



The number of young people seeking ordination has risen substantially.

169 young people were recommended for training in 2018.

This is 17% higher than the 145 who were recommended for training for ordination in 2017, and a 32% increase on the 128 young people recommended in 2016.



Growing numbers of Christians want to serve God through ordained ministry.

The overall number of recommended candidates in 2018 is 580. This is 7% higher than the 541 who were recommended for training for ordination in 2017, which was already the highest in ten years, and a 22% increase on the 476 recommended in 2016.



The majority of this year's candidates are women.

316 women have been recommended for training in 2018. This is 11% higher than the 284 women who were recommended for training for ordination in 2017, which was already the highest in ten years, and a 38% increase on the 229 recommended in 2016.

Women make up 54% of the recommended candidates in 2018, the highest proportion ever.

Breakdown of age and gender of recommended candidates in 2016, 2017 and 2018

