,000 children

Table 21: Diocesan Occasional Office Participation 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Births ¹	Infant Baptism	% ²	Children 1-12 ³	Child Baptisms	% ⁴	Unmarried Adults ⁵	CofE Marriages (Parochial)	% ⁶	Deaths ⁷	Total Funerals and Services held in crematoria/cemeteries	% ⁸	
1	Bath & Wells	C	9,920	1,730	17%	118,610	820	1%	354,570	1,650	0.9%	9,220	3,730	40%	
2	Birmingham	C	23,200	1,660	7%	247,390	940	0%	628,910	1,100	0.3%	12,250	4,510	37%	
3	Blackburn	Y	16,070	2,730	17%	183,130	1,240	1%	538,650	1,140	0.4%	13,610	3,930	29%	
4	Bradford	Y	10,410	900	9%	115,450	410	0%	259,410	670	0.5%	5,910	1,780	30%	
5	Bristol	C	13,800	1,090	8%	138,250	630	0%	419,480	830	0.4%	7,560	2,010	27%	
6	Canterbury	C	10,930	1,560	14%	127,600	1,150	1%	371,030	1,350	0.7%	9,000	3,250	36%	
7	Carlisle	Y	4,980	1,770	36%	60,620	450	1%	194,730	780	0.8%	5,380	2,870	53%	
8	Chelmsford	C	44,550	2,660	6%	459,530	1,970	0%	1,195,450	2,340	0.4%	24,080	6,480	27%	
9	Chester	Y	19,110	2,870	15%	220,460	1,530	1%	635,970	1,800	0.6%	15,930	6,030	38%	
10	Chichester	C	17,810	2,150	12%	209,270	1,340	1%	674,830	1,950	0.6%	17,030	4,610	27%	
11	Coventry	C	10,580	1,020	10%	114,860	790	1%	340,280	1,050	0.6%	7,210	2,560	35%	
12	Derby	C	12,260	1,630	13%	140,110	720	1%	406,480	1,180	0.6%	9,780	3,700	38%	
13	Durham	Y	16,960	3,620	21%	191,500	1,280	1%	620,380	1,180	0.4%	15,150	5,130	34%	
14	Ely	C	9,340	1,230	13%	100,720	600	1%	287,320	1,010	0.7%	5,960	2,340	39%	
15	Exeter	C	12,450	1,820	15%	139,520	940	1%	465,270	1,690	0.7%	12,710	4,080	32%	
16	Gloucester	C	7,320	1,420	19%	84,140	670	1%	246,260	1,270	1.0%	6,010	3,110	52%	
17	Guildford	C	12,870	1,650	13%	149,770	1,110	1%	369,370	1,190	0.6%	8,240	2,960	36%	
18	Hereford	C	3,230	1,000	31%	39,630	320	1%	119,440	700	1.2%	3,220	2,030	63%	
19	Leicester	C	12,470	1,200	10%	140,000	670	0%	392,100	1,080	0.6%	8,140	3,050	37%	
20	Lichfield	C	26,210	3,940	15%	294,450	1,990	1%	832,290	2,410	0.6%	19,690	9,230	47%	
21	Lincoln	C	11,940	2,900	24%	134,920	1,170	1%	405,410	1,570	0.8%	11,000	4,280	39%	
22	Liverpool	Y	18,770	2,990	16%	206,460	1,590	1%	710,510	1,130	0.3%	15,300	5,550	36%	
23	London	C	63,870	2,220	3%	589,780	1,960	0%	1,872,200	1,430	0.2%	22,110	3,570	16%	
24	Manchester	Y	30,130	3,100	10%	311,130	1,920	1%	934,850	1,170	0.3%	17,960	4,440	25%	
25	Newcastle	Y	8,900	1,480	17%	101,930	620	1%	346,170	710	0.4%	7,890	2,430	31%	
26	Norwich	C	9,770	1,400	14%	108,540	600	1%	350,610	1,280	0.7%	9,370	4,220	45%	
27	Oxford	C	30,970	3,610	12%	344,880	1,930	1%	856,230	2,920	0.7%	16,970	6,700	39%	
28	Peterborough	C	11,860	1,290	11%	129,150	650	1%	328,080	1,120	0.7%	7,210	2,210	31%	
29	Portsmouth	C	8,720	1,140	13%	101,430	660	1%	311,950	1,000	0.6%	7,540	2,480	33%	
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	10,630	1,180	11%	111,540	700	1%	367,930	850	0.5%	7,300	2,040	28%	
31	Rochester	C	17,150	1,620	9%	193,230	1,320	1%	500,510	1,200	0.5%	10,580	4,560	43%	
32	St. Albans	C	24,980	2,190	9%	275,480	1,500	1%	690,840	1,660	0.5%	14,420	5,070	35%	
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	7,480	1,040	14%	88,570	500	1%	244,180	1,110	0.9%	6,090	2,740	45%	
34	Salisbury	C	9,640	1,780	18%	120,980	1,070	1%	342,610	1,540	0.9%	9,480	3,640	38%	
35	Sheffield	Y	15,410	2,190	14%	172,550	1,020	1%	530,980	1,100	0.4%	11,720	4,140	35%	
36	Sodor & Man	Y	890	110	12%	11,070	80	1%	33,200	130	0.8%	800	370	46%	
37	Southwark	C	43,860	2,210	5%	400,690	1,830	0%	1,266,420	1,300	0.2%	16,240	3,840	24%	
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	13,530	1,380	10%	147,640	790	1%	472,090	1,140	0.5%	9,950	3,850	39%	
39	Truro	C	5,730	1,080	19%	66,370	550	1%	213,160	1,170	1.1%	5,900	2,130	36%	
40	Wakefield	Y	15,200	1,920	13%	165,400	910	1%	454,940	900	0.4%	10,500	3,740	36%	
41	Winchester	C	16,210	2,640	16%	167,380	1,200	1%	523,510	1,900	0.7%	12,020	3,710	31%	
42	Worcester	C	10,450	1,660	16%	116,570	820	1%	332,360	1,190	0.7%	8,360	3,320	40%	
43	York	Y	16,510	3,380	20%	183,760	1,270	1%	582,480	1,770	0.6%	14,270	4,910	34%	
44	Europe	C		320			170			100			760		
Totals Province of Canterbury			C	499,570	52,840	11%	5,341,840	30,590	1%	15,341,150	41,280	0.5%	317,400	110,860	35%
Totals Province of York			Y	197,520	29,620	15%	2,182,620	13,810	1%	6,682,300	14,470	0.4%	151,660	51,200	34%
Totals Church Of England				697,090	82,460	12%	7,524,470	44,400	1%	22,023,450	55,750	0.5%	469,060	162,050	34%

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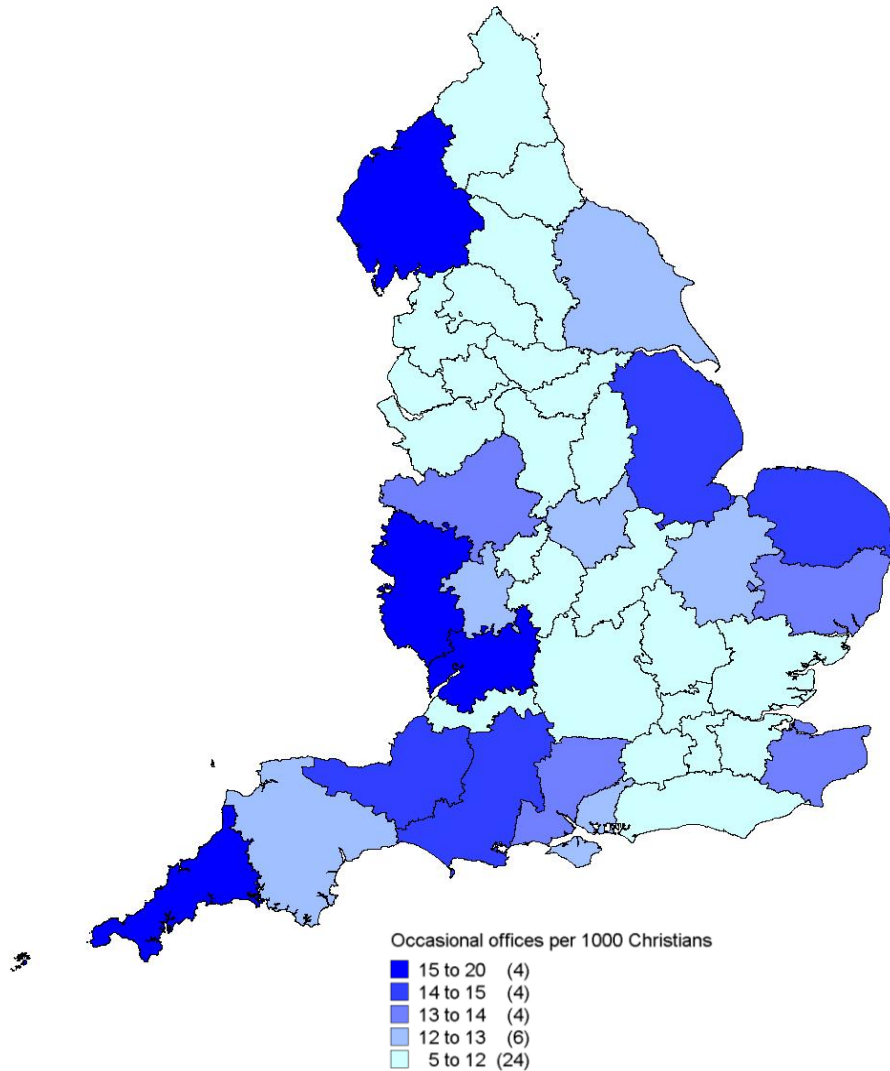
- Data are not available for Europe and so Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury Births excludes Europe.
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- There isn't any data for Europe or Guernsey (Winchester) and so Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury Population 1-12 excludes Europe and Guernsey (Winchester)
- In this calculation, Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury Population aged 1-12 excludes Europe and Guernsey (Winchester) and Child Baptisms exclude Europe.
- Unmarried adults are those aged 16 and over who are single, widowed or divorced. There is no data for Europe or Guernsey (Winchester) and so Total Church of England unmarried adults excludes Europe and Guernsey (Winchester) and Province of Canterbury unmarried adults excludes Europe and Guernsey (Winchester).
- In this calculation, Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury unmarried adults excludes Europe and Guernsey (Winchester) and Marriages exclude Europe. To find the number of potential marriages, the number of unmarried adults is divided by two and the number of Church of England Marriages (parochial returns) is expressed as a percentage of this.
- There isn't any data for Europe and so Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury Deaths excludes Europe.
- In this calculation, Total Church of England and Province of Canterbury Deaths and Funerals/Services exclude Europe

Notes

See the Methodological Annex for more information on how population, births and deaths statistics are estimated

Most dioceses held between 5 and 13 occasional offices per 1000 Christians in 2012

Figure 38: Total Occasional Offices per 1000 Christians



Notes
Occasional offices here include infant baptisms, child baptisms, marriages, funerals and services in crematoria/cemeteries.

Levels of participation in occasional offices varies however it is clear that the Church of England continues to play an important role in marking milestones of peoples' lives.

The Church of England held 160,000 funerals/services, baptised 82,000 infants, performed 56,000 marriages and baptised 44,000 children (aged 1 to 12) in 2012. To give some context to these figures, over a third of deaths were marked with a Church of England funeral/service, 12% of babies born were baptised and 1% of children aged 1 to 12. Less than 1% of potential unions (half the single adult population) resulted in a Church of England marriage. As not all of these single people would be marrying at all, it would be useful to look at the number of Church of England marriages as a proportion of all marriages in 2012 however this government data are not yet available. In previous years (2003 to 2011), this figure has been around 20% (Figure 34).

Dioceses who hold funerals for a larger proportion of deaths also tend to perform more baptisms as a proportion of live births with Carlisle and Hereford performing a larger proportions of both and Southwark and London a lesser proportion.

Four dioceses held between 15 and 20 occasional offices (infant baptisms, child baptisms, marriages, funerals and services in crematoria/cemeteries) per 1000 Christians living in the area (Figure 38). For all other dioceses, there were fewer occasional offices. Most dioceses (30) held between 5 and 13 occasional offices per 1000 Christians in 2012.

On average, each diocese confirmed around 200 males and around 300 females in 2012

Table 22: Diocesan Confirmations by gender 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

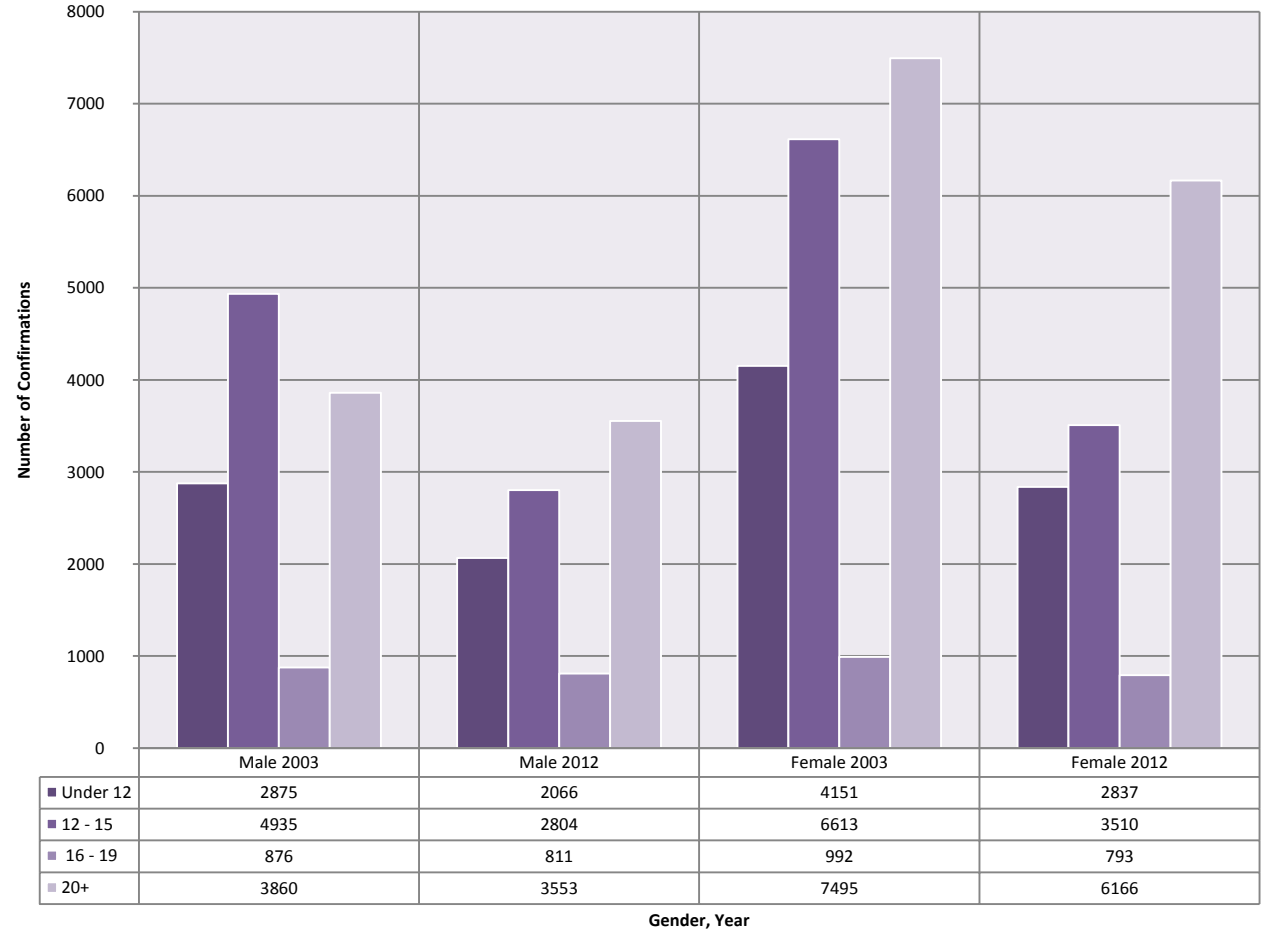
Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Males	Females	Total	Number of Services
1	Bath & Wells	C	260	204	464	28
2	Birmingham	C	123	202	325	78
3	Blackburn	Y	418	603	1,021	79
4	Bradford	Y	70	107	177	21
5	Bristol	C	96	160	256	18
6	Canterbury	C	166	284	450	44
7	Carlisle	Y	149	207	356	49
8	Chelmsford	C	407	659	1,066	88
9	Chester	Y	269	501	770	99
10	Chichester	C	316	370	686	48
11	Coventry	C	104	183	287	20
12	Derby	C	108	187	295	80
13	Durham	Y	234	296	530	32
14	Ely	C	103	172	275	24
15	Exeter	C	167	244	411	47
16	Gloucester	C	108	187	295	34
17	Guildford	C	279	396	675	36
18	Hereford	C	87	141	228	33
19	Leicester	C	96	135	231	26
20	Lichfield	C	337	460	797	112
21	Lincoln	C	120	212	332	37
22	Liverpool	Y	347	565	912	45
23	London	C	678	879	1,557	185
24	Manchester	Y	348	495	843	82
25	Newcastle	Y	94	169	263	45
26	Norwich	C	97	127	224	35
27	Oxford	C	643	699	1,342	116
28	Peterborough	C	179	245	424	77
29	Portsmouth	C	113	169	282	13
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	157	274	431	50
31	Rochester	C	268	424	692	57
32	St. Albans	C	300	509	809	70
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	120	209	329	33
34	Salisbury	C	253	413	666	31
35	Sheffield	Y	129	224	353	29
36	Sodor & Man	Y	14	23	37	11
37	Southwark	C	384	643	1,027	71
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	119	197	316	21
39	Truro	C	53	95	148	27
40	Wakefield	Y	85	196	281	43
41	Winchester	C	428	274	702	56
42	Worcester	C	111	151	262	35
43	York	Y	194	290	484	63
44	Europe		103	126	229	37
Totals Province of Canterbury		C	6,607	9,159	15,766	1,596
Totals Province of York		Y	2,627	4,147	6,774	669
Totals Church Of England			9,234	13,306	22,540	2,265

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Confirmations in the armed forces are not included

Figure 39: Total Church of England Confirmations by age and gender 2003 and 2012

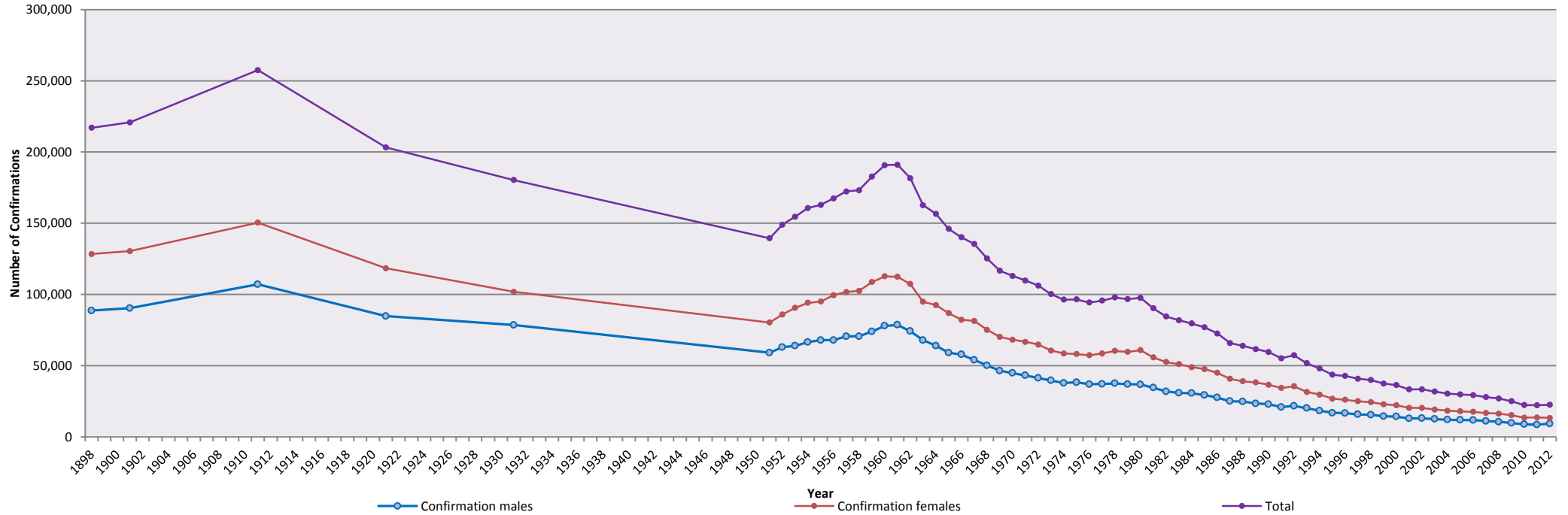


Around 9,000 males and around 13,000 females were confirmed in 2012 (Table 22). On average, each diocese confirmed around 200 males and around 300 females. The total number of confirmations ranged from around 40 (Sodor & Man) to around 1,600 (London) with an average of 512 (median 384).

Comparing with 2003, total confirmations were 29% lower in 2012 with female confirmations having a slightly larger percentage decrease (31%) than males (26%). Confirmations of females aged 12 to 15 experienced the largest percentage decrease over the period (47%) with confirmations of males of the same age not far behind (43% decrease). Confirmations of males aged 16-19 experienced the smallest decrease with a fall of 7% over the period compared with a fall of 20% for confirmations of females in the same age group. Despite these decreases, confirmations of females continue to outnumber confirmations of males overall and for all age groups except 16-19.

The total number of Church of England confirmations have generally experienced decline since the early 1900s

Figure 40: Total Church of England Confirmations 1898 - 2012



Total Church of England confirmations have generally experienced decline since the early 1900s, falling from around 217,000 in 1898 to around 23,000 in 2012 (Figure 40). In the 1950s, there was some reversal of this trend but the increase peaked in 1960/1961. Decline appeared to level out in the 1970s with even some slight increases towards the end of the decade. Since then, however, with the exception of a slight increase in 1992, decline has continued.

Peaks could be explained by population changes or improvements in data collection however there was a similar increase in the 1960s in Easter communicants as a proportion of the adult population.

Churches reported 1,922 activities that are likely fresh expressions of church

Fresh expressions of church aim to reach non church goers by seeking to fit a culture and context. 3251 churches responded to the question exploring regular fresh expressions of church, reporting 5139 activities. (Note Southwark Diocese did not respond to this question). Respondents were asked to give the name of the "fresh expression of church", where it is held, how regularly it happens, the age group it is aimed at, whether those attending attend other services in the parish, and finally give a description of the activity. This information was used to group activities under a number of headings. It is very difficult to ascertain whether each activity meets the fresh expression of church criteria, however this gives some indication of the innovative work happening in parishes across the country.

For a more detailed analysis of fresh expressions of church in the Church of England the Church Growth Research Programme findings can be found here http://www.churchgrowthresearch.org.uk/UserFiles/File/Reports/churchgrowthresearch_freshexpressions.pdf. The figures reported here can only give a broad indication of the likely number of fresh expressions of church, however it is interesting to note that for those dioceses analysed in the Church Growth research report, the figures reported here are generally similar.

1,922 activities reported are likely fresh expressions of church: categorised as a culturally contextual form of church, attracting "non regulars", designed to meet the needs of a specific group. Of these, 1,130 services reported were designed to be particularly accessible to families. This might be by using a "Messy church" format, or some kind of similar format with craft and activities as part of the service, or by moving the service to be at tea time. A further 195 reported services were aimed specifically at babies and toddlers and their parents. In addition, 130 services were designed with children or youth in mind. 125 services were aimed at the over 65s, including a number that were held at care homes. 170 reported services used a "cafe" style format or were focussed around a meal. 104 services used a contemporary style or were held in a different venue to the church or at a different time to try to reach those who might not attend services otherwise. 40 services reported for were groups with particular needs, including some in different languages and some for vulnerable adults. Finally, there were 28 examples of new forms of church: church plants, home/cell churches, churches from community based initiatives and network churches. 573 reported examples, whilst being culturally contextual did not report attracting "non regulars".

555 of the activities reported were groups or outreach activities. A number of the groups had an overtly Christian focus, aimed at teaching or discussing the Christian faith. 669 of the activities reported had adapted worship to make it more family friendly or accessible, and included a number of reflective or meditative services. 420 activities were removed because they were one off or infrequent events.

Table 23: Number of activities reported as fresh expressions by type and by attendee involvement in other services in the parish 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Type of activity reported	Number of activities/services		Total
	Attract at least some "non regulars"	Attendees are "regulars" at other services	
Culturally contextual church			
messy church (or those that are like messy church), services that include craft, or are held at tea time	1,130	265	1,395
services for babies toddler and very young children and their carers	195	25	220
after school, children, youth or school services	130	46	176
care home or worship for 65+	125	19	144
café church, or services around breakfast or other meal	170	147	317
contemporary worship or church at a different venue or different time	104	47	151
church for specific communities, cultures, vulnerable adults	40	15	55
home, cell or new form of church	28	9	37
Groups, social and outreach activities			
children and youth clubs/groups, family activity days and M&T groups	617	150	767
social, music or choir	348	145	493
pastoral care, outreach and youth work	27	4	31
discussion groups, home groups and bible studies	137	127	264
Worship activities			
school assemblies and Sunday school	96	25	121
home communion and standard worship services	62	65	127
family friendly, all age or informal worship	218	131	349
prayer groups, reflective prayer, contemplation or meditation services	40	32	72

Looking just at those 1,922 activities that are likely fresh expressions of church, 45% of activities/services happened in churches

Figure 41: Culturally contextual church activities reported by type and by attendee Involvement in other services in the parish 2012

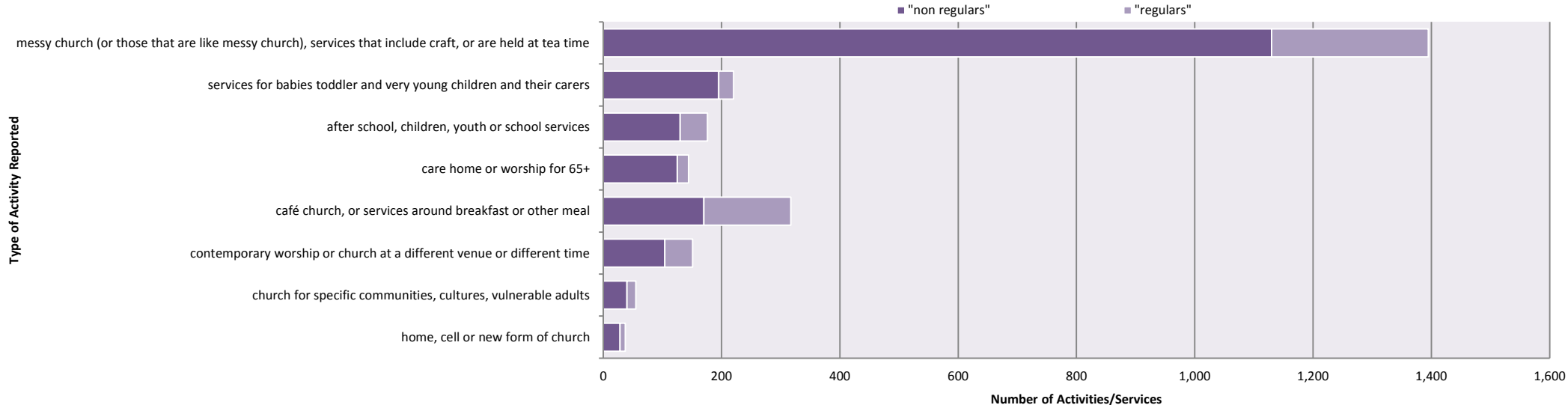


Figure 42: Proportion of venues which are Churches or Church Halls 2012

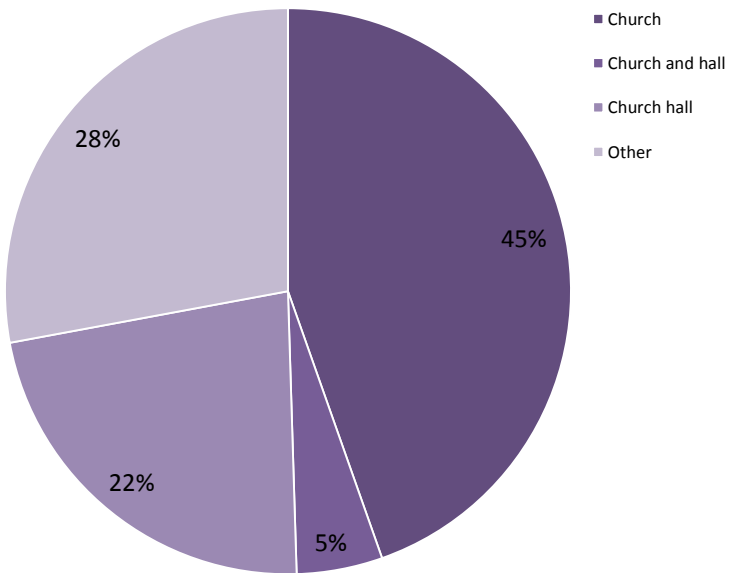


Table 24: Other Venues (not Churches or Church Halls) Specified 2012

Venue	Count
schools	58
Village hall or community centre	73
Residential/care homes	82
Other venues such as local estates, farms, shops, parks	12
Private homes	6
coffee shop, café or pub	3
Total	234

Looking just at those 1,922 activities that are likely fresh expressions of church, 45% of activities/services happened in churches, 22% in church halls, with 5% happening in both. Of the 512 activities/services happening in "other venues", 234 specified where (see Table 24).

Over 100,000 young people attended activities connected to the Church in 2012

Table 25: Diocesan Young People Attendance at other Church Activities and Adults working with young people 2012

Provinces of Canterbury and York (including Europe)

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Young person attendance at other activities		Adults (excl. clergy) working with young people aged 11-17		% of churches reporting at least one			
			11-17	18-25	Voluntarily	Employed	Attendee (11-17)	Attendee (18-25)	Adult volunteering	Adult employed
1	Bath & Wells	C	1,763	326	832	73	25%	8%	34%	12%
2	Birmingham	C	2,662	583	623	64	49%	27%	57%	23%
3	Blackburn	Y	1,986	373	668	30	32%	14%	41%	7%
4	Bradford	Y	833	116	258	20	28%	10%	42%	10%
5	Bristol	C	1,083	303	477	40	36%	20%	45%	15%
6	Canterbury	C	1,830	1,417	533	21	24%	12%	38%	6%
7	Carlisle	Y	779	182	282	18	24%	7%	29%	5%
8	Chelmsford	C	3,746	388	1,304	66	42%	16%	50%	13%
9	Chester	Y	4,240	727	1,120	48	42%	22%	47%	12%
10	Chichester	C	3,937	1,547	1,079	73	39%	15%	47%	12%
11	Coventry	C	1,447	437	579	39	33%	16%	43%	14%
12	Derby	C	1,535	449	448	28	29%	15%	42%	10%
13	Durham	Y	2,014	530	428	24	27%	13%	32%	8%
14	Ely	C	1,266	765	332	22	21%	9%	25%	7%
15	Exeter	C	922	146	515	50	12%	5%	22%	7%
16	Gloucester	C	1,851	277	596	49	26%	12%	36%	13%
17	Guildford	C	2,554	370	991	76	48%	27%	59%	27%
18	Hereford	C	459	63	194	17	13%	3%	18%	3%
19	Leicester	C	1,692	391	485	42	27%	12%	31%	10%
20	Lichfield	C	3,446	737	1,228	89	31%	14%	40%	13%
21	Lincoln	C	1,424	164	418	29	17%	4%	22%	3%
22	Liverpool	Y	3,449	717	1,090	90	47%	29%	55%	15%
23	London	C	6,266	3,698	1,861	172	45%	27%	61%	24%
24	Manchester	Y	2,335	757	815	36	27%	15%	35%	5%
25	Newcastle	Y	1,259	413	425	27	27%	11%	33%	6%
26	Norwich	C	767	125	338	27	11%	5%	15%	4%
27	Oxford	C	2,863	908	1,131	84	22%	7%	29%	10%
28	Peterborough	C	1,390	166	595	41	23%	9%	32%	7%
29	Portsmouth	C	1,230	151	458	23	45%	19%	56%	14%
30	Ripon & Leeds	Y	1,596	496	516	26	34%	14%	44%	7%
31	Rochester	C	3,056	518	969	57	50%	22%	59%	18%
32	St. Albans	C	2,024	629	872	54	35%	13%	42%	11%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	1,308	102	429	27	15%	4%	23%	4%
34	Salisbury	C	1,467	165	675	55	19%	6%	27%	9%
35	Sheffield	Y	1,928	794	657	67	39%	17%	50%	15%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	90	37	63	3	24%	22%	51%	7%
37	Southwark	C	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	1,703	417	686	41	35%	13%	46%	10%
39	Truro	C	1,620	200	306	13	20%	8%	33%	5%
40	Wakefield	Y	1,088	547	330	19	28%	12%	35%	6%
41	Winchester	C	3,131	608	945	80	34%	18%	46%	16%
42	Worcester	C	753	63	417	15	25%	8%	32%	5%
43	York	Y	2,376	380	602	52	19%	9%	25%	9%
44	Europe		605	321	310	12	30%	19%	37%	7%
Totals Province of Canterbury		C	57,492	15,696	19,630	1,426	26%	11%	34%	10%
Totals Province of York		Y	25,676	6,486	7,940	501	30%	14%	38%	9%
Totals Church Of England			83,773	22,503	27,880	1,939	27%	12%	35%	10%

Churches were asked to report how many young people attended other activities connected to the church during the month of October. This was split into two age groups; 11-17 and 18-25. Churches were also asked to report how many adults excluding clergy are currently working (through the church/parish) with young people aged 11-17. This was split into those working in a voluntary capacity and those employed.

They were given examples of which activities to include. These were youth groups or retreats, confirmation classes, choir, worship for youths and youth counselling.

Table 24 also reports the proportion of churches who indicated at least one young person and at least one adult for each category as no estimation for missing responses was undertaken. As such, we can see that 18% of churches in Rochester diocese reported employing at least one adult to work with young people aged 11-17 in such activities, and the total number of adults for this 18% was 57.

Overall, over 80,000 young people aged 11 to 17 and around 23,000 aged 18-25 attended other activities connected to the Church. That is over 100,000 young people attending activities connected to the Church in 2012.

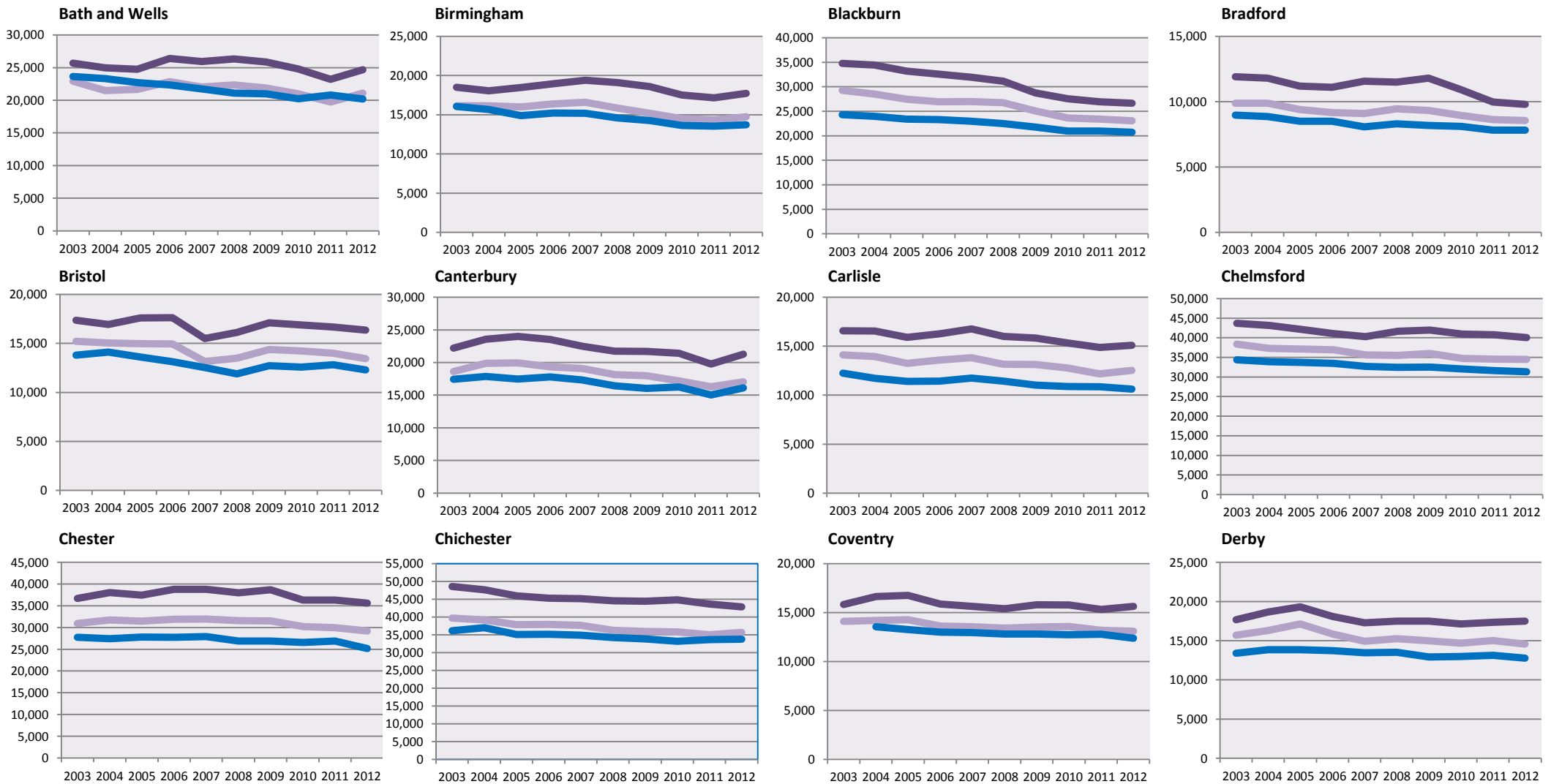
Around 28,000 adults work voluntarily with young people aged 11-17 and around 2,000 are employed to do so.

For the majority of dioceses, any changes in attendance over the decade 2003 - 2012 have been small and often inconsistent in magnitude and direction

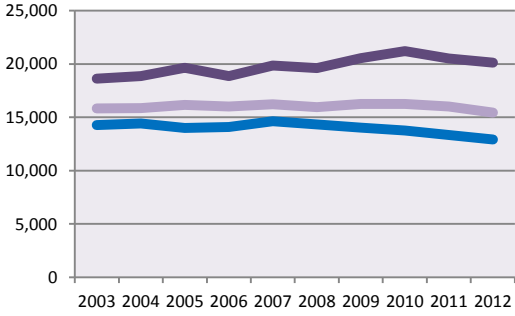
People are generally keen to know whether a particular diocese is growing or declining. The graphs below (Figure 32) enable us to visualise the changes in key attendance figures over the last decade. For the majority of dioceses, any changes are small and often inconsistent in magnitude and direction. In some cases, large increases or decreases in a single year could be more indicative of a data anomaly than of real growth or decline over the period. Gridlines are positioned in increments of 5,000 attendees in order to allow some comparison across dioceses.

- All Age Average Weekly Attendance
- All Age Average Sunday Attendance
- All Age Usual Sunday Attendance

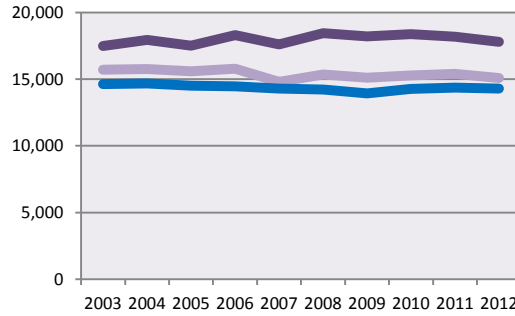
Figure 32: Diocesan All Age Weekly, All Age Sunday and All Age Usual Sunday Attendance 2003 to 2012



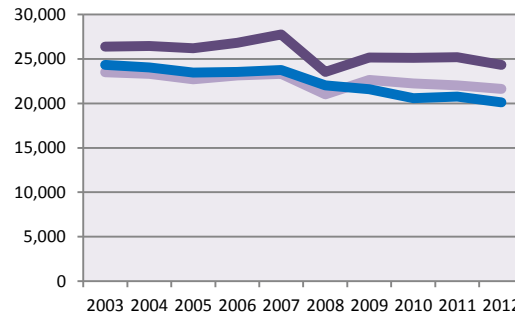
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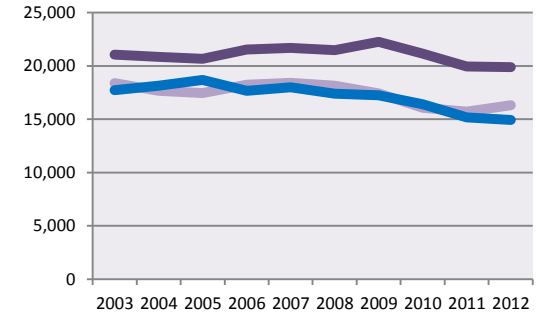
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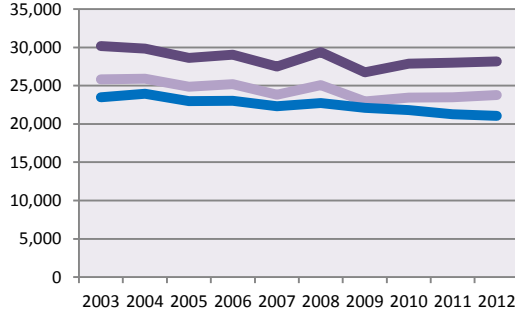
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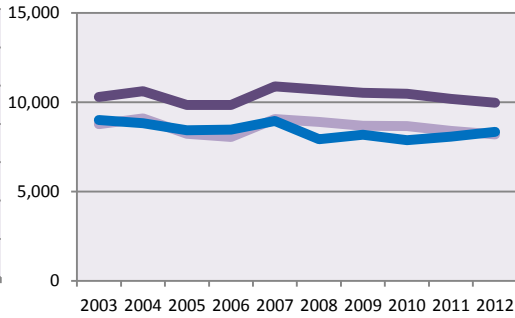
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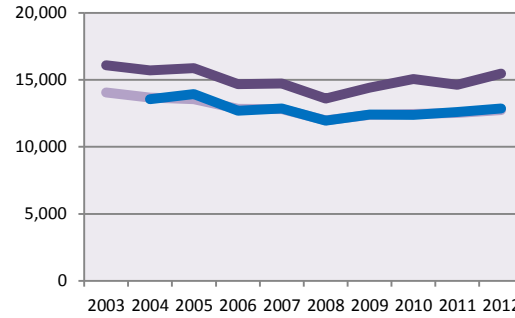
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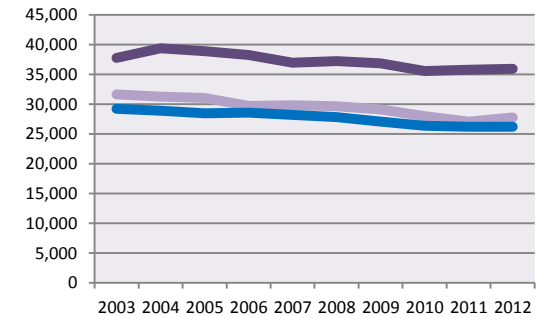
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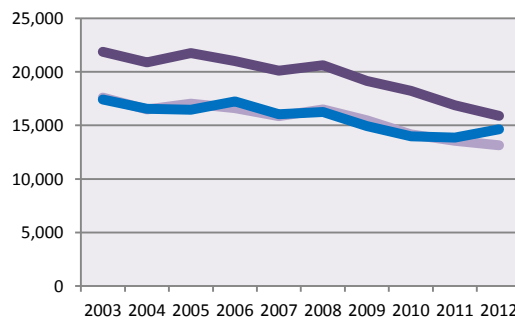
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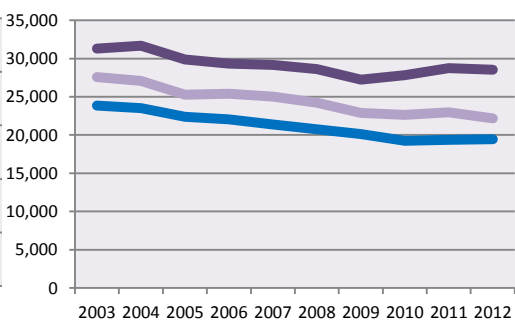
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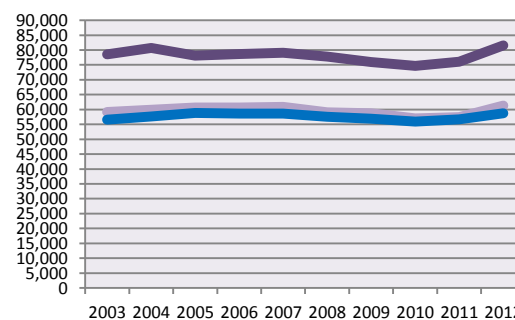
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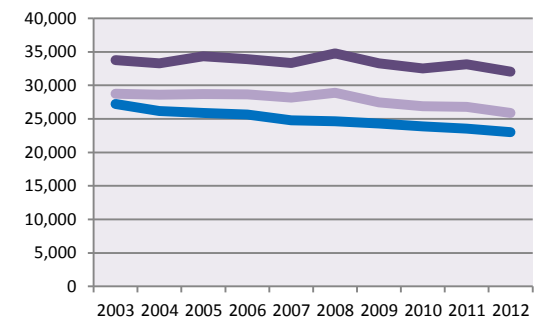
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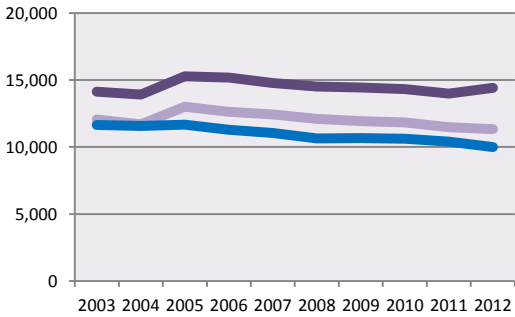
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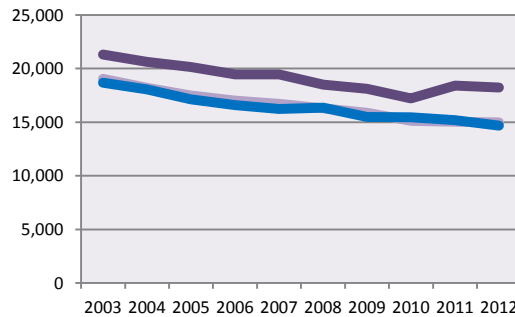
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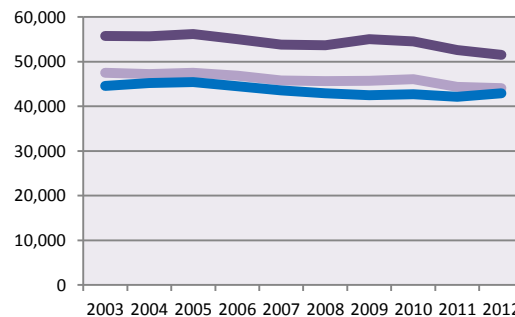
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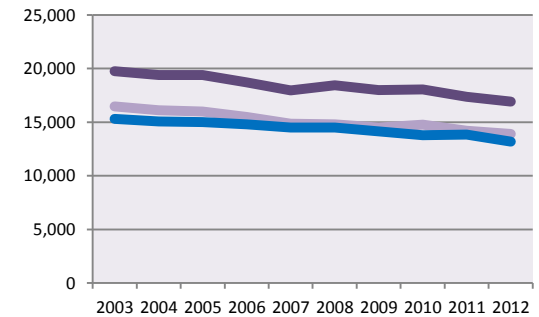
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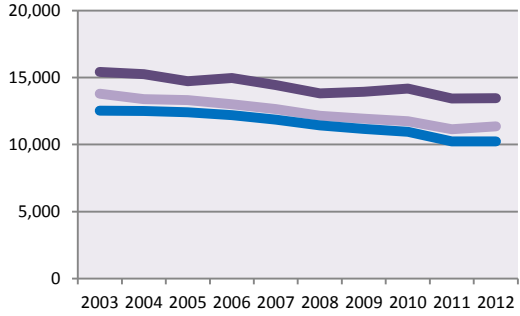
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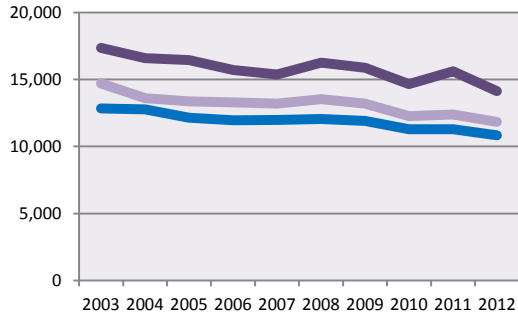
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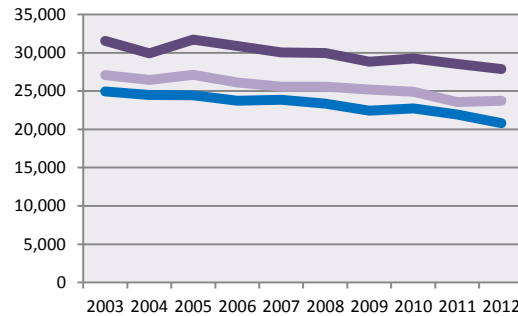
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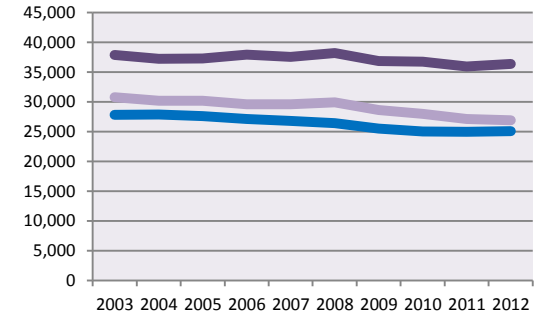
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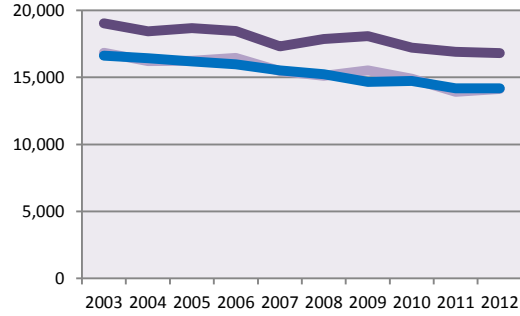
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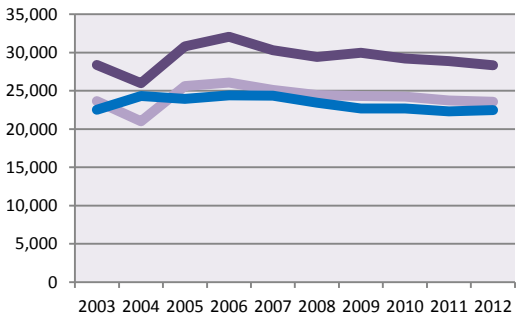
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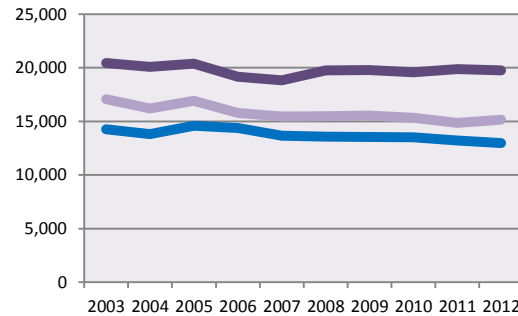
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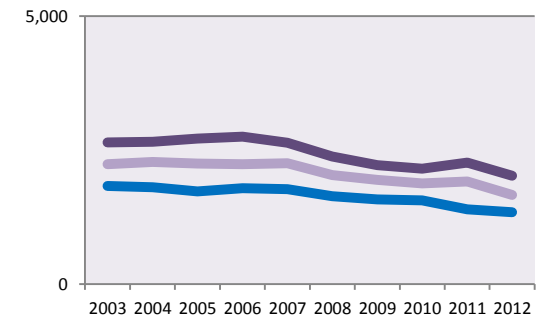
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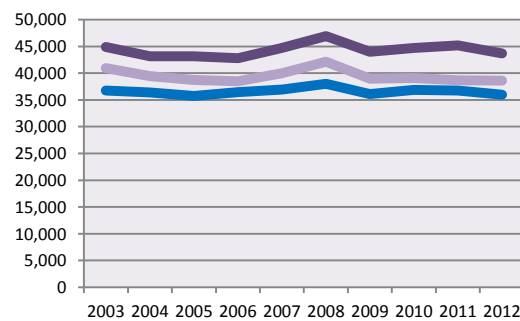
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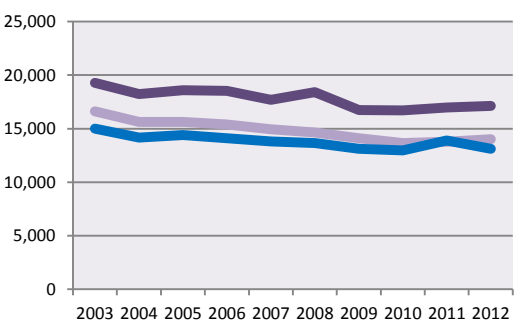
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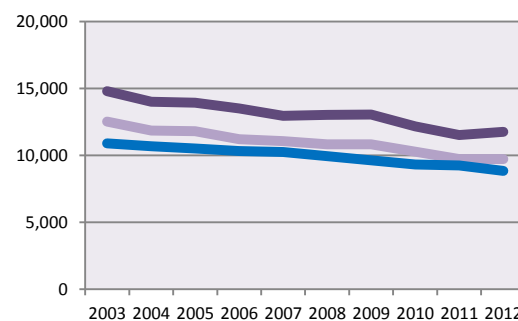
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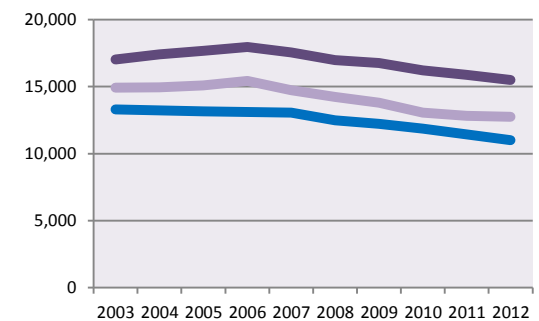
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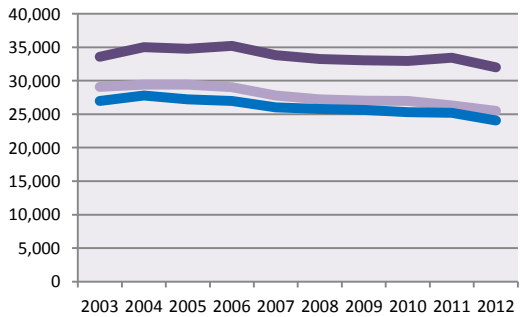
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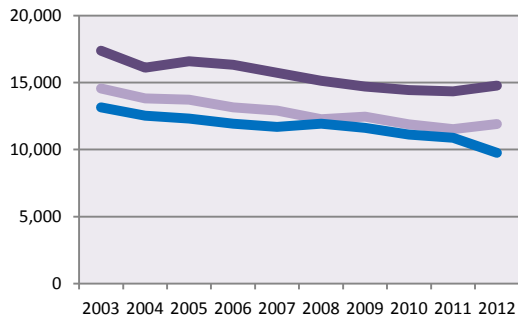
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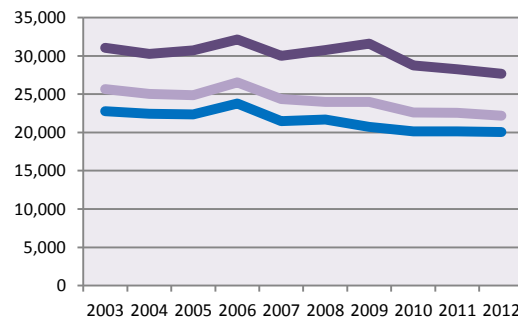
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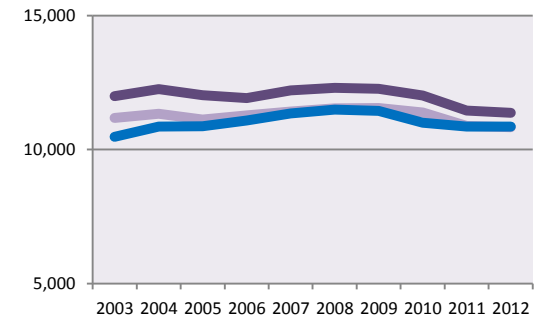
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Calculating Average Weekly Attendance (AWA)

The calculation of AWA has been adjusted this year. The data in this report use a consistent calculation approach across all years, but figures will differ to those published in previous editions of Church Statistics.

Average weekly and average Sunday figures are calculated from counts from the first 4 weeks of October, however some churches do not have services every week. Previously AWA was calculated to reflect an average figure for when there was a service. Imagine a church that has 3 services a month, each where 40 people attend. Their AWA figure would be calculated as $(40 + 40 + 40)/3 = \text{AWA } 40$. However, it is likely that at least some of the time those individuals may attend another church on that 4th Sunday. Therefore if we added together the AWA for both churches, we may be double counting individuals. This is particularly true in areas where there is rotation between churches. To reflect this, the calculation is now $(40 + 40 + 40)/4 = \text{AWA } 30$. This gives a more accurate picture of how many people go to church on an average Sunday across the country.

Highest weekly attendance takes the maximum of the 4 weeks in October for each church/parish and adds them together. Lowest weekly attendance takes the minimum of the 4 weeks in October (where there was a service) for each church/parish and adds them together. This gives an idea of the variation in attendance across the month. "Midweek attendance" reflects a count of those who attend during the week but would not have been counted on a Sunday. This avoids double counting of individuals who may have attended multiple services through the week.

Introducing Estimation and Error

In 2012 for 27% of churches/parishes it was necessary to do some estimation for missing data. 12% did not submit any figures at all, and 15% left some fields blank. Estimation introduces error into the data, so for all figures presented in this report it is likely that the true value lies either a little bit higher or a little bit lower than the stated figure. To illustrate how much higher or lower than the stated figure the true figure could be, we have used "error bars" on graphs, and given a +/- figure in the table. Following is an explanation of how the estimates were calculated and some illustrations of how error can help to interpret the figures.

Estimation

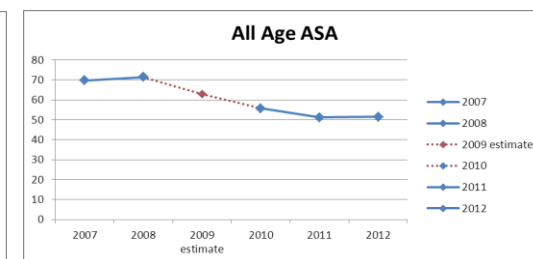
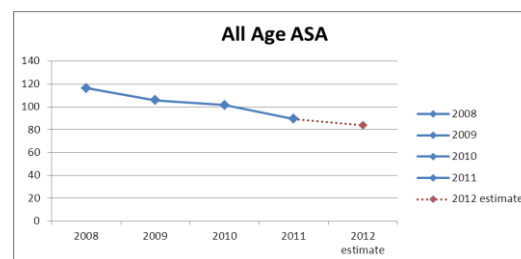
Estimation of core annual data is conducted for each individual churches/parishes. The first challenge with estimation is to know when to estimate. If a church or parish hasn't submitted a return at all and it is still an open church, then it is clear that there needs to be some estimation. Where a church/parish has submitted some figures and left other blank, we need to discern whether the fields they have left empty are because, for example, they didn't have any services at Christmas so no estimation is required, or because they were unable to find the figures, in which case we do need to estimate.

The following assumptions were made:

1. If there is no return, but the church is open, then we will estimate for all fields
2. Occasional offices: If the church has reported any occasional offices then we assume that any blank fields for other occasional offices indicate that none occurred, so no estimation is conducted.
3. Easter: If the Easter attendance/communicants figures are blank/zero and the church had reported Easter figures in more than half of the previous 6 years, then we assume a service did happen and an estimate is made. This aims to recognise where service rotation may be occurring.
4. Christmas: If the Christmas attendance/communicants figures are blank/zero and the church had reported Christmas figures in more than half of the previous 6 years, then we assume a service did happen and an estimate is made. This also aims to recognise where service rotation may be occurring.
5. October Count: it is assumed that all churches will have at least one service in October, so if the October Count is zero, an estimate will be made. This will create estimates in error in a small minority of cases, but again, this is far less likely than zeros indicating missing data.
6. Usual Sunday Attendance: it is assumed that all churches will give some Usual Sunday Attendance figure, so if there are zeros, this is then estimated.

Once a need to estimate has been established, the second challenge is to use the data we have for previous or surrounding years to create an estimate. If there is a gap in 2012 data, then data from the previous 4 years are used to create a trend line to project a likely growth or decline. If data are missing for an earlier year, then the data for surrounding years are used to join the dots for the middle years.

The figures below are examples of 2 churches, one where there was no return for 2012 and the second where there was no return in 2009.



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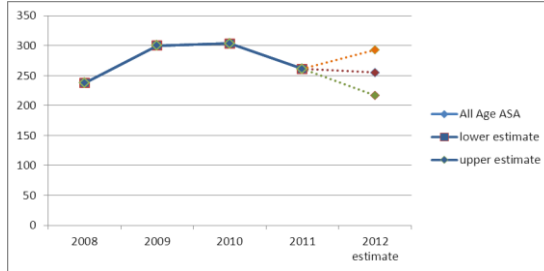
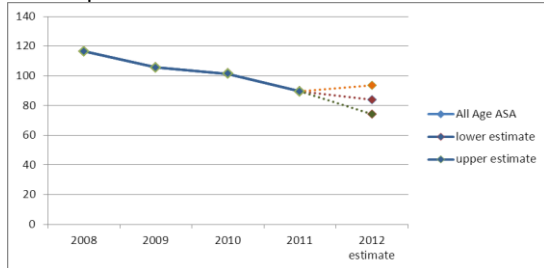
Worshipping Community estimates

The Worshipping Community is a new measure, which aims to measure the size of the community who attend worship at least once a month or would do so if not prevented by ill health. The data for this measure are new and as such there is no clean relationship between worshipping community figures and attendance figures or electoral roll. Therefore it is not wise to do any kind of church/parish level estimation. A bulk estimate was done at Diocesan level using the electoral roll. Based on the electoral roll of the whole diocese and the aggregated electoral roll of those diocese that gave a worshipping community figure, what proportion is missing? No estimation was done for joiners or leavers as this cannot be extrapolated.

Error Bars

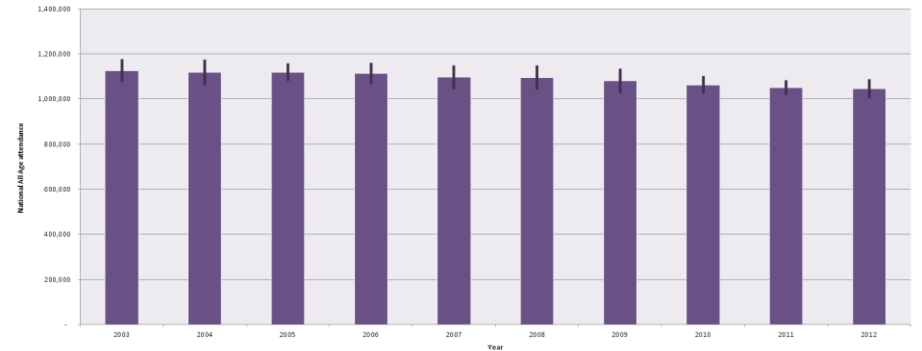
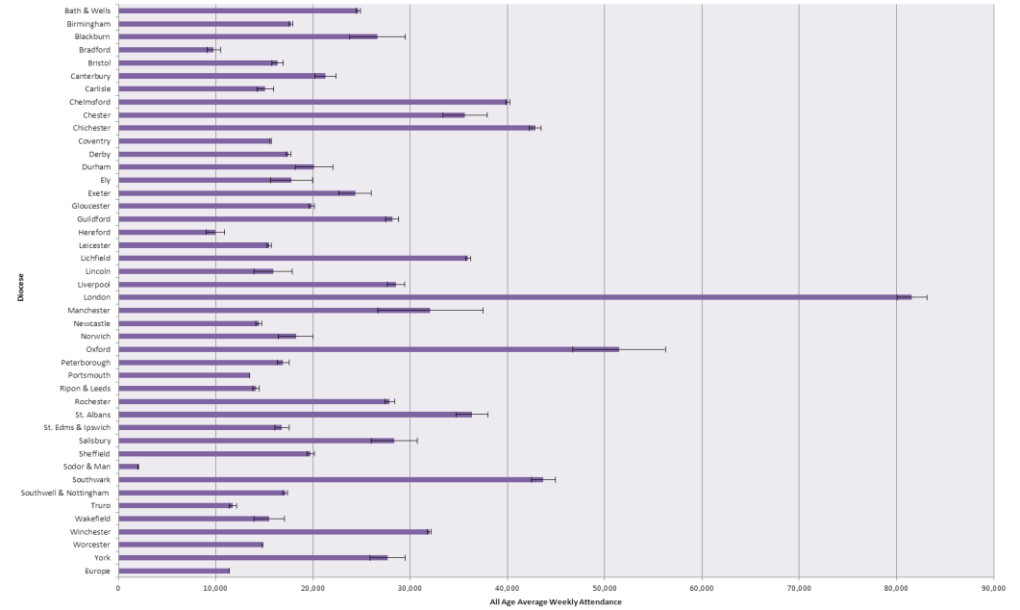
Where an estimate is calculated, it is possible that the true figure is actually a little higher or a little lower than the estimate. Where the trend for previous or surrounding years is very stable then it is likely that the estimate is fairly close. However, where the figures for a church are very volatile then the estimate may be a little more wild. The upper and lower bounds are calculated by looking at the standard deviation of the data which we have.

The figures below give two examples. The lines show the estimate we have calculated, alongside an upper and lower estimate. It is likely that the true figures lies somewhere between that upper and lower estimate. The second example illustrates that these upper and lower estimates become further apart for data that are more variable.



If we add together all these likely errors for each church/parish that we have estimated for, then we can get an idea of how far above or below the stated diocesan and national figures the true figure could be. For dioceses where there has been a substantial amount of estimation, the potential for error is greater.

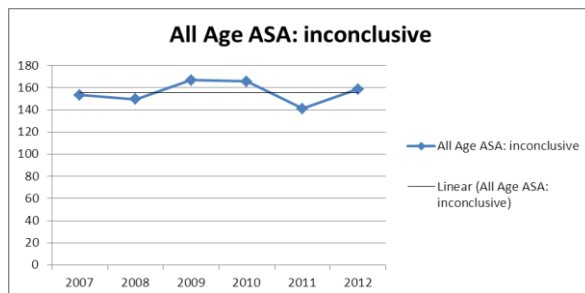
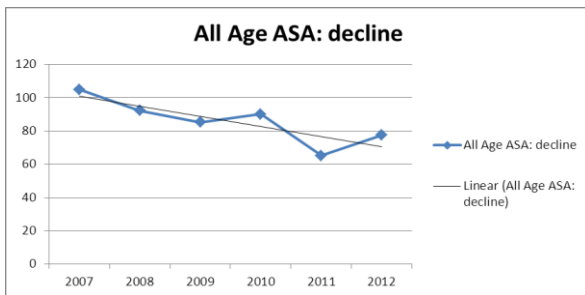
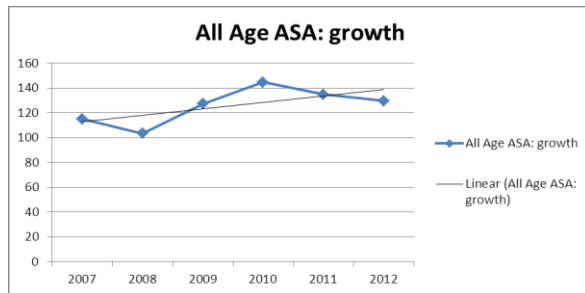
In the report \pm (read "plus or minus") figures are given for each field. A national figure of All Age ASA of 859,200 with an error of $\pm 4\%$ means that the true value of All age ASA is most likely between 825,000 and 894,000. Lines are given on graphs to illustrate these upper and lower bounds.



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Calculating Growth

Throughout the report we have given a figure of the proportion of churches that are growing or declining. As the graphs below illustrate, the trend for churches isn't always a beautifully straight line. We have used a similar process to that used in the National Church Growth Research Programme (see www.churchgrowthresearch.org.uk for further information), by looking at the standard deviation of the data over a 6 year period to look at what sort of increase or decrease we'd need to see to be sure that the church was in growth or decline, and not just experiencing wobbles in their figures. We have then compared the recent part of the period (2010 to 2012) with the earlier part (2007 to 2009).



Population statistics

All population statistics relating to England and Wales (total population, adult and child populations, Christian affiliation, live births and deaths) come from the Office for National Statistics, published on government boundaries. These data are modelled to translate them onto Diocesan boundaries.

It is not always possible to produce statistics for Sodor and Man and elements of Winchester (namely Jersey and Guernsey) since data come from other sources and aren't always available. Population statistics are not given for the Diocese in Europe due to its unique nature.

Local Ecumenical Partnerships

Among the 12,500 parishes of the Church of England there are around 700 Local Ecumenical Partnerships in roughly half of which there is a congregation and a ministry shared between the Church of England and certain other churches. In such circumstances it is not always possible (or indeed desirable) to isolate the Anglican component of the congregation. The parochial statistics will therefore include a small element which may appear also in the statistics of other churches.

Cathedrals

Figures for cathedrals are included as far as possible.

Europe

Figures for the Diocese in Europe are included as far as possible. The Diocese in Europe is part of the Province of Canterbury.

Adults and Children

For attendance statistics from the October count or Usual Sunday, children are those under 16 and adults are aged 16 or over.

Reference Map of Dioceses



Ref. no.	Diocese
1	Bath & Wells
2	Birmingham
3	Blackburn
4	Bradford
5	Bristol
6	Canterbury
7	Carlisle
8	Chelmsford
9	Chester
10	Chichester
11	Coventry
12	Derby
13	Durham
14	Ely
15	Exeter
16	Gloucester
17	Guildford
18	Hereford
19	Leicester
20	Lichfield
21	Lincoln
22	Liverpool
23	London
24	Manchester
25	Newcastle
26	Norwich
27	Oxford
28	Peterborough
29	Portsmouth
30	Ripon & Leeds
31	Rochester
32	St. Albans
33	St. Edms & Ipswich
34	Salisbury
35	Sheffield
36	Sodor & Man
37	Southwark
38	Southwell & Nottingham
39	Truro
40	Wakefield
41	Winchester
42	Worcester
43	York
44	Europe



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Deanery _____ Diocese _____

Parish _____
Please read the notes to help you to fill in the form and ensure consistent data are collected from all parishes

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1. Names of all Churches included in this return:
In general, one form should be filled in for each parish. Please list ALL churches included in this return.

2. Electoral Roll 2012
Please state the number of persons on the Electoral Roll as presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held within the period 1 January to 30 April 2012.

3. 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.

Baptism - Number of persons baptised between 1 Jan 2012 and 31 Dec 2012

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 between 1 Jan 2012 and 31 Dec 2012

	Under 1 yr	Age 1-12	Age 13+
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	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

4. Marriages and Services of prayer and dedication after civil marriage
Please record all events which took place between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012.

Marriage - Number of couples married in church

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

5. Funerals
In the first box please state the number of deceased for whom a funeral service was held in the church. In the second box please state the number of deceased for whom a full funeral service was conducted on behalf of the church/parish at a crematorium or cemetery, excluding committal only and burial of ashes only. In each case include all funerals conducted on behalf of the church/parish by any minister including readers, stipendiary clergy, non-stipendiary clergy and retired clergy.

Funeral service held in church

Full funeral service conducted (on behalf of this church/parish) at crematorium/cemetery

6. Easter and Christmas 2012
Clergy and other ministers who received communion/attended services should be included. In the attendance box please include all people: communicants and those that did not receive communion; adults, children and young people; clergy and laity. Each person should only be counted once even if they attended more than one service and communicants should only be counted once even if they received communion at two separate services.

Number of communicants at any service on Easter Day including vigil services on Easter Eve

Number attending worship at any service on Easter Day including vigil services on Easter Eve

Number of communicants on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day

Number attending worship at any service on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day

7. All regular Fresh Expressions of church. Please attach more if necessary.

A fresh expression is a form of church for our changing society, established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet "members" of any church. Do not include activities such as Alpha, Lent groups, school carol services, and annual events or services such as Crib services, memorial services and Harvest Supper etc. If you are uncertain as to whether an activity or service counts as a Fresh Expression please list it. For more information on FX visit www.freshexpressions.org.uk

Name of Fresh Expression	Where it is held Church/ church hall/ other venue - please describe	How often? Weekly/ fortnightly/ monthly/ quarterly	Age group aimed at: All age/ 0-4/ 5-10/ 11- 17/ 18-39/ 40-64/ 65+/ family	Are attendees also worshippers at other services in your parish? Regular/ Irregular/ Previous attendees/ Never	Description of activity

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8. OCTOBER 2012 - CHURCH ATTENDANCE Number at worship on Sunday and *Additional* number attending weekday services and worship activities

People should only be counted once in each week beginning with the specified Sunday regardless of how many services they attend through the week. Include all visitors at services for example, those attending baptisms. However, do not include wedding or funeral services.

(Please use shaded area for the attendance at the Fresh Expressions of church (F/Exp) listed in section 7)

For **Sundays**, give separately the number of adults and children attending Sunday services and Sunday schools or equivalent activities including the celebration of the Eucharist outside the church e.g. at home/ in prison/ in hospital. Alongside, give the numbers of additional people attending *Sunday fresh expressions of church* (section 7).

For **weekdays**, give the number of *additional* adults and children attending weekday services, celebration of the Eucharist outside the church and other activities in which worship is the prime purpose and predominant feature. Exclude activities with only some worship element, such as some para-church group meetings, house groups, some prayer groups, mother and toddler groups, some school assemblies and Alpha courses, etc. Services that are, in effect, church for that group of people are included under *midweek fresh expression of church*

No service (✓)	Adults (All those of 16 years of age or over including those leading services.)				Children and young people (All those under 16 years of age.)			
	Adults (16+) at worship on Sunday		Additional adults attending weekday services & worship activities		Children (up to 15) at worship services &/or children's activities on Sunday		Additional number attending weekday services and worship activities	
	Church	F/Exp	Church	F/Exp	Church	F/Exp	Church	F/Exp

Week commencing:
 Sunday Oct 7th 2012
 Sunday Oct 14th 2012
 Sunday Oct 21st 2012
 Sunday Oct 28th 2012

Please describe below if any of these attendance figures are unusual for any reason (e.g. Harvest Festival or half-term) and the impact on figures:

9. Church Attendance on a 'normal' Sunday

Please state how many people attend a church in your parish on a normal Sunday when there is a service. For the purposes of this return a 'normal' Sunday is one which is not a major festival or contained in a peak holiday period.

Children and young people (up to age 15)

Adults (age 16+)

10. Worshipping Community

It would be very helpful if you could please complete as much of this new question as possible. For further information please [click here](http://www.churchofengland.org/media/1529895/worshippingcommunityinfo.pdf) or see <http://www.churchofengland.org/media/1529895/worshippingcommunityinfo.pdf>

The worshipping community includes any person who attends church regularly, for example at least once a month, or would do so if not prevented by illness, infirmity or temporary absence. Please do include all congregations including Fresh Expressions. Please do not include those who are visitors - holidaymakers, baptism parties etc. or those who consider their 'home' church to be another church.

Worshipping Community as at December 2012

Children (Age 0-10)

Young People (Age 11-17)

Adults (Age 18-69)

Aged Over 70

Total

Joined Worshipping Community in 2012

	Age	
	Under 18	Age 18 +
For 1 st time	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Moved into area	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Returned to church	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total joined	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Left Worshipping Community in 2012

	Age	
	Under 18	Age 18+
Death/ ill	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Moved away	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Left church	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total left	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

11. ADDITIONAL 'ONE-OFF' QUESTION

1. Example activities include youth groups or retreats, confirmation classes, choir, worship for youths or youth counselling.
 2. Include those working with groups included in part 1.i.

1. How many young people attended other activities connected to the church during the month of October?

i) age 11-17 years

ii) age 18-25 years

2. How many adults excluding clergy are currently working (through the church/parish) with young people aged 11-17?

i) in a voluntary capacity

ii) employed

Signed _____ Name _____ Date _____ Email address _____

Thank you for completing this form. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR DIOCESAN OFFICE