

# Statistics for Mission 2017

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## Preface: Dr Bev Botting, Head of the Research and Statistics unit

It has been a pleasure working with churches, parishes, and dioceses to collect, check, and publish Statistics for Mission 2017. The annual collection of Statistics for Mission seeks information from each of the almost 16,000 Church of England churches, and this collection involves thousands of incumbents and volunteers, as well as the hard work of staff in all 42 dioceses. The fact that the dataset is more complete than at any time in recent years is testament to their efforts and commitment. Thank you all.

Even the most dedicated of church-goers could only ever attend a small fraction of the Church of England's churches; Statistics for Mission is a regular reminder to me that not every church resembles my church, and so the information we provide is essential for churches and dioceses to prevent decisions being made on the basis of anecdote or limited local knowledge.

Statistics for Mission measures attendance in several different ways, each of which is a useful proxy for "the size" of a church. All of these measures are helpful in some settings and unhelpful in others. There is no single perfect measure – churches are too complex and diverse for that – so a wise user of these statistics would avoid focusing on one measure to the exclusion of all others.

This Statistics for Mission report offers a broad overview of the key summary statistics. We provide more detailed information to dioceses and to churches to help them plan and evaluate their mission and ministry. Church attendance and participation information often needs to be considered alongside the local context; to enable this assessment, the Research and Statistics unit has mapped census and deprivation information onto parish boundaries; this information is publicly available online.

My team and I have been privileged to speak with staff in the vast majority of dioceses during recent months, as well as having direct contact with people in hundreds of churches around the country. The willingness that we have encountered to engage thoughtfully with the realities of church attendance through the information we have available augurs well for the capacity of the Church of England to change and to grow in the future. As we all engage with the Renewal and Reform programme, our hopes are that our churches will grow, possibly in ways we have not yet imagined. As with any new initiative some of its elements are likely to be successful and some not; we therefore need to continually review how we monitor the impact of new initiatives and understand better our church in all its different guises. Key to this will be high quality data to help assess the impact of initiatives, learn lessons, and share good practice.

Accurate information about levels of Church of England attendance and participation is vital, but Statistics for Mission is only one facet of the work of the Research and Statistics unit. We also report information about Parish finances, ministry, and our cathedrals. As part of our plans to help assess the impact of the Renewal and Reform programme, we are also beginning work to understand better our congregations through a Big Church Survey being launched early in 2019. We are also beginning work to better understand the contribution of lay ministry to the important work of our churches.

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## Summary

### 2017 Church of England participation summary

- The Worshipping Community of regular worshippers at Church of England churches in 2017 was 1.14 million people, of whom 20% were aged under 18, 49% were aged 18-69, and 32% were aged 70 or over.
- On average, 895,000 people (86% adults, 14% children under 16) attended Church of England services and acts of worship each week in October 2017. A further 197,000 people attended services for schools in Church of England churches in an average week in October 2017.
- The Usual Sunday attendance at Church of England churches in 2017 was 722,000 people (87% adults, 13% children under 16).
- 1.25 million people attended Church of England churches at Easter 2017 (of whom 71% received communion).
- 2.68 million people attended Church of England churches at Christmas 2017 (of whom 35% received communion). During Advent, 2.33 million people attended special services for the congregation and local community, and 2.80 million people attended special services for civic organisations and schools.
- There were 106,000 Church of England baptisms and services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child during 2017.
- There were 41,000 Church of England marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages during 2017.
- There were 133,000 Church of England-led funerals during 2017, 59% of which took place in churches and 41% at crematoria/cemeteries.

### Trends in participation

- The Worshipping Community of regular worshippers at Church of England churches has been almost unchanged from 2014-2017.
- Over recent decades, attendance at Church of England church services has gradually fallen. These trends continued in 2017. Most key measures of attendance fell by between 10% and 20% from 2007 to 2017.
- The overall pattern of gradual decline in attendance masks differences in experience in individual parishes over the past 10 years. In 10% of parishes Usual Sunday attendance has increased. In 39% of parishes attendance has decreased. In 50% of parishes there is insufficient evidence to form a clear conclusion about the trend.

### Social action and community outreach

- A one-off section in Statistics for Mission 2017 asked churches about their involvement in social action and community outreach. Over 80% of churches were involved in one or more forms of social action.
- Churches reported that they were involved in almost 33,000 social action projects. Churches ran more than 13,100 social action projects themselves, with other projects being hosted by churches, carried out in partnership, or supported with volunteers or donations.
- Churches were particularly involved in running or supporting food banks, parent and toddler groups, and lunch clubs.

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## Statistics for Mission: measuring Church of England attendance and participation

The annual Statistics for Mission return measures key aspects of participation throughout the Church of England. Almost 16,000 churches in the Church of England were asked to complete a Statistics for Mission return in 2017. Churches were asked to report, among other things, the size of their Worshipping Community, attendance at Sunday and midweek services, attendance at Easter and Christmas, and the numbers of baptisms, marriages, and funerals they carried out during the year. Complete data were received from 88% of churches; where data were missing, values were estimated where possible, based on trends from previous years.

In this report, figures have been aggregated to give totals for the Church of England. Further information and detailed diocesan-level figures can be found in the tables in the Appendix. Methodological details and a copy of the 2017 Statistics for Mission form can be found at the end of this report. Values in the data tables are reported to the nearest 100 or nearest 10, as appropriate. Percentages are reported to the nearest 1% or 0.1%, as appropriate. In accordance with standard practice, totals, percentages, and averages have been calculated before rounding, so row and column totals may not always agree with the sums of the stated amounts.

### Church of England attendance, 2017

Statistics for Mission offers several measures of attendance: attendance over the first 4 weeks of October (during the annual “October count”), from which average weekly and average Sunday attendance figures are derived; attendance on a usual Sunday (not a major festival or contained in a peak holiday period); and attendance at the great festivals of Easter and Christmas. Since 2012, churches have been asked to record their Worshipping Community – those people who attend church regularly (for example once a month or more) or would do so if not prevented by illness or temporary absence.

Keeping track of a church’s Worshipping Community is more challenging than counting attendance at services, and not all churches can report precise numbers. The accuracy of the data has improved in recent years as the concept has become more embedded as an aid to providing good pastoral care; this is an ongoing process, and therefore changes in a church’s Worshipping Community from year to year may reflect changes in record keeping rather than changes in worshippers. Thus, although the Worshipping Community is developing into an important measure of the number of regular Church of England worshippers, it has not been collected reliably for long enough to offer robust information about trends in participation at individual churches.

Throughout this report, average weekly attendance, derived from the October count, includes attendance at Sunday and midweek church services and fresh expressions of Church, but not attendance at services for schools. Average Sunday attendance likewise does not include attendance at services for schools.

These different measures are useful in different ways: the Worshipping Community includes all regular worshippers, whether they worship on a Sunday or during the week, and whether they come to church every day or just once a month; the October count includes Sunday and midweek attendance during 4 specific weeks at all church services, fresh expressions of Church, and (since 2013) services for schools held in churches; the Usual Sunday figure asks about “normal” attendance, and is therefore less subject to year-to-year variation resulting from special events; Easter and Christmas attendance figures offer an insight into the number of people who are still in contact with their church but not necessarily regular worshippers. None of these measures tells the whole story of the life of a church. Each offers insight into different aspects of



church participation, and it would be wise to resist the temptation to focus on one single measure to the exclusion of others. Although the measures are highly correlated, there are individual churches where one or other measure is misleading.

There are many other valuable and important activities in which churches are involved that are not quantified every year through the Statistics for Mission return. Some of these are asked about in a “one off” question that changes from year to year. In 2017 this question asked about churches’ social action and community involvement; the question in 2018 will ask about churches’ youth provision and about Christian enquiry and Christian basics courses.

The total Worshipping Community of churches across the Church of England in 2017 was 1.14 million people, of whom 20% were aged under 18, 49% were aged 18-69, and 32% were aged 70 or over.

On average, 895,000 people (86% adults, 14% children under 16) attended church services or fresh expressions of Church each week in October 2017. A further 197,000 people attended services for schools in churches in an average week in October. The Usual Sunday attendance at church in 2017 was 722,000 people (87% adults, 13% children under 16).

1.25 million people attended church at Easter 2017 (of whom 71% received communion). 2.68 million people attended church at Christmas 2017 (of whom 35% received communion). During Advent in 2017, 2.33 million people attended special services for the congregation and local community, and 2.80 million attended special services for civic organisations and schools.

### Working with schools

Churches report high levels of involvement with schools. Over 2,600 churches reported some attendance at services for schools taking place in church in October 2017. The total reported average weekly attendance at services for schools during October has risen from 126,000 people in 2013 to 197,000 people in 2017.

Additionally, many churches are involved in leading worship in schools, for example during assemblies. 46% of responding churches reported that a member of their church ministry team led an act of worship in schools once a month or more during 2017.

### Church of England baptisms, marriages, and funerals, 2017

There were 102,000 baptisms and 4,000 services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child in Church of England churches during 2017. 59% of baptisms were of infants (aged under 1); 32% were of children (aged 1-12) and 9% were of people aged 13 and over. 68% of thanksgivings were for infants.

There were 38,000 marriages and 3,000 services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages in Church of England churches during 2017.

There were 133,000 Church of England-led funerals during 2017, of which 78,000 were funerals in Church of England churches, and a further 55,000 were funerals conducted on behalf of Church of England churches by members of church/parish ministry teams at crematoria/cemeteries. This figure omits some crematorium/cemetery funerals conducted by clergy in non-parochial ministry.

## Church-level attendance and participation, 2017

There is a wide range of churches within the Church of England, serving communities large and small. Table 1 summarises the range of attendance and participation across the Church of England's churches.

Table 1: Church participation summary, 2017

	5th percentile	25th percentile	median (middle) church	75th percentile	95th percentile	mean (average) church
<b>Worshipping Community</b>	8	20	44	92	239	76
<b>All age average weekly attendance</b>	3	14	35	81	190	62
<b>Adult average weekly attendance</b>	3	13	31	69	159	53
<b>Child average weekly attendance</b>	0	0	3	11	35	9
<b>All age Usual Sunday attendance</b>	8	15	28	60	149	49
<b>Easter attendance</b>	0	27	54	107	251	87
<b>Christmas attendance</b>	0	38	94	227	630	188
<b>Baptisms and thanksgivings</b>	0	1	4	9	28	7
<b>Marriages and services of prayer &amp; dedication</b>	0	0	1	4	10	3
<b>Funerals in churches, crematoria, &amp; cemeteries</b>	0	2	5	12	32	9

**Note:** Values in Table 1 are based on 10,540 complete single-church returns. Average weekly attendance figures include attendance at Sunday and midweek church services and fresh expressions of Church, but not attendance at services for schools.

Table 1 shows the reported participation at the smallest 5% and 25% of churches, the median (i.e. middle) church, the largest 25% and 5% of churches, and the mean (average) church. A few large churches can result in a large mean value that is not a helpful summary of the data; the median is often a more useful number to consider when thinking about a "typical" church.

The median (middle) church Worshipping Community was 44 people. The median attendance at worship in an average week in October was 35 people, the majority being adults. The median attendance on a Usual Sunday was 28 people. The median attendance at Easter was 54 people, and at Christmas 94 people. The median numbers of baptisms, marriages, and funerals were 4, 1 and 5 respectively.

Because some churches are significantly larger, the mean (average) church was larger than the median church: the mean church Worshipping Community was 76 people. The mean attendance at worship in an average week in October was 62 people. The mean attendance on a Usual Sunday was 49 people. The mean attendance at Easter was 87 people, and at Christmas 188 people. The mean numbers of baptisms, marriages, and funerals were 7, 3 and 9 respectively.

The largest 5% of churches had 239 or more people in their Worshipping Communities, whereas the smallest 5% of churches had 8 or fewer.

It should be noted that, particularly in parishes that contain several churches, not all churches had services at Easter or Christmas, which explains why some churches reported zero attendance on these occasions.

## **Church of England attendance per capita, 2017**

The Church of England's Worshipping Community was 2.0% of the population in 2017. The attendance in an average week in October 2017 was 1.6% of the population, rising to 4.8% of the population at Christmas. There was significant variation in total attendance from diocese to diocese, which is unsurprising given the differences in size and number of churches. Differences in attendance between dioceses remain when considering attendance as a percentage of the population, or as a percentage of the population whose religious affiliation is Christian.

## **Worshipping Community joiners and leavers, 2017**

As well as being asked about the size and age distribution of their Worshipping Community, each church was asked about the number of people who joined and left their Worshipping Community during the year and, if known, where people joined from or left to.

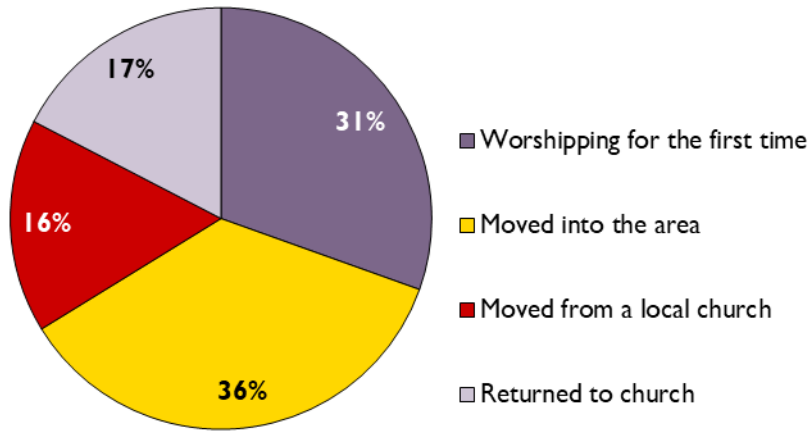
In 2017, Church of England churches reported 83,000 people joining their Worshipping Communities, 31% of them being children. 31% of adult joiners were worshipping for the first time, and 36% had moved to the area. 57% of child joiners were first-time worshippers.

Church of England churches reported 59,000 people leaving their Worshipping Communities, 19% of them being children. 42% of adult leavers left through death or illness, and 28% had moved away. 35% of child leavers had moved away; 29% were not worshipping anywhere.

Figures 1a-1d show where joiners came from, and where leavers left to, as reported by churches. Information about where people joined from or left to (including "other/unknown" for leavers) was given for 92% of reported joiners and leavers.

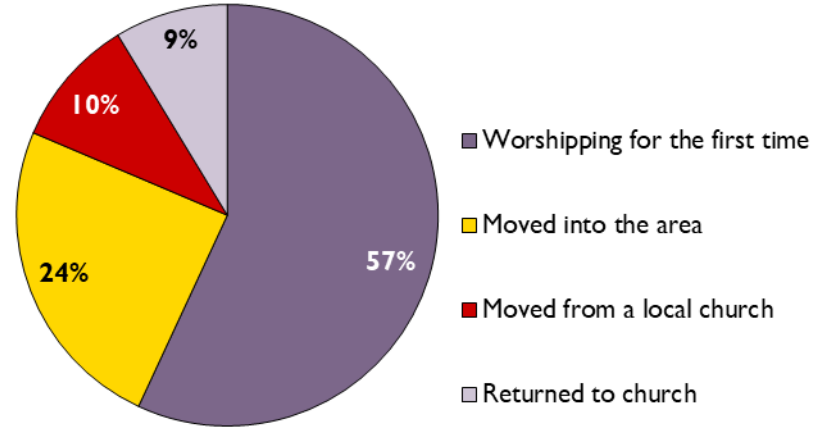
Although the total Worshipping Community changed little from 2016 to 2017, churches reported 23,000 more people joining than leaving their Worshipping Communities over the course of the year. As well as suggesting that joiners are more noticeable than leavers, this illustrates the record-keeping challenge that the Worshipping Community presents.

Figure 1a: Adult Worshipping Community joiners, 2017



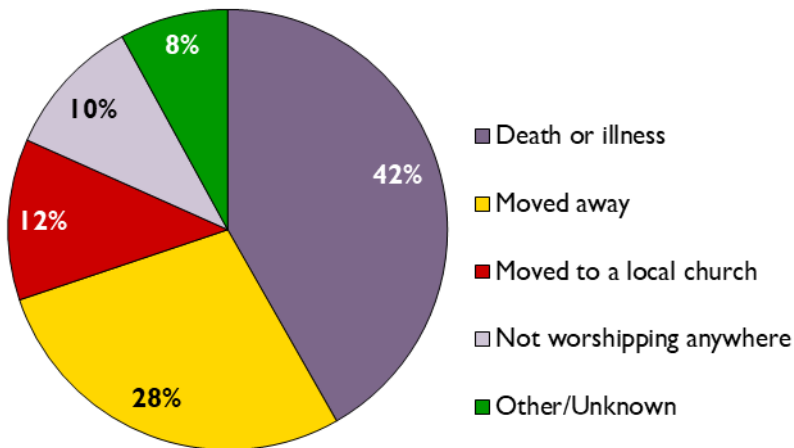
Information available from 50,700 of the reported 57,100 adult joiners

Figure 1b: Child Worshipping Community joiners, 2017



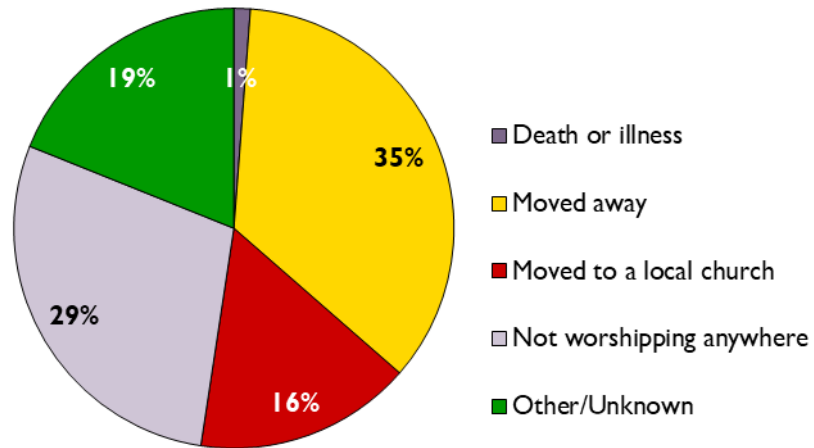
Information available from 22,700 of the reported 25,700 child joiners

Figure 1c: Adult Worshipping Community leavers, 2017



Information available from 46,500 of the reported 48,300 adult leavers

Figure 1d: Child Worshipping Community leavers, 2017



Information available from 10,300 of the reported 11,200 child leavers

## **Trends in Church of England participation, 2007-2017**

Church of England attendance figures have been collected for many years, enabling trends in attendance to be assessed. Attendance figures in any one year may be affected by unusual events such as special anniversaries, visits by the Bishop, retirements, or adverse weather conditions. Given the large number of churches included in Statistics for Mission, there are likely to be many special events in any given year. It is therefore not sensible to consider changes in attendance from one year to the next in isolation; a more reliable assessment of trends can be made by looking at the figures over longer time periods.

Here, we consider attendance figures from 2007 to 2017. Over this period most key Statistics for Mission questions have been predominantly unchanged. The exception is the October count: in 2013, an additional section was added asking about attendance at services for schools taking place in churches; prior to this, some churches had reported school service attendance (predominantly as midweek Child attendance) whereas others had not. Therefore, when using the October count figures to assess trends, it is inadvisable to use All Age average weekly attendance. Instead we use Adult average weekly attendance plus Child average Sunday attendance (both derived from the October count data, and in both cases including attendance at church and fresh expressions of Church, but not including attendance at services for schools) since these are likely to be relatively unaffected by the change in the question.

As seen in Figures 2-5, attendance gradually decreased between 2007 and 2017. The inclusion of attendance at services for schools in the October count from 2013 onwards demonstrates a substantial ministry with schools, amounting to 151,000 children and 45,000 adults each week in October 2017. However, the Usual Sunday attendance figures show a decline in children as a fraction of Sunday congregations (from 15% in 2007 to 13% in 2017). Reported attendance at services for schools has increased from 2013 onwards, though it is possible that this is to do with more complete reporting of attendance at such services. Many school Harvest Festivals take place in October, so it is likely that this month contains more school services than most times of the year, aside from Christmas and Easter, and therefore it would be a mistake to assume that this level of attendance at services for schools occurs every week throughout the year.

Trends in Easter and Christmas attendance are less clear cut: factors such as the weather, the day of the week (for Christmas) the time of year (for Easter) may well have an impact on attendance. Whilst there has been no clear trend in Christmas attendance between 2007 and 2017, Christmas attendance has risen steadily since 2013.

Questions about the Worshipping Community have not been included for long enough to reliably assess how the sizes of Worshipping Communities are changing over time. It is clear from the comments on Statistics for Mission returns that churches are still developing their understanding about which people are part of their Worshipping Communities. With these caveats in mind, it is interesting to note that the total Church of England Worshipping Community remained almost unchanged from 2014-2017. When set alongside the observed decline in attendance, this suggests the possibility that the number of individual people attending churches has not fallen, but that people attend less frequently; however, without detailed surveys of individual members of congregations, it is not possible to draw firm conclusions.

As shown in Figures 6-9, similar patterns are seen with baptisms, marriages, and funerals. All have declined since 2007. While the numbers of baptisms and marriages were reasonably stable between 2007 and 2012, there has been a more noticeable fall in the past few years.

Figure 2: Average weekly attendance (October count), 2007-2017

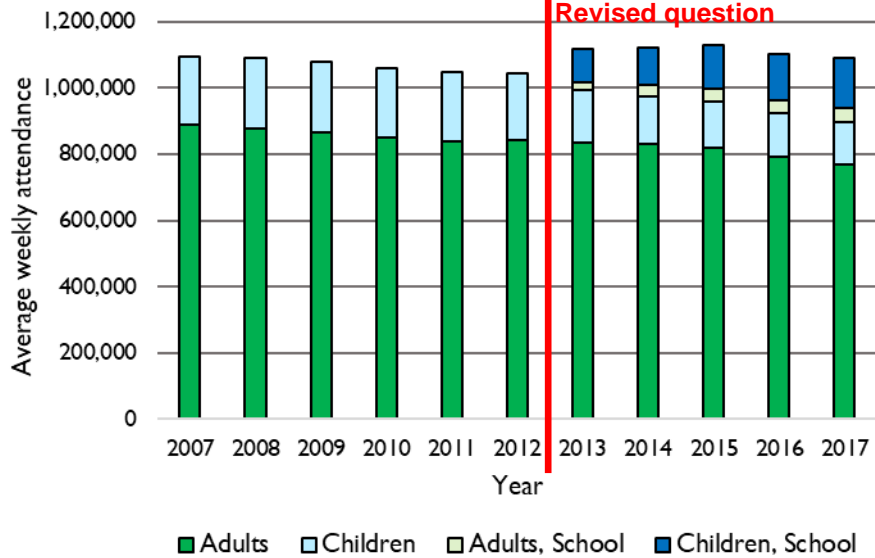


Figure 3: Usual Sunday attendance, 2007-2017

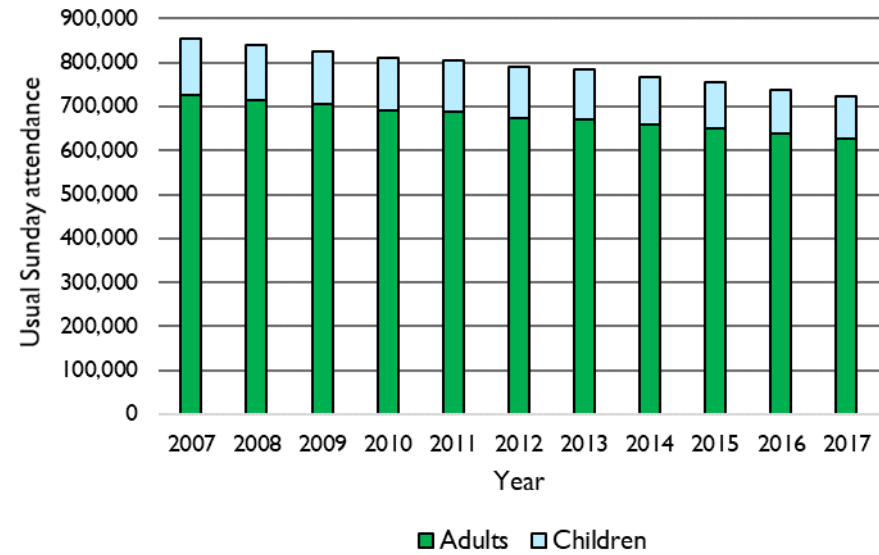


Figure 4: Easter communicants and attendance, 2007-2017

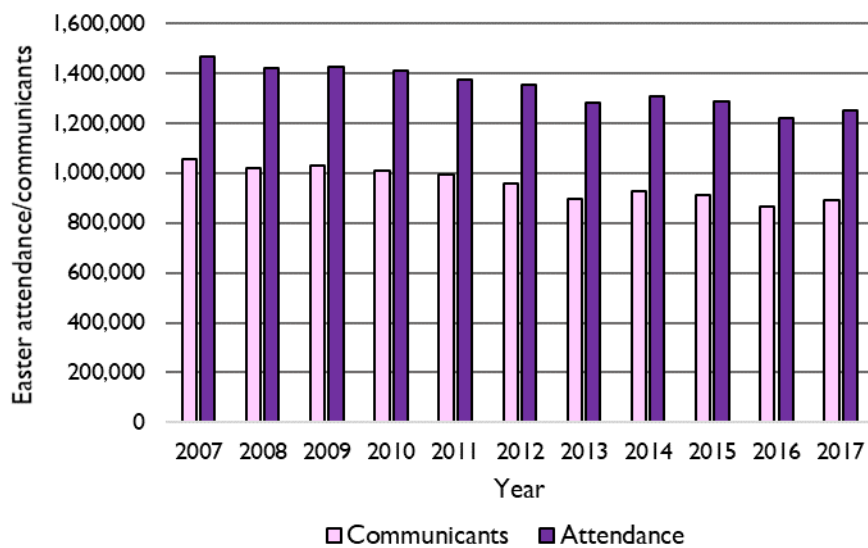


Figure 5: Christmas communicants and attendance, 2007-2017

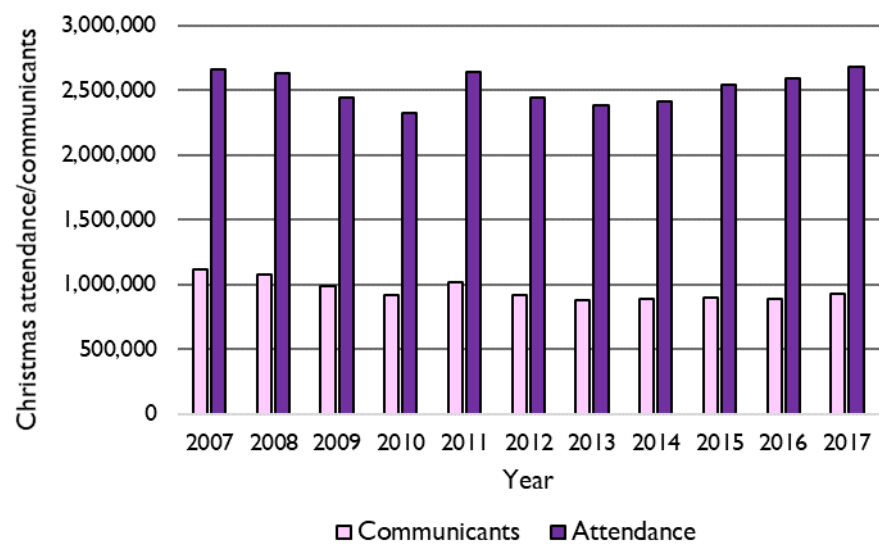


Figure 6: Baptisms and thanksgivings, 2007-2017

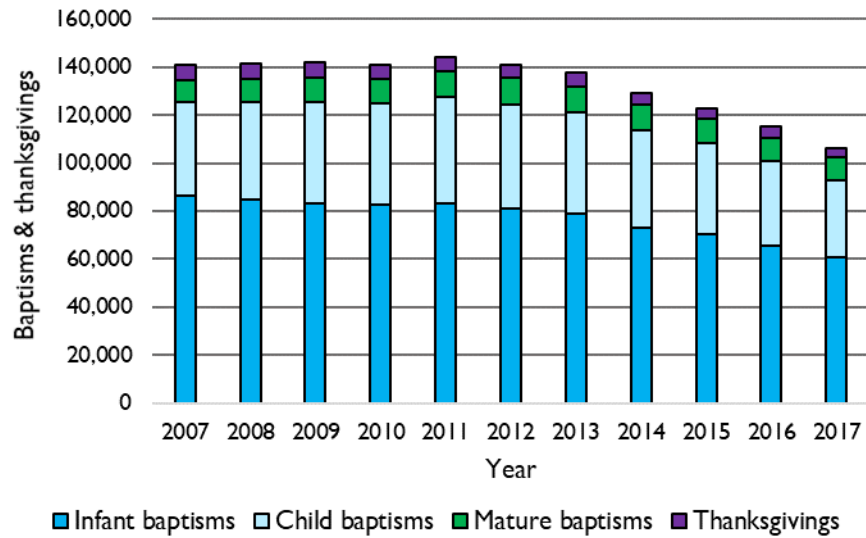


Figure 7: Marriages and services of prayer and dedication, 2007-2017



Figure 8: Funerals, 2007-2017

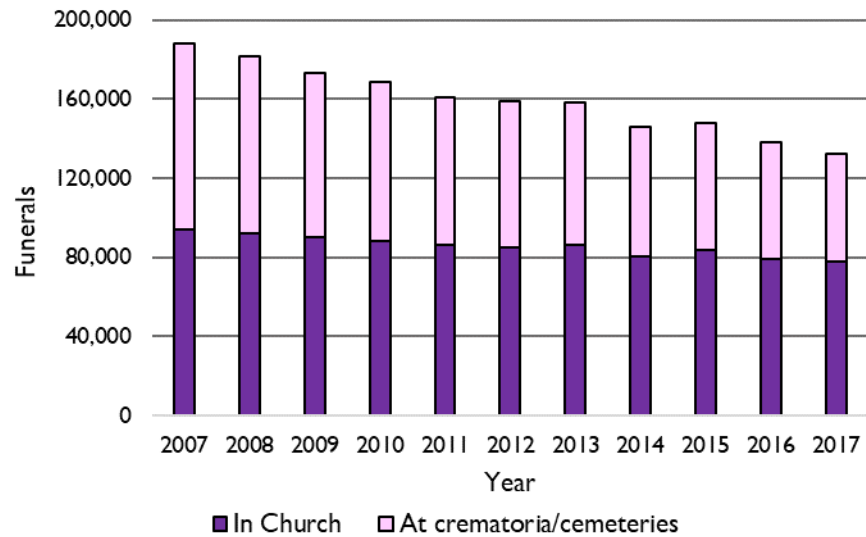
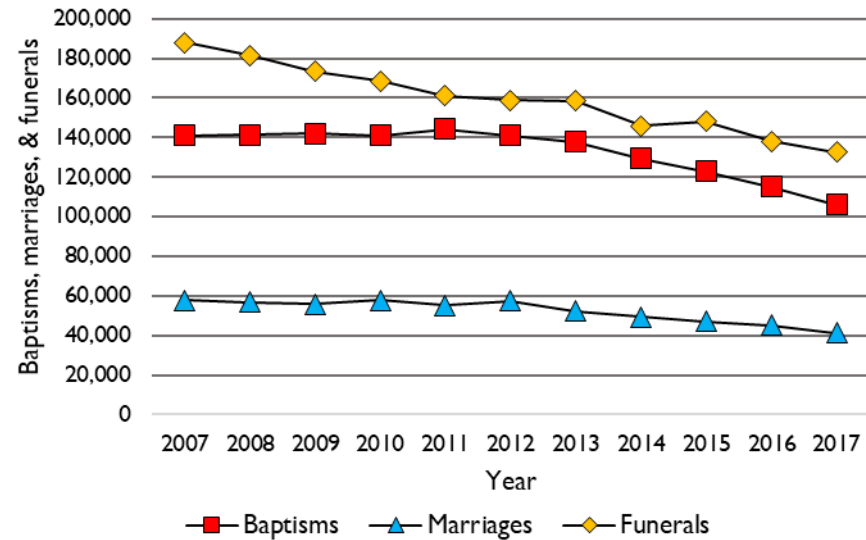


Figure 9: Baptisms, marriages, and funerals, 2007-2017



Numbers of Church of England baptisms, marriages, and funerals depend on absolute numbers of births, marriages, and deaths. Official statistics have been used to estimate the numbers of births and deaths within each diocese of the Church of England (not including the Diocese in Europe); marriage statistics are not available at the same spatial resolution, so aggregate official figures for England and Wales, only available up until 2015, are used. In 2007, there was an infant baptism for 14% of live births (and other births will have been followed by later child or mature baptisms); 24% of marriages in England and Wales took place in or were followed by a service of prayer and dedication in a Church of England church; Church of England parishes conducted funerals for 40% of deaths. In 2017, there was an infant baptism for 10% of live births (and other births are likely to be followed by later child or mature baptisms); Church of England parishes conducted funerals for 26% of deaths. In 2015, the last year for which national statistics are available, 20% of marriages in England and Wales took place in or were followed by a service of prayer and dedication in a Church of England church.

Large variations between dioceses are illustrated by the fact that in 2017 there was an infant baptism for over 25% of live births in Carlisle and Hereford but for under 5% of live births in London and Southwark. There was a Church of England funeral for over 50% of deaths in Hereford, but for under 20% of deaths in London, Southwark, and Manchester. Summaries of trends in attendance and coverage of infant baptisms, marriages, and funerals are shown in Figures 10 and 11.

Figure 10: Church of England attendance summary, 2007-2017

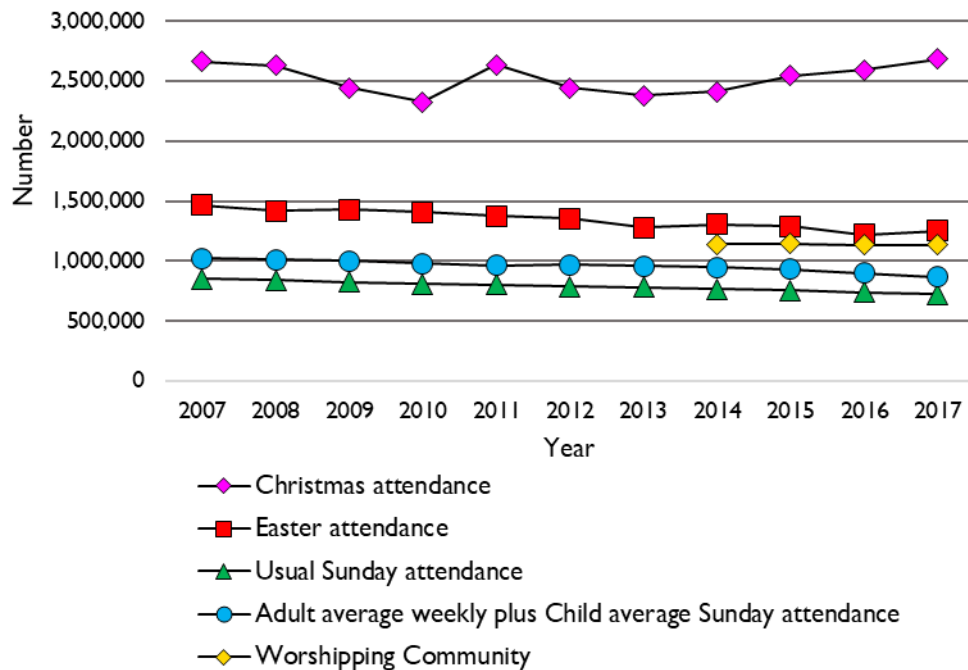
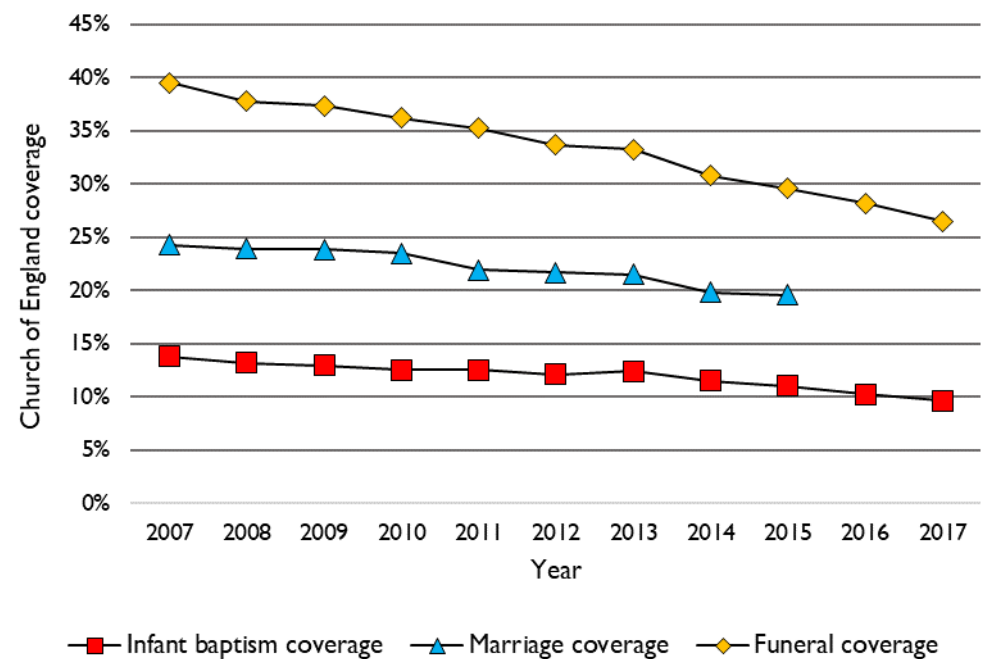


Figure 11: Church of England infant baptisms, marriages, and funerals as a percentage of all births, marriages, and deaths, 2007-2017





Over the past decade, overall attendance has generally fallen. The size of the fall depends on the measure of attendance considered (Table 2).

Adult attendance has fallen by less than Child attendance. Weekly attendance (which includes both midweek and Sunday attendance) has fallen by less than Sunday attendance, suggesting that there may have been a trend over the past decade for more worship to take place on days other than Sundays.

The numbers of baptisms, marriages, and funerals have fallen, with the largest fall being in funerals at crematoria/cemeteries.

These simple assessments of trend are based on fitting a straight line through the available data. A straight line is a good approximation for most measures (apart from Christmas attendance, which has fluctuated more than other measures, and for which there has been no overall trend over the past decade). The decline in numbers of baptisms and marriages appears to have increased over recent years.

Table 2: Church of England attendance and participation trends, 2007-2017

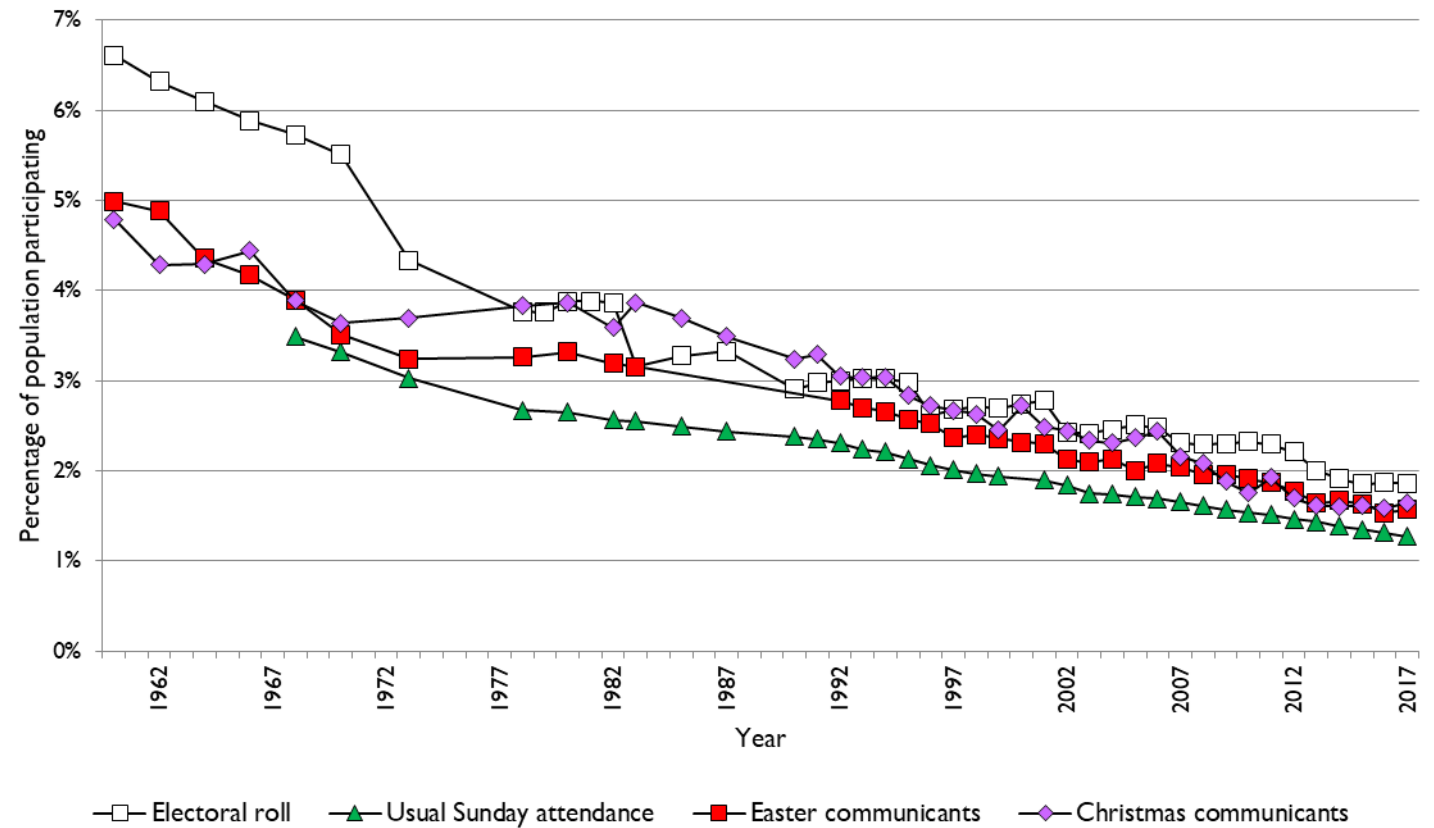
Measure of Church of England participation	Change from 2007 to 2017	Correlation coefficient <sup>1</sup>
<b>Adult average weekly+Child average Sunday attendance</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>0.94</b>
Adult average weekly attendance	-12%	0.92
Adult average Sunday attendance	-15%	0.96
Child average Sunday attendance	-24%	0.95
All age average Sunday attendance	-16%	0.96
<b>All age Usual Sunday attendance</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>0.99</b>
Adult Usual Sunday attendance	-13%	0.99
Child Usual Sunday attendance	-24%	0.98
<b>Easter attendance</b>	<b>-16%</b>	<b>0.94</b>
Easter communicants	-18%	0.62
<b>Christmas attendance</b>	<b>+1%</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Christmas communicants	-28%	0.76
<b>Baptisms and thanksgivings</b>	<b>-22%</b>	<b>0.74</b>
<b>Marriages and services of prayer &amp; dedication</b>	<b>-27%</b>	<b>0.83</b>
<b>Funerals total</b>	<b>-28%</b>	<b>0.98</b>
Funerals in church	-16%	0.94
Funerals in crematoria/cemeteries	-40%	0.98

<sup>1</sup> The correlation coefficient shows how closely the various measures of attendance and participation follow a straight line, with 1 indicating a perfect fit and 0 indicating no linear relationship.

Church of England attendance and participation trends should be viewed in a longer historical context where possible.

Figures for Usual Sunday attendance, Electoral roll, and Easter & Christmas communicants have been collected reasonably consistently for many years. The trend over the past decade is consistent with what has been happening for the past half century (Figure 12).

Figure 12: Church of England participation summary, 1960-2017



### **Parish-level trends, 2007-2017**

Although the overall pattern of Church of England attendance and participation is one of steady gradual decline, this masks the differences in experience in individual parishes over the past 10 years.

- Based on parish-level all age Usual Sunday attendance from 2007-2017, 10% of parishes have experienced statistically significant growth; 39% have experienced statistically significant decline; in 50% there is insufficient evidence to form a clear conclusion about the trend.
- Based on parish-level Adult average weekly attendance plus Child average Sunday attendance from 2007-2017, 7% of parishes have experienced statistically significant growth; 25% have experienced statistically significant decline; in 68% there is insufficient evidence to form a clear conclusion about the trend.

It should be noted that collectively those parishes in which there is insufficient evidence to form a clear conclusion about the trend have contributed to the overall decline.

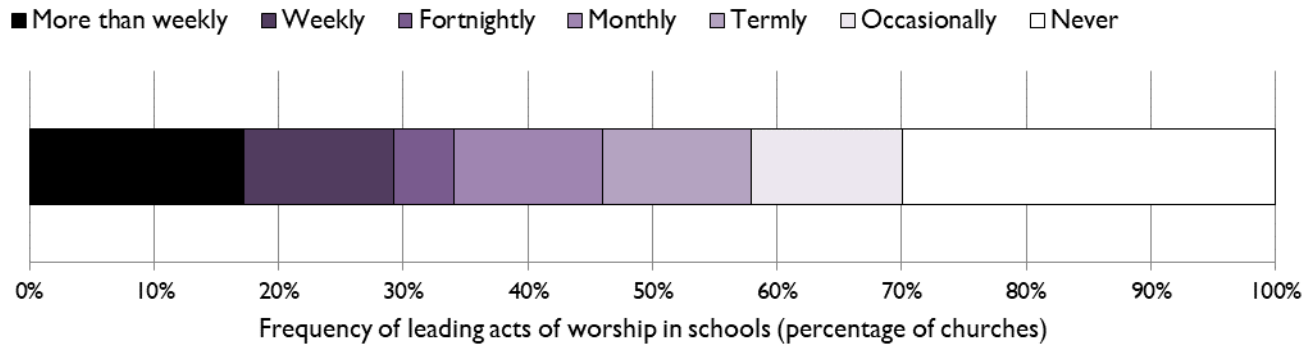
The difference in the figures when using the two different measures of attendance is unsurprising - as already noted, within a single church the October count figures vary more than the Usual Sunday figures from year to year and these fluctuations may swamp trends in attendance.

Statistics for Mission does not attempt to collect information about all the various aspects of churches that may correlate with growth or decline; additional detailed data would be required to draw firm conclusions about the factors that are associated with church growth.

## Acts of worship in schools, 2017

Many churches are involved in leading acts of worship in schools, for example during school assemblies (Figure 13). 46% of responding churches reported that a member of their church ministry team led an act of worship in schools once a month or more during 2017.

Figure 13: Frequency with which members of church ministry teams led acts of worship in schools, 2017



**Note:** Figure 13 is based on 12,514 responses.

## Confirmations, 2017

15,300 people were confirmed in 2017, at over 1,900 confirmation services. 59% of those confirmed were female. 25% of those confirmed were aged under 12, while 44% were aged 20 or over.

## Social action and community outreach activities, 2017

A one-off section in Statistics for Mission 2017 asked about social action and community outreach. Churches were asked about their involvement in a range of different types of social action, including food banks, community cafes and night shelters. Churches were asked whether they ran projects, hosted them, carried them out in partnership with other groups, or supported them in other ways (e.g. with donations or volunteers).

Almost 13,000 churches responded to this question. Between them, these churches were involved in almost 33,000 social action projects. These churches ran more than 13,100 projects. Over 1,800 of those responding reported that they ran three or more different social action projects. In addition to running projects themselves, churches hosted another 3,600 projects; a further 4,900 projects were carried out in partnership with other organisations; an additional 11,100 projects were supported by churches in other ways (Figure 14).

80% of churches that responded were involved in one or more forms of social action. 49% of churches ran at least one social action project; an additional 7% of churches hosted at least one project; an additional 8% of churches carried out at least one project in partnership with other organisations. An additional 15% of churches supported at least one project in other ways (Figure 15).

Figure 14: Number of social action projects in which churches were involved, 2017<sup>2</sup>

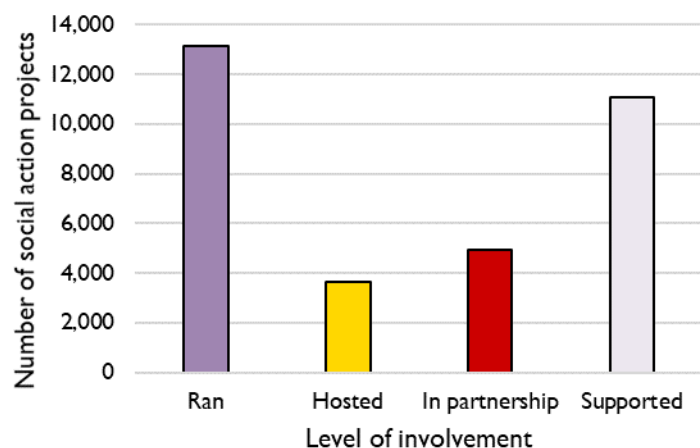
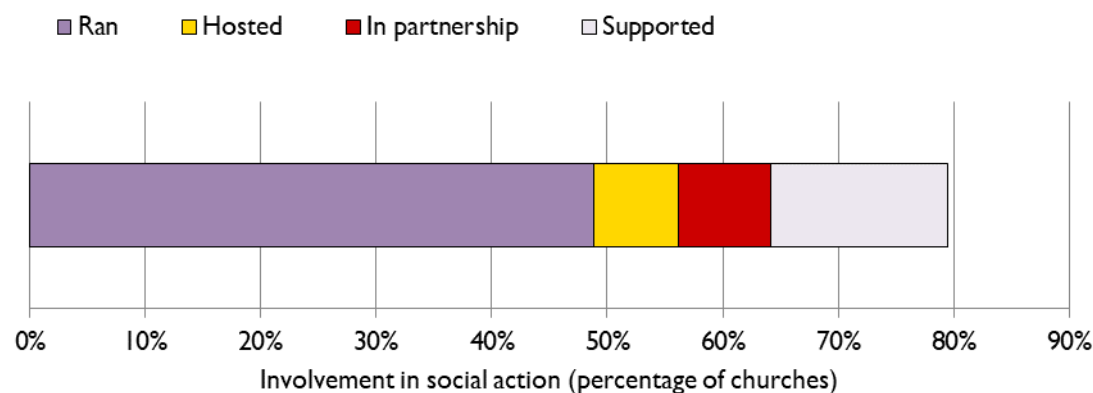


Figure 15: Percentage of churches involved in social action projects, 2017<sup>2</sup>



**Note:** Figures 14 and 15 are based on 12,927 responses

<sup>2</sup> In some cases, churches may have run a project, and hosted it, and offered donations and volunteers. To avoid double-counting of projects, types of involvement are treated hierarchically so that, for example, the yellow bar in Figure 15 shows those churches that did not run a project themselves in 2017, but did host a project.

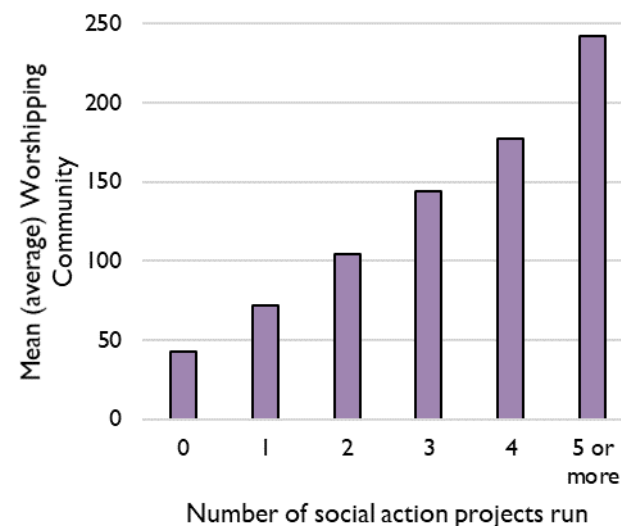
Churches were involved in a wide range of different types of social action project. 23% of churches reported that they ran parent/carer and toddler groups; 16% of churches reported that they ran lunch clubs. When including all forms of involvement, Food banks were the most commonly supported type of social action project: over 60% of churches supported food banks in some way, often with volunteers and/or donations, and often in partnership with other organisations (Figure 16).

Figure 16: Percentage of churches involved in different types of social action projects, 2017<sup>3</sup>



Note: Figure 16 is based on 12,927 responses

Figure 17: Mean (average) Worshipping Community in churches that ran different numbers of social action projects, 2017



Note: Figure 17 is based on 11,543 responses with complete Worshipping Community information

Unsurprisingly, larger churches seem able to lead and support more forms of social action. The average Worshipping Community of those churches that ran one social action project was 70 people, whereas the average Worshipping Community of those churches that ran five or more social actions project was 240 people (Figure 17).

<sup>3</sup> In some cases, churches may have run a project, and hosted it, and offered donations and volunteers. To avoid double-counting of projects, types of involvement are treated hierarchically so that, for example, the yellow bar shows those churches that did not run a project themselves in 2017, but did host a project.

## Appendix

This section contains additional detail, including diocesan-level figures. Values in the data tables are reported to the nearest 100 or nearest 10, as appropriate. Percentages are reported to the nearest 1% or 0.1%, as appropriate. In accordance with standard practice, totals, percentages, and averages have been calculated before rounding, so row and column totals may not always agree with the sums of the stated amounts.

Data tables generally include figures from 2012-2017, to give an indication of recent trends. The main exception is for the Worshipping Community figures; although collected since 2012 Worshipping Community figures were of variable reliability for the first few years, so figures are shown from 2014 onwards.

For Tables 5-7, which contain figures derived from the October count of attendance, it should be noted that the unusually large changes in attendance from 2012 to 2013 are the result of a change in the question, which from 2013 onwards specifically asked about attendance at services for schools. Attendance at midweek services for schools has been measured since 2013; attendance at services for schools on Sundays has been measured from 2014, with explicit guidance that only school services taking place in churches or church buildings should be included. Attendance at these school services is not included in the weekly attendance or Sunday attendance totals for 2013-2017. It is likely that reported attendance before 2013 included some school service attendance, accounting for the unusually large change from 2012 to 2013.

As a result of changes in the questions asked, the most suitable measure based on the October count for assessing trends is the Adult average weekly attendance plus the Child average Sunday attendance, shown in Table 8.

These tables are available electronically on the Research and Statistics web page: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/research-and-statistics>

### Notes

In the tables below, the completeness columns give the percentages of the 2017 values that were reported by churches/parishes (the remainder being estimated). For example, if Diocese A is shown to have 1,000 marriages with a completeness of 90%, this means that churches in Diocese A reported 900 marriages and those churches that did not submit a Statistics for Mission return were estimated to have carried out 100 marriages.

Figures for the Channel Islands are included in the Diocese of Canterbury, since episcopal oversight of the Channel Islands is being exercised by the Bishop of Dover. To allow meaningful assessment of trends, Channel Island figures are likewise included in the Diocese of Canterbury for previous years.

Table 3: Diocesan summary statistics, 2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Population	Area (square miles)	Population density (people per square mile)	Number of benefices	Number of parishes	Number of churches	Population per church	Rank	Square miles per church	Rank	Christian population	Christian population per church	Rank	Response rate	Rank
1	Bath & Wells	C	955,000	1,610	590	179	462	561	1,700	36	2.9	21	591,000	1,050	37	96%	7
2	Birmingham	C	1,581,000	290	5,380	141	151	184	8,590	2	1.6	38	804,000	4,370	3	98%	1
3	Blackburn	Y	1,346,000	930	1,450	178	236	272	4,950	12	3.4	13	901,000	3,310	8	76%	36
5	Bristol	C	1,030,000	470	2,190	107	166	200	5,150	10	2.4	34	555,000	2,770	13	87%	27
6	Canterbury	C	1,138,000	1,050	1,090	140	255	361	3,150	26	2.9	21	709,000	1,960	25	92%	18
7	Carlisle	Y	497,000	2,570	190	110	241	332	1,500	38	7.7	2	357,000	1,070	35	80%	34
8	Chelmsford	C	3,211,000	1,530	2,100	311	470	579	5,550	7	2.6	31	1,785,000	3,080	12	95%	9
9	Chester	Y	1,638,000	1,030	1,590	217	267	342	4,790	13	3.0	17	1,117,000	3,270	9	70%	40
10	Chichester	C	1,692,000	1,450	1,160	277	364	478	3,540	20	3.0	17	981,000	2,050	23	83%	32
11	Coventry	C	881,000	700	1,260	123	201	242	3,640	19	2.9	21	527,000	2,180	20	96%	4
12	Derby	C	1,057,000	990	1,060	145	254	316	3,350	24	3.1	15	645,000	2,040	24	74%	39
13	Durham	Y	1,487,000	980	1,520	177	213	268	5,550	7	3.7	11	1,041,000	3,890	5	93%	17
14	Ely	C	761,000	1,530	500	162	306	331	2,300	30	4.6	4	448,000	1,350	30	76%	37
15	Exeter	C	1,184,000	2,570	460	164	492	602	1,970	32	4.3	7	721,000	1,200	31	83%	31
16	Gloucester	C	668,000	1,130	590	92	298	385	1,730	34	2.9	21	424,000	1,100	34	88%	25
17	Guildford	C	1,060,000	530	2,000	140	160	212	5,000	11	2.5	32	659,000	3,110	11	95%	8
18	Hereford	C	329,000	1,650	200	86	340	403	820	41	4.1	10	222,000	550	40	94%	16
19	Leicester	C	1,049,000	830	1,260	106	243	311	3,370	23	2.7	28	534,000	1,720	26	90%	24
20	Lichfield	C	2,159,000	1,730	1,250	245	424	552	3,910	17	3.1	15	1,366,000	2,470	17	94%	10
21	Lincoln	C	1,080,000	2,670	410	182	483	625	1,730	34	4.3	7	724,000	1,160	32	78%	35
22	Liverpool	Y	1,607,000	390	4,080	135	198	238	6,750	5	1.7	37	1,207,000	5,070	1	94%	11
23	London	C	4,306,000	280	15,590	409	399	493	8,730	1	0.6	41	1,873,000	3,800	6	86%	29
24	Manchester	Y	2,168,000	420	5,220	180	257	311	6,970	4	1.3	39	1,292,000	4,150	4	90%	23
25	Newcastle	Y	822,000	2,100	390	129	170	236	3,480	21	8.9	1	518,000	2,190	18	94%	15
26	Norwich	C	912,000	1,800	510	164	552	640	1,420	39	2.8	26	552,000	860	38	75%	38
27	Oxford	C	2,387,000	2,210	1,080	290	611	813	2,940	27	2.7	28	1,383,000	1,700	27	91%	20
28	Peterborough	C	920,000	1,140	810	126	349	380	2,420	29	3.0	17	550,000	1,450	29	66%	41
29	Portsmouth	C	789,000	420	1,890	123	140	169	4,670	15	2.5	32	464,000	2,740	14	96%	6
31	Rochester	C	1,358,000	540	2,530	182	213	261	5,200	9	2.1	36	831,000	3,180	10	94%	14
32	St. Albans	C	1,922,000	1,120	1,720	193	338	407	4,720	14	2.7	28	1,099,000	2,700	15	92%	19
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	679,000	1,430	470	124	445	479	1,420	39	3.0	17	414,000	860	38	94%	12
34	Salisbury	C	955,000	2,050	470	137	437	569	1,680	37	3.6	12	607,000	1,070	35	84%	30
35	Sheffield	Y	1,294,000	610	2,110	147	174	209	6,190	6	2.9	21	781,000	3,740	7	97%	3
36	Sodor & Man	Y	89,000	220	410	14	15	39	2,280	31	5.6	3	-	-	-	98%	2
37	Southwark	C	2,864,000	320	8,910	256	294	356	8,050	3	0.9	40	1,576,000	4,430	2	90%	22
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	1,151,000	840	1,370	147	245	297	3,880	18	2.8	26	650,000	2,190	18	90%	21
39	Truro	C	564,000	1,390	410	107	214	304	1,860	33	4.6	4	338,000	1,110	33	82%	33
41	Winchester	C	1,235,000	1,130	1,090	140	256	357	3,460	22	3.2	14	744,000	2,080	22	96%	5
42	Worcester	C	890,000	670	1,330	93	169	276	3,220	25	2.4	34	590,000	2,140	21	88%	26
43	York	Y	1,442,000	2,670	540	242	443	587	2,460	28	4.5	6	930,000	1,580	28	87%	28
46	Leeds	Y	2,735,000	2,630	1,040	290	-	606	4,510	16	4.3	7	1,555,000	2,570	16	94%	13
	<b>Church of England</b>		<b>55,891,000</b>	<b>50,630</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>6,910</b>	<b>11,945</b>	<b>15,583</b>	<b>3,590</b>		<b>3.2</b>		<b>33,063,000</b>	<b>2,120</b>		<b>88%</b>	

**Notes:** Benefice, Parish, and Church numbers are as listed in the Parish Register maintained by the Research and Statistics unit as at 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Here and elsewhere, the Province in which a diocese falls is denoted as C (Canterbury) or Y (York).

Cathedral churches are included within the count of churches.

Populations are calculated using mid-year 2017 population estimates from the ONS, mapped onto diocesan boundaries. Figures for the Diocese in Europe are not included in Table 3.

Christian population is calculated using data from the 2011 census. The total for the Christian population of the Church of England does not include the Isle of Man.

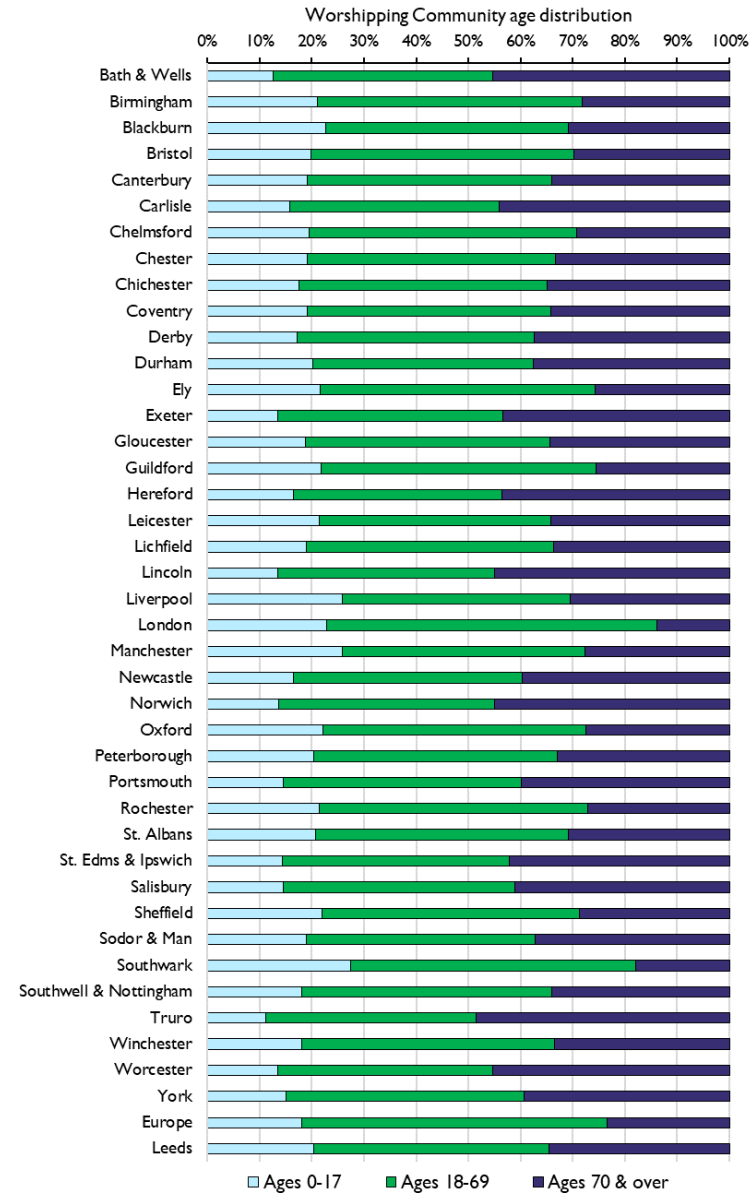
Response rate is the percentage of churches for which a complete 2017 Statistics for Mission return (i.e. one that did not require any estimation) was received.



Table 4: Diocesan Worshipping Community, 2014-2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Worshipping Community					Age distribution, 2017		
			2014	2015	2016	2017	complete-ness, 2016	Ages 0-17	Ages 18-69	Ages 70 & over
1	Bath & Wells	C	26,700	26,600	26,000	25,100	95%	13%	42%	45%
2	Birmingham	C	19,800	20,600	21,200	21,300	98%	21%	51%	28%
3	Blackburn	Y	26,700	26,600	25,800	26,900	81%	23%	46%	31%
5	Bristol	C	18,000	18,100	18,000	17,800	88%	20%	50%	30%
6	Canterbury	C	26,800	26,300	26,300	25,600	82%	19%	47%	34%
7	Carlisle	Y	14,800	14,200	14,100	14,400	79%	16%	40%	44%
8	Chelmsford	C	45,600	44,300	44,100	43,500	93%	19%	51%	29%
9	Chester	Y	36,200	36,700	37,500	37,700	71%	19%	48%	33%
10	Chichester	C	45,900	46,700	47,200	46,900	84%	18%	48%	35%
11	Coventry	C	18,000	17,500	17,500	17,200	92%	19%	47%	34%
12	Derby	C	18,300	18,200	17,900	17,600	83%	17%	45%	37%
13	Durham	Y	19,300	19,400	19,600	19,400	93%	20%	42%	37%
14	Ely	C	21,800	22,200	22,100	22,000	87%	22%	53%	26%
15	Exeter	C	25,500	25,500	25,800	25,600	87%	13%	43%	43%
16	Gloucester	C	23,200	23,000	23,300	23,200	87%	19%	47%	34%
17	Guildford	C	32,900	32,700	31,900	31,800	89%	22%	53%	26%
18	Hereford	C	11,700	12,300	12,800	13,400	92%	17%	40%	43%
19	Leicester	C	19,200	19,300	18,200	18,900	91%	21%	44%	34%
20	Lichfield	C	45,600	44,700	44,600	43,400	92%	19%	47%	34%
21	Lincoln	C	18,800	19,300	18,700	18,700	85%	13%	42%	45%
22	Liverpool	Y	27,500	27,000	25,600	27,100	92%	26%	44%	30%
23	London	C	90,100	88,200	86,800	88,900	85%	23%	63%	14%
24	Manchester	Y	29,200	29,600	28,500	28,500	90%	26%	47%	28%
25	Newcastle	Y	14,700	14,600	14,200	13,700	95%	16%	44%	40%
26	Norwich	C	21,200	21,700	22,400	22,500	73%	14%	41%	45%
27	Oxford	C	64,400	67,100	65,600	66,300	89%	22%	50%	27%
28	Peterborough	C	20,700	21,600	22,000	21,700	72%	20%	47%	33%
29	Portsmouth	C	15,200	14,900	15,500	15,500	93%	14%	46%	40%
31	Rochester	C	29,800	29,600	30,600	30,400	92%	21%	51%	27%
32	St. Albans	C	37,300	36,800	34,500	34,000	87%	21%	48%	31%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	19,100	18,900	17,700	18,000	93%	14%	44%	42%
34	Salisbury	C	31,300	30,200	31,500	29,800	88%	15%	44%	41%
35	Sheffield	Y	17,900	18,600	19,200	18,900	96%	22%	49%	29%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,900	98%	19%	44%	37%
37	Southwark	C	49,800	50,900	52,500	53,900	89%	27%	55%	18%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	19,100	19,800	18,700	18,600	92%	18%	48%	34%
39	Truro	C	12,000	12,300	11,600	11,500	82%	11%	40%	49%
41	Winchester	C	27,100	27,700	26,800	27,200	87%	18%	48%	34%
42	Worcester	C	14,000	13,500	13,600	13,400	86%	13%	41%	45%
43	York	Y	29,700	29,300	28,500	28,700	83%	15%	46%	39%
44	Europe	C	15,000	15,900	16,300	16,200	92%	18%	58%	24%
46	Leeds	Y	40,200	40,900	39,700	40,800	93%	20%	45%	35%
<b>Church of England</b>			<b>1,142,000</b>	<b>1,145,500</b>	<b>1,136,100</b>	<b>1,138,200</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>32%</b>

Figure 18: Diocesan Worshipping Community age distribution, 2017



Information about the age structure of Worshipping Communities allows us to identify dioceses with a large proportion of children in their congregations (e.g. Manchester, Liverpool, and Southwark) as well as those whose churches serve an older population (e.g. Truro).

Although the age groups are broad, this is the most comprehensive information available about the distribution of ages of people taking part in the worshipping life of the Church of England.

Table 5: Diocesan average all age weekly attendance, all age Sunday attendance, and all age school service attendance, 2012-2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	All age average weekly attendance							complete-ness, 2017	All age average Sunday attendance							complete-ness, 2017	All age average weekly school service attendance				
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2012		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014		2015	2016	2017		
1	Bath & Wells	C	24,700	23,000	23,100	22,600	21,900	21,300	100%	21,100	19,900	19,800	19,300	18,600	18,100	100%	2,900	4,000	5,000	5,900	6,200		
2	Birmingham	C	17,900	17,000	17,200	16,400	16,800	16,300	100%	14,900	15,000	15,000	14,300	14,600	14,300	100%	2,800	3,000	2,900	3,400	3,100		
3	Blackburn	Y	27,100	26,700	26,000	24,800	22,700	22,500	87%	23,400	23,400	22,700	21,600	19,700	19,400	87%	2,400	2,500	2,800	3,400	4,500		
5	Bristol	C	16,400	15,600	15,000	14,700	13,800	13,300	94%	13,500	13,200	12,800	12,500	11,800	11,200	94%	2,400	2,000	2,200	2,300	2,700		
6	Canterbury	C	25,400	23,800	23,800	22,400	21,600	20,600	96%	20,300	20,000	19,900	18,300	18,000	16,800	96%	3,800	3,700	3,800	4,800	6,000		
7	Carlisle	Y	14,900	14,200	13,500	13,100	12,500	11,900	85%	12,500	12,200	11,600	11,100	10,500	10,100	84%	2,600	1,700	2,900	2,000	2,700		
8	Chelmsford	C	40,200	38,500	38,000	38,400	36,800	34,600	99%	34,600	34,100	33,800	33,300	31,600	29,800	99%	4,200	4,900	6,200	6,700	7,200		
9	Chester	Y	35,900	33,600	33,400	33,100	31,700	30,500	73%	29,200	28,300	28,300	27,900	26,600	25,400	74%	3,900	4,000	3,600	3,400	3,500		
10	Chichester	C	42,700	39,900	38,300	37,400	36,800	35,600	95%	35,700	33,800	33,100	31,900	30,900	29,800	95%	4,800	5,800	6,000	6,600	6,400		
11	Coventry	C	15,600	16,200	15,600	15,000	14,800	14,300	99%	13,100	13,400	13,200	12,500	12,000	11,800	99%	1,800	3,300	3,500	2,800	3,600		
12	Derby	C	17,400	15,500	15,800	16,200	15,200	14,800	85%	14,400	13,600	13,700	13,800	13,100	12,600	85%	2,700	3,600	3,800	3,600	3,500		
13	Durham	Y	20,400	20,100	21,700	20,500	19,600	18,800	97%	15,900	16,100	17,000	16,200	15,300	14,400	98%	2,800	4,300	3,700	4,300	4,500		
14	Ely	C	17,900	18,000	17,900	17,600	16,900	17,000	91%	15,100	15,600	15,300	14,800	14,200	14,400	90%	1,400	2,700	2,700	3,100	3,000		
15	Exeter	C	24,000	23,000	22,700	23,100	23,200	22,700	90%	21,400	20,800	20,400	20,500	20,300	19,800	90%	1,800	3,900	4,100	4,100	3,200		
16	Gloucester	C	19,900	18,100	18,600	18,700	17,800	16,700	93%	16,400	15,400	15,400	15,400	14,600	13,900	94%	1,800	3,200	4,600	5,000	4,500		
17	Guildford	C	28,300	26,700	25,500	24,800	23,600	22,700	96%	23,900	23,500	22,300	21,800	20,600	20,100	96%	3,800	3,700	3,800	4,600	5,200		
18	Hereford	C	10,100	10,000	9,600	9,700	9,700	9,300	99%	8,400	8,100	7,600	7,600	7,400	7,300	100%	1,100	1,300	2,300	2,400	2,500		
19	Leicester	C	15,700	14,800	14,500	13,900	13,200	12,900	95%	12,900	12,700	12,300	11,700	10,900	11,000	96%	3,800	2,700	3,000	3,100	4,000		
20	Lichfield	C	35,900	33,000	32,500	31,800	30,300	29,500	98%	27,800	27,700	27,100	26,300	25,100	24,800	99%	6,800	9,200	9,100	8,800	9,700		
21	Lincoln	C	16,100	15,000	15,200	16,500	15,300	14,800	91%	13,300	12,200	12,400	13,500	12,500	11,900	91%	1,700	3,100	4,300	5,200	5,700		
22	Liverpool	Y	28,200	26,300	24,900	24,600	23,200	22,900	99%	22,200	22,100	20,900	21,200	20,000	19,300	98%	4,800	3,600	4,100	4,100	4,500		
23	London	C	81,800	76,200	73,300	72,800	70,800	69,800	95%	61,500	59,800	58,500	58,700	57,700	56,800	95%	5,800	10,300	11,600	10,600	10,700		
24	Manchester	Y	32,200	30,400	27,800	27,200	27,300	25,800	99%	26,700	26,700	25,400	24,800	24,400	22,900	99%	4,400	2,900	4,800	5,400	5,800		
25	Newcastle	Y	14,900	14,500	14,700	14,600	13,400	13,500	98%	11,700	12,000	11,900	11,700	10,600	10,700	98%	2,400	2,400	2,600	2,200	2,100		
26	Norwich	C	18,000	17,300	18,300	17,500	17,500	17,700	81%	15,500	14,900	15,600	14,900	14,600	14,700	83%	1,900	2,100	3,400	3,700	4,500		
27	Oxford	C	52,800	50,800	50,400	50,000	48,300	46,700	97%	45,300	44,000	44,400	44,100	42,100	40,700	98%	4,700	6,400	7,500	9,000	10,700		
28	Peterborough	C	17,000	16,400	16,200	16,200	15,200	15,300	79%	14,000	14,100	13,700	13,500	13,000	12,900	79%	2,200	2,800	3,700	2,800	2,700		
29	Portsmouth	C	13,500	12,200	12,400	11,900	12,000	11,100	100%	11,400	10,900	10,800	10,300	10,400	9,800	100%	2,100	2,000	2,500	2,700	2,800		
31	Rochester	C	27,900	26,300	25,600	25,800	24,100	24,000	98%	23,800	23,100	22,600	22,800	21,200	20,700	98%	3,400	3,300	3,700	3,400	4,900		
32	St. Albans	C	35,600	33,000	32,200	31,400	30,200	28,700	97%	26,800	26,500	26,300	25,600	24,300	23,300	97%	5,400	3,800	6,200	5,500	5,800		
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	16,600	15,800	15,000	14,800	14,100	13,600	99%	14,000	13,300	12,600	12,600	12,000	11,700	99%	800	1,700	1,800	2,500	3,400		
34	Salisbury	C	28,500	27,600	25,600	23,500	23,200	22,900	94%	23,900	23,700	21,900	20,500	20,000	19,900	94%	3,500	2,800	4,900	6,200	5,900		
35	Sheffield	Y	20,100	18,400	17,600	17,100	15,900	15,500	100%	15,400	15,100	14,900	14,600	13,600	13,200	100%	2,500	2,500	3,600	3,500	4,200		
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,800	1,500	100%	1,700	1,700	1,500	1,700	1,400	1,300	100%	100	300	200	100	200		
37	Southwark	C	43,100	39,100	40,600	40,100	38,800	38,300	95%	38,300	36,000	36,200	35,500	34,200	34,200	95%	-	7,100	5,400	5,500	6,900		
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	17,100	16,000	16,000	15,000	14,000	13,600	99%	14,000	13,500	13,400	12,700	12,100	11,700	99%	4,500	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,100		
39	Truro	C	11,800	11,600	11,300	10,800	10,300	10,000	88%	9,800	9,800	9,700	9,000	8,500	8,300	88%	1,100	1,600	1,800	1,700	2,000		
41	Winchester	C	27,800	26,500	24,300	24,400	22,900	22,400	97%	22,300	22,500	21,100	20,900	19,500	19,300	97%	5,200	3,600	4,000	4,700	4,900		
42	Worcester	C	14,800	13,200	13,100	12,300	12,000	11,600	93%	11,900	11,100	11,100	10,400	10,100	9,700	93%	1,800	2,000	2,800	3,100	2,500		
43	York	Y	28,000	27,200	27,100	27,000	25,700	25,400	96%	22,700	21,800	21,500	21,200	20,500	19,700	96%	3,400	3,700	4,300	5,900	6,200		
44	Europe	C	11,400	10,300	10,700	10,800	10,800	10,500	97%	10,800	9,700	9,900	10,000	10,100	9,700	97%	-	-	-	-	100		
46	Leeds	Y	39,100	39,600	38,000	38,600	36,000	34,400	98%	32,900	33,300	32,200	32,200	30,400	29,100	98%	6,300	6,800	7,900	9,800	11,100		
	<b>Church of England</b>		<b>1,048,700</b>	<b>993,500</b>	<b>975,000</b>	<b>959,300</b>	<b>921,800</b>	<b>895,300</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>864,200</b>	<b>844,500</b>	<b>829,600</b>	<b>813,300</b>	<b>779,000</b>	<b>756,000</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>125,700</b>	<b>147,600</b>	<b>170,300</b>	<b>181,000</b>	<b>196,500</b>		

**Notes:** Attendance data were collected during the first 4 weeks of October, 2017.

Attendance at midweek school services has been measured since 2013; in 2014 attendance at school services on Sundays was measured, with explicit guidance that only school services taking place in churches or church buildings should be included. Attendance at these school services is not included in the weekly attendance or Sunday attendance totals for 2013-2017. It is likely that reported attendance before 2013 included some school service attendance, accounting for the unusually large change from 2012 to 2013.

The question about services for schools was not asked of churches in the Diocese of Southwark in 2013.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned.

Table 6: Diocesan average adult weekly attendance, adult Sunday attendance, and adult school service attendance, 2012-2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Adult average weekly attendance						complete-ness, 2017	Adult average Sunday attendance						complete-ness, 2017	Adult average weekly school service attendance				
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1	Bath & Wells	C	20,500	19,700	20,200	19,800	19,300	18,800	100%	18,600	17,800	17,800	17,300	16,700	16,300	100%	700	900	1,300	1,500	1,500
2	Birmingham	C	14,300	14,400	14,700	14,000	14,400	13,900	100%	12,600	12,700	12,800	12,100	12,400	12,100	100%	400	600	600	600	600
3	Blackburn	Y	21,500	21,700	21,300	20,600	18,800	18,500	86%	18,900	19,100	18,600	17,900	16,400	16,000	87%	400	400	500	500	700
5	Bristol	C	13,300	13,100	12,800	12,500	11,800	11,400	94%	11,300	11,200	10,900	10,700	10,100	9,600	94%	300	500	500	500	600
6	Canterbury	C	19,700	19,600	20,300	19,200	18,500	17,800	96%	16,900	16,700	17,000	15,600	15,400	14,500	96%	700	900	1,000	1,000	1,200
7	Carlisle	Y	12,800	12,500	11,800	11,500	11,000	10,500	84%	11,200	10,900	10,300	9,900	9,500	9,100	84%	500	500	800	700	900
8	Chelmsford	C	32,300	32,300	32,100	32,200	31,000	29,100	99%	28,800	28,500	28,400	27,900	26,700	25,100	99%	900	1,000	1,600	1,400	1,700
9	Chester	Y	28,600	28,400	28,400	28,300	27,000	26,000	73%	24,800	24,300	24,200	24,000	22,900	21,900	74%	600	800	800	900	800
10	Chichester	C	35,000	33,800	33,400	32,700	32,500	31,400	94%	30,600	29,300	28,800	27,900	27,200	26,300	94%	1,100	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,300
11	Coventry	C	12,800	13,200	13,300	12,900	12,600	12,200	99%	11,100	11,300	11,300	10,700	10,300	10,100	99%	300	500	800	600	800
12	Derby	C	14,300	13,500	13,800	14,200	13,300	12,900	84%	12,600	11,900	12,100	12,200	11,600	11,100	84%	800	1,200	1,200	900	900
13	Durham	Y	17,000	17,400	19,000	18,100	17,200	16,500	97%	13,800	14,000	15,000	14,200	13,400	12,700	97%	400	1,100	1,100	1,000	1,200
14	Ely	C	14,200	14,900	14,900	14,500	13,800	14,100	90%	13,000	13,400	13,200	12,800	12,200	12,400	89%	200	500	500	700	700
15	Exeter	C	20,800	20,500	20,600	21,100	21,100	20,600	89%	19,200	18,800	18,500	18,700	18,600	18,100	89%	300	800	800	900	500
16	Gloucester	C	16,500	15,800	16,300	16,300	15,500	14,600	92%	14,400	13,600	13,600	13,600	12,800	12,300	94%	500	800	1,000	1,100	1,100
17	Guildford	C	21,800	21,800	20,900	20,500	19,500	19,000	96%	19,300	19,300	18,400	18,100	17,200	16,900	96%	800	800	1,000	1,200	1,300
18	Hereford	C	8,600	8,800	8,600	8,700	8,600	8,200	98%	7,600	7,500	7,100	7,000	6,900	6,800	99%	100	600	600	600	700
19	Leicester	C	12,900	12,500	12,200	11,900	11,400	11,100	95%	11,200	11,000	10,800	10,200	9,700	9,700	96%	800	600	900	1,000	800
20	Lichfield	C	28,300	28,200	28,000	27,500	26,700	26,000	98%	24,200	24,200	23,900	23,300	22,300	22,000	98%	1,400	1,700	1,900	2,400	2,500
21	Lincoln	C	13,500	13,200	13,600	14,700	13,800	13,200	90%	11,800	11,000	11,100	12,200	11,300	10,700	90%	300	600	1,000	1,300	1,500
22	Liverpool	Y	21,900	21,600	20,500	20,300	19,300	19,000	98%	18,400	18,300	17,300	17,600	16,600	16,100	98%	600	900	1,000	700	900
23	London	C	63,900	63,900	62,100	61,700	60,300	59,300	95%	50,000	49,600	48,600	48,500	47,800	47,000	95%	700	1,300	1,500	1,600	1,300
24	Manchester	Y	24,100	23,800	21,700	21,300	21,400	20,100	98%	21,000	21,000	19,900	19,400	19,200	18,000	98%	700	500	1,100	900	1,000
25	Newcastle	Y	12,500	12,600	12,900	12,700	11,700	11,800	98%	10,300	10,500	10,600	10,300	9,400	9,400	98%	500	700	800	700	700
26	Norwich	C	15,800	15,500	16,700	16,100	15,900	16,100	81%	14,200	13,700	14,500	13,900	13,500	13,500	83%	500	600	800	1,300	1,000
27	Oxford	C	42,600	42,200	42,400	42,100	40,900	39,800	97%	38,000	36,900	37,500	37,200	35,700	34,700	97%	900	1,500	1,900	2,200	2,800
28	Peterborough	C	13,600	13,800	13,700	13,700	13,000	13,100	79%	11,800	11,900	11,700	11,500	11,100	11,100	78%	500	600	1,000	700	500
29	Portsmouth	C	11,000	10,600	10,800	10,400	10,600	9,900	100%	9,900	9,500	9,400	9,100	9,300	8,800	100%	300	400	600	700	800
31	Rochester	C	21,900	21,300	21,300	21,400	20,000	19,900	97%	19,600	19,000	18,700	19,000	17,600	17,300	97%	600	600	700	700	800
32	St. Albans	C	26,900	26,700	26,100	25,200	24,800	23,600	97%	22,400	22,300	22,300	21,600	20,700	19,900	97%	1,000	800	1,100	1,200	1,300
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	14,200	13,900	13,400	13,300	12,800	12,300	99%	12,400	11,900	11,400	11,300	10,800	10,600	99%	100	500	700	500	900
34	Salisbury	C	23,600	23,700	22,400	20,900	20,500	20,300	94%	20,900	20,700	19,400	18,300	17,900	17,800	94%	500	700	1,200	1,400	1,400
35	Sheffield	Y	16,100	15,100	14,800	14,300	13,500	13,000	100%	13,100	12,900	12,600	12,300	11,500	11,200	100%	500	800	1,000	1,000	1,100
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,400	100%	1,500	1,500	1,300	1,500	1,200	1,100	100%	-	100	100	-	-
37	Southwark	C	32,300	30,700	32,200	31,800	30,900	30,500	94%	29,900	28,400	28,600	28,200	27,300	27,200	94%	-	3,600	1,200	1,200	1,500
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	13,900	13,800	14,000	13,000	12,200	11,900	98%	12,000	11,800	11,700	11,000	10,500	10,300	98%	800	700	500	800	800
39	Truro	C	10,200	10,600	10,500	9,900	9,400	9,100	88%	8,900	9,100	8,900	8,300	7,900	7,700	87%	300	400	500	500	600
41	Winchester	C	21,800	22,200	20,800	20,900	19,700	19,200	97%	18,900	19,300	18,100	18,100	17,000	16,700	97%	900	900	1,000	1,100	1,100
42	Worcester	C	11,900	11,400	11,300	10,700	10,500	10,200	92%	10,600	9,900	9,800	9,300	9,100	8,800	92%	300	500	800	700	700
43	York	Y	22,900	23,200	23,500	23,500	22,700	22,400	96%	19,600	18,800	18,700	18,600	18,200	17,500	96%	900	800	1,200	1,600	1,800
44	Europe	C	9,900	9,100	9,500	9,700	9,600	9,300	96%	9,400	8,500	8,800	8,900	8,900	8,600	96%	-	-	-	-	-
46	Leeds	Y	31,900	33,600	32,600	33,200	31,000	29,500	98%	28,000	28,700	27,700	27,700	26,300	25,100	98%	1,100	1,600	1,800	2,600	2,600
<b>Church of England</b>			<b>843,200</b>	<b>836,300</b>	<b>831,200</b>	<b>819,000</b>	<b>790,200</b>	<b>767,300</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>732,600</b>	<b>720,900</b>	<b>711,000</b>	<b>697,700</b>	<b>671,000</b>	<b>652,000</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>23,100</b>	<b>34,400</b>	<b>39,600</b>	<b>42,200</b>	<b>45,100</b>

**Notes:** Attendance data were collected during the first 4 weeks of October, 2017.

Attendance at school services in church has been measured since 2013; attendance at these school services is not included in the weekly attendance or Sunday attendance totals for 2013-2017. It is likely that reported attendance before 2013 included some school service attendance.

The question about services for schools was not asked of churches in the Diocese of Southwark in 2013.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned.

Table 7: Diocesan average child weekly attendance, child Sunday attendance, and child school service attendance, 2012-2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Child average weekly attendance							Child average Sunday attendance							Child average weekly school service attendance				
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	complete-ness, 2017	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	complete-ness, 2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1	Bath & Wells	C	4,100	3,400	2,900	2,800	2,600	2,600	100%	2,400	2,100	2,000	2,100	1,900	1,800	100%	2,200	3,100	3,700	4,400	4,600
2	Birmingham	C	3,600	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,400	100%	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,100	100%	2,400	2,400	2,300	2,800	2,500
3	Blackburn	Y	5,500	4,900	4,600	4,200	3,900	4,000	90%	4,500	4,300	4,100	3,800	3,400	3,400	91%	2,000	2,100	2,400	2,900	3,800
5	Bristol	C	3,100	2,500	2,300	2,200	2,000	1,900	97%	2,200	2,000	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,500	97%	2,100	1,500	1,800	1,800	2,100
6	Canterbury	C	5,700	4,100	3,500	3,200	3,100	2,800	97%	3,300	3,200	2,900	2,700	2,600	2,300	99%	3,100	2,800	2,800	3,800	4,800
7	Carlisle	Y	2,100	1,800	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,400	89%	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,000	1,000	90%	2,000	1,200	2,100	1,300	1,800
8	Chelmsford	C	7,700	6,300	5,900	6,200	5,800	5,500	100%	5,700	5,600	5,400	5,400	4,900	4,600	100%	3,300	3,900	4,500	5,300	5,400
9	Chester	Y	7,100	5,200	4,900	4,800	4,700	4,500	71%	4,300	4,000	4,100	3,900	3,700	3,400	76%	3,200	3,200	2,700	2,500	2,700
10	Chichester	C	7,600	6,000	4,900	4,700	4,300	4,200	98%	5,100	4,500	4,300	4,000	3,700	3,500	99%	3,800	4,400	4,600	5,200	5,100
11	Coventry	C	2,700	3,000	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100	100%	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,700	100%	1,600	2,700	2,700	2,300	2,800
12	Derby	C	3,000	2,000	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	92%	1,800	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,500	91%	1,900	2,400	2,700	2,700	2,600
13	Durham	Y	3,300	2,700	2,700	2,500	2,500	2,300	98%	2,000	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,900	1,700	99%	2,500	3,200	2,600	3,300	3,400
14	Ely	C	3,600	3,100	3,000	3,000	3,100	2,900	97%	2,100	2,200	2,100	2,000	2,100	1,900	95%	1,200	2,200	2,200	2,400	2,200
15	Exeter	C	3,200	2,500	2,100	2,000	2,100	2,100	97%	2,200	2,000	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,700	97%	1,500	3,200	3,300	3,300	2,700
16	Gloucester	C	3,400	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,300	2,100	94%	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,900	1,800	1,600	97%	1,300	2,400	3,600	3,900	3,400
17	Guildford	C	6,400	4,900	4,600	4,300	4,100	3,700	97%	4,500	4,200	4,000	3,700	3,400	3,100	97%	3,000	2,900	2,900	3,300	3,900
18	Hereford	C	1,400	1,200	1,000	1,000	1,100	1,100	100%	700	600	600	500	500	600	100%	1,000	700	1,700	1,800	1,800
19	Leicester	C	2,700	2,300	2,300	2,100	1,800	1,800	97%	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,400	99%	3,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	3,300
20	Lichfield	C	7,500	4,900	4,500	4,200	3,600	3,500	100%	3,500	3,500	3,300	3,000	2,700	2,800	100%	5,400	7,500	7,200	6,400	7,300
21	Lincoln	C	2,500	1,800	1,600	1,800	1,500	1,600	95%	1,400	1,200	1,200	1,400	1,200	1,200	96%	1,400	2,500	3,300	3,900	4,100
22	Liverpool	Y	6,300	4,700	4,400	4,300	4,000	4,000	100%	3,700	3,800	3,600	3,600	3,400	3,200	100%	4,100	2,700	3,200	3,300	3,600
23	London	C	17,800	12,300	11,200	11,100	10,500	10,500	96%	11,400	10,200	9,900	10,100	9,800	9,800	96%	5,100	9,000	10,000	8,900	9,400
24	Manchester	Y	8,100	6,600	6,100	6,000	5,900	5,700	100%	5,700	5,700	5,500	5,400	5,200	4,900	100%	3,700	2,300	3,600	4,500	4,800
25	Newcastle	Y	2,300	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,700	1,700	100%	1,300	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,200	1,300	100%	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,500	1,300
26	Norwich	C	2,200	1,800	1,600	1,400	1,500	1,700	80%	1,200	1,100	1,200	1,000	1,100	1,200	86%	1,400	1,500	2,600	2,400	3,500
27	Oxford	C	10,100	8,600	8,000	7,900	7,300	6,900	98%	7,100	7,000	6,900	6,900	6,400	6,000	99%	3,800	5,000	5,600	6,800	8,000
28	Peterborough	C	3,300	2,700	2,500	2,500	2,200	2,200	83%	2,100	2,200	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,800	83%	1,700	2,200	2,700	2,100	2,100
29	Portsmouth	C	2,400	1,600	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,200	100%	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,200	1,200	1,000	100%	1,800	1,700	1,900	2,100	2,100
31	Rochester	C	5,800	5,000	4,400	4,400	4,100	4,100	100%	4,100	4,100	3,800	3,900	3,600	3,400	100%	2,900	2,700	3,000	2,600	4,100
32	St. Albans	C	8,600	6,200	6,100	6,200	5,400	5,100	99%	4,300	4,200	4,000	4,000	3,600	3,400	100%	4,300	2,900	5,200	4,300	4,500
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	2,300	1,900	1,700	1,500	1,400	1,400	100%	1,400	1,400	1,200	1,300	1,100	1,200	100%	700	1,300	1,100	1,900	2,500
34	Salisbury	C	4,800	4,000	3,100	2,600	2,700	2,600	97%	2,900	2,900	2,500	2,200	2,100	2,100	98%	3,100	2,100	3,700	4,800	4,500
35	Sheffield	Y	3,900	3,300	2,800	2,800	2,400	2,500	100%	2,300	2,200	2,300	2,300	2,100	2,000	100%	2,100	1,700	2,600	2,500	3,100
36	Sodor & Man	Y	200	200	200	300	200	200	100%	200	200	200	200	100	100	100%	100	200	100	100	100
37	Southwark	C	10,800	8,400	8,400	8,300	7,800	7,800	96%	8,300	7,600	7,500	7,400	6,900	7,000	97%	-	3,600	4,200	4,300	5,500
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	3,100	2,200	2,100	2,000	1,800	1,800	100%	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,500	100%	3,700	2,600	2,600	2,400	2,300
39	Truro	C	1,600	1,000	800	900	900	800	96%	800	700	700	700	600	600	95%	800	1,200	1,300	1,200	1,400
41	Winchester	C	5,900	4,300	3,600	3,500	3,200	3,200	97%	3,300	3,200	2,900	2,800	2,600	2,600	100%	4,300	2,700	3,000	3,600	3,700
42	Worcester	C	2,800	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,400	1,300	98%	1,300	1,200	1,300	1,100	1,000	900	97%	1,500	1,500	2,100	2,400	1,800
43	York	Y	5,100	4,000	3,600	3,500	3,000	3,000	99%	3,000	3,000	2,800	2,600	2,300	2,200	100%	2,500	2,900	3,200	4,300	4,300
44	Europe	C	1,400	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,200	1,100	99%	1,400	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,200	1,100	100%	-	-	-	-	-
46	Leeds	Y	7,100	6,000	5,400	5,400	5,000	4,800	100%	4,700	4,600	4,500	4,500	4,100	3,900	100%	5,200	5,200	6,200	7,200	8,500
<b>Church of England</b>			<b>202,100</b>	<b>157,200</b>	<b>143,800</b>	<b>140,300</b>	<b>131,700</b>	<b>128,000</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>128,300</b>	<b>123,600</b>	<b>118,600</b>	<b>115,500</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>104,000</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>102,600</b>	<b>113,200</b>	<b>130,700</b>	<b>138,800</b>	<b>151,400</b>

**Notes:** Attendance data were collected during the first 4 weeks of October, 2017.

Attendance at school services in church has been measured since 2013; attendance at these school services is not included in the weekly attendance or Sunday attendance totals for 2013-2017. It is likely that reported attendance before 2013 included some school service attendance, accounting for the unusually large change from 2012 to 2013.

The question about services for schools was not asked of churches in the Diocese of Southwark in 2013.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned.

Table 8: Diocesan average adult weekly attendance plus average child Sunday attendance, 2012-2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Adult average weekly attendance plus Child average Sunday attendance						Completeness, 2017
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
1	Bath & Wells	C	22,900	21,800	22,200	21,800	21,100	20,600	100%
2	Birmingham	C	16,500	16,700	16,900	16,200	16,600	16,000	100%
3	Blackburn	Y	26,000	26,000	25,500	24,300	22,200	21,900	87%
5	Bristol	C	15,400	15,200	14,700	14,300	13,500	12,900	94%
6	Canterbury	C	23,000	22,900	23,200	21,900	21,100	20,100	96%
7	Carlisle	Y	14,100	13,700	13,000	12,700	12,100	11,500	84%
8	Chelmsford	C	38,000	37,900	37,400	37,600	35,900	33,700	99%
9	Chester	Y	33,000	32,400	32,500	32,200	30,700	29,500	73%
10	Chichester	C	40,100	38,400	37,700	36,700	36,200	34,900	95%
11	Coventry	C	14,700	15,300	15,300	14,600	14,300	13,900	99%
12	Derby	C	16,100	15,200	15,400	15,800	14,800	14,300	85%
13	Durham	Y	19,100	19,500	21,100	20,000	19,100	18,200	97%
14	Ely	C	16,300	17,100	17,100	16,500	15,900	16,000	90%
15	Exeter	C	22,900	22,500	22,500	22,900	22,900	22,300	90%
16	Gloucester	C	18,400	17,600	18,100	18,200	17,300	16,200	93%
17	Guildford	C	26,300	26,000	24,800	24,200	22,900	22,100	96%
18	Hereford	C	9,300	9,400	9,100	9,200	9,100	8,800	99%
19	Leicester	C	14,500	14,200	13,800	13,400	12,700	12,400	95%
20	Lichfield	C	31,700	31,600	31,300	30,600	29,400	28,800	98%
21	Lincoln	C	14,900	14,400	14,800	16,100	15,000	14,400	91%
22	Liverpool	Y	25,600	25,300	24,100	23,900	22,600	22,200	99%
23	London	C	75,300	74,100	72,000	71,800	70,100	69,100	95%
24	Manchester	Y	29,700	29,500	27,300	26,700	26,600	25,000	99%
25	Newcastle	Y	13,800	14,200	14,300	14,100	13,000	13,100	98%
26	Norwich	C	16,900	16,600	17,800	17,100	17,000	17,200	82%
27	Oxford	C	49,700	49,200	49,300	49,000	47,300	45,800	98%
28	Peterborough	C	15,700	15,900	15,800	15,700	14,800	14,900	79%
29	Portsmouth	C	12,400	12,000	12,100	11,600	11,800	10,900	100%
31	Rochester	C	26,000	25,400	25,100	25,300	23,600	23,300	98%
32	St. Albans	C	31,300	31,000	30,100	29,200	28,400	26,900	97%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	15,600	15,300	14,600	14,500	13,900	13,400	99%
34	Salisbury	C	26,400	26,600	24,900	23,000	22,600	22,300	94%
35	Sheffield	Y	18,400	17,400	17,100	16,600	15,500	15,100	100%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,700	1,500	100%
37	Southwark	C	40,600	38,300	39,700	39,200	37,800	37,500	95%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	15,900	15,500	15,700	14,600	13,700	13,300	99%
39	Truro	C	11,000	11,300	11,200	10,700	10,000	9,800	88%
41	Winchester	C	25,200	25,400	23,700	23,700	22,300	21,800	97%
42	Worcester	C	13,200	12,500	12,600	11,700	11,600	11,100	93%
43	York	Y	25,900	26,200	26,300	26,200	25,100	24,700	96%
44	Europe	C	11,300	10,300	10,600	10,800	10,800	10,400	97%
46	Leeds	Y	36,600	38,200	37,100	37,700	35,100	33,500	98%
	<b>Church of England</b>		<b>971,500</b>	<b>959,900</b>	<b>949,800</b>	<b>934,600</b>	<b>898,200</b>	<b>871,300</b>	<b>94%</b>

Attendance at school services in church has been measured since 2013. It is likely that reported attendance before 2013 included some school service attendance, and therefore care is needed when assessing trends in attendance as measured during the October count.

Since the majority of attendance at services for schools relates to children at midweek services, the measure “Adult average weekly attendance plus Child average Sunday attendance” is likely to be reasonably unaffected by the change in the question and is therefore the most appropriate measure to use when using the October count figures to assess trends. It is not perfect, since it will still include some adult attendance at services for schools before 2013, and it necessarily omits children’s attendance at midweek church services and fresh expressions of Church.

**Notes:** Attendance data were collected during the first 4 weeks of October, 2017.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned.

Table 9: Diocesan adult and child Usual Sunday attendance, 2012-2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			2017			complete-ness, 2017
			Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	
1	Bath & Wells	C	17,400	2,400	19,800	17,500	2,400	19,900	17,200	2,100	19,300	17,000	2,000	18,900	16,400	1,800	18,200	16,100	1,700	17,800	99%
2	Birmingham	C	11,700	2,000	13,700	11,500	2,000	13,500	11,300	2,000	13,300	11,000	1,900	12,900	11,200	2,000	13,200	10,900	1,800	12,700	100%
3	Blackburn	Y	16,800	3,800	20,600	17,000	3,800	20,800	16,200	3,600	19,800	15,900	3,200	19,000	15,200	2,900	18,100	14,700	2,800	17,500	87%
5	Bristol	C	10,400	1,900	12,300	10,500	1,900	12,300	10,000	1,700	11,800	10,100	1,800	11,900	9,700	1,600	11,300	9,500	1,500	11,000	93%
6	Canterbury	C	15,400	3,000	18,300	15,500	2,700	18,300	15,600	2,500	18,100	15,000	2,300	17,300	14,700	2,300	17,000	14,100	2,100	16,200	95%
7	Carlisle	Y	9,600	1,000	10,600	9,900	1,000	10,800	9,200	900	10,100	9,000	800	9,800	8,900	800	9,700	8,600	700	9,400	82%
8	Chelmsford	C	26,200	4,900	31,000	26,600	4,800	31,400	25,700	4,900	30,600	25,700	4,800	30,500	24,900	4,500	29,400	24,100	4,400	28,400	98%
9	Chester	Y	21,600	3,400	25,000	21,100	3,300	24,400	21,300	3,300	24,600	21,100	3,300	24,400	20,300	3,100	23,400	19,900	3,000	22,900	76%
10	Chichester	C	28,500	4,600	33,100	28,300	4,300	32,600	27,700	4,100	31,800	27,400	3,900	31,300	26,500	3,600	30,100	26,100	3,400	29,500	91%
11	Coventry	C	10,700	1,700	12,400	10,500	1,700	12,200	10,500	1,700	12,200	10,100	1,700	11,800	9,800	1,600	11,400	9,900	1,500	11,400	99%
12	Derby	C	11,200	1,500	12,700	10,800	1,400	12,300	11,000	1,400	12,400	10,600	1,400	12,000	10,200	1,200	11,400	9,900	1,200	11,100	86%
13	Durham	Y	11,300	1,600	12,900	11,300	1,500	12,800	11,400	1,500	12,800	11,200	1,500	12,600	10,800	1,400	12,200	10,700	1,300	11,900	96%
14	Ely	C	12,000	2,300	14,300	12,700	2,300	15,000	12,500	2,200	14,600	12,100	2,000	14,200	11,500	2,000	13,500	11,600	2,000	13,600	90%
15	Exeter	C	18,200	1,900	20,100	18,100	1,900	20,000	17,600	1,900	19,500	17,600	1,700	19,300	17,600	1,600	19,200	17,600	1,600	19,200	90%
16	Gloucester	C	13,200	1,800	14,900	13,200	1,800	15,000	13,300	1,800	15,100	12,800	1,700	14,500	12,500	1,500	14,000	12,100	1,400	13,600	91%
17	Guildford	C	17,400	3,700	21,200	17,800	3,600	21,400	17,200	3,600	20,800	16,800	3,400	20,200	16,300	3,100	19,500	16,000	2,900	18,900	96%
18	Hereford	C	7,600	800	8,400	7,200	700	7,900	7,100	600	7,700	7,100	600	7,700	7,200	600	7,800	7,100	500	7,600	98%
19	Leicester	C	10,900	1,600	12,500	11,000	1,600	12,600	10,700	1,600	12,200	10,200	1,400	11,600	10,100	1,300	11,300	9,700	1,300	11,100	95%
20	Lichfield	C	22,900	3,300	26,200	22,100	3,100	25,200	22,100	3,000	25,100	21,400	2,800	24,200	21,200	2,600	23,800	20,800	2,400	23,200	96%
21	Lincoln	C	12,600	1,200	13,800	11,900	1,100	13,100	12,300	1,200	13,400	12,400	1,100	13,600	12,100	1,200	13,200	11,900	1,100	12,900	88%
22	Liverpool	Y	16,000	3,000	19,000	15,300	2,900	18,200	14,800	2,700	17,500	14,500	2,700	17,200	14,300	2,700	16,900	14,100	2,600	16,700	98%
23	London	C	47,900	10,400	58,300	47,500	10,300	57,800	46,600	10,500	57,000	47,000	10,400	57,400	47,200	10,400	57,600	45,800	10,500	56,200	93%
24	Manchester	Y	18,300	4,900	23,300	17,800	4,900	22,700	17,300	4,700	22,000	16,600	4,400	20,900	16,100	4,300	20,400	15,900	4,200	20,000	94%
25	Newcastle	Y	9,100	1,100	10,200	9,200	1,100	10,300	9,100	1,100	10,200	8,800	1,100	9,900	8,500	1,000	9,500	8,100	900	9,000	97%
26	Norwich	C	14,400	1,000	15,400	14,800	1,100	15,900	15,100	1,100	16,200	15,100	1,100	16,100	15,200	1,100	16,300	14,800	1,000	15,900	81%
27	Oxford	C	35,700	6,900	42,600	36,200	7,000	43,300	35,000	6,700	41,700	35,200	6,600	41,800	35,000	6,400	41,400	34,500	6,100	40,600	96%
28	Peterborough	C	11,300	1,900	13,200	11,500	2,000	13,400	11,300	1,900	13,200	11,300	1,900	13,100	11,000	1,800	12,800	10,800	1,700	12,500	77%
29	Portsmouth	C	9,000	1,200	10,200	8,800	1,100	9,900	8,700	1,100	9,800	8,500	1,000	9,500	8,600	900	9,500	8,500	900	9,400	99%
31	Rochester	C	17,100	3,700	20,800	17,300	3,700	21,100	16,800	3,300	20,200	17,100	3,300	20,500	16,400	3,200	19,600	16,000	3,000	19,000	97%
32	St. Albans	C	20,600	3,900	24,400	20,100	3,700	23,900	19,900	3,600	23,500	19,700	3,500	23,300	19,100	3,300	22,400	18,700	3,100	21,800	96%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	12,400	1,300	13,800	12,200	1,400	13,700	12,000	1,200	13,300	12,000	1,300	13,300	11,600	1,200	12,700	11,100	1,100	12,200	97%
34	Salisbury	C	19,400	2,500	21,900	19,000	2,300	21,300	18,500	2,100	20,600	17,900	2,000	19,900	18,000	2,100	20,100	17,900	1,900	19,700	92%
35	Sheffield	Y	11,200	1,900	13,000	11,000	1,900	12,900	10,900	1,800	12,800	10,800	1,900	12,700	10,300	1,800	12,100	10,300	1,800	12,100	100%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,200	200	1,300	1,200	200	1,400	1,200	200	1,400	1,200	100	1,400	1,200	100	1,300	1,100	100	1,200	100%
37	Southwark	C	27,600	7,400	35,100	27,200	7,200	34,400	26,200	7,100	33,300	26,100	6,800	32,900	26,000	6,700	32,700	25,800	6,800	32,500	94%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	11,400	1,700	13,100	11,400	1,700	13,100	11,200	1,600	12,800	10,900	1,500	12,300	10,500	1,400	11,900	10,500	1,400	11,900	97%
39	Truro	C	8,000	700	8,700	8,300	700	9,000	8,100	600	8,800	8,000	600	8,600	7,700	500	8,300	7,700	500	8,200	88%
41	Winchester	C	17,500	3,300	20,800	18,400	2,900	21,300	16,700	2,600	19,300	16,900	2,600	19,500	16,700	2,400	19,100	16,300	2,200	18,500	96%
42	Worcester	C	8,800	1,000	9,800	8,800	900	9,600	8,700	900	9,600	8,600	800	9,400	8,500	800	9,300	8,400	800	9,200	91%
43	York	Y	17,600	2,300	19,900	17,700	2,300	19,900	17,300	2,200	19,400	17,300	2,100	19,400	17,300	1,900	19,300	16,700	1,800	18,500	95%
44	Europe	C	9,200	1,600	10,800	8,200	1,400	9,600	8,600	1,400	10,000	8,900	1,400	10,300	8,900	1,400	10,300	8,800	1,400	10,200	96%
46	Leeds	Y	25,200	3,900	29,200	25,400	4,000	29,400	24,900	3,800	28,800	24,300	3,700	28,000	23,500	3,400	26,900	22,900	3,400	26,300	97%
<b>Church of England</b>			<b>674,700</b>	<b>114,100</b>	<b>788,800</b>	<b>671,800</b>	<b>111,500</b>	<b>783,200</b>	<b>658,900</b>	<b>107,500</b>	<b>766,400</b>	<b>651,200</b>	<b>103,800</b>	<b>754,900</b>	<b>638,900</b>	<b>99,500</b>	<b>738,400</b>	<b>625,900</b>	<b>95,800</b>	<b>721,800</b>	<b>93%</b>

Notes: Data in this table refer to attendance on a "usual Sunday, when there is a service".

Values shown include data as reported by churches/ parishes and estimates where no report has been returned.

Table 10: Diocesan electoral roll, 2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Electoral roll 2017
1	Bath & Wells	C	29,800
2	Birmingham	C	15,800
3	Blackburn	Y	28,200
5	Bristol	C	14,700
6	Canterbury	C	20,700
7	Carlisle	Y	17,600
8	Chelmsford	C	40,800
9	Chester	Y	38,900
10	Chichester	C	47,000
11	Coventry	C	15,300
12	Derby	C	15,000
13	Durham	Y	18,900
14	Ely	C	17,500
15	Exeter	C	26,000
16	Gloucester	C	21,400
17	Guildford	C	26,300
18	Hereford	C	14,700
19	Leicester	C	15,900
20	Lichfield	C	38,200
21	Lincoln	C	21,300
22	Liverpool	Y	23,800
23	London	C	76,100
24	Manchester	Y	28,000
25	Newcastle	Y	13,800
26	Norwich	C	17,800
27	Oxford	C	51,800
28	Peterborough	C	17,900
29	Portsmouth	C	14,300
31	Rochester	C	25,900
32	St. Albans	C	31,800
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	19,000
34	Salisbury	C	35,200
35	Sheffield	Y	15,500
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,000
37	Southwark	C	43,600
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	17,500
39	Truro	C	13,200
41	Winchester	C	28,200
42	Worcester	C	14,500
43	York	Y	28,600
44	Europe	C	11,600
46	Leeds	Y	38,900
<b>Church of England</b>			<b>1,053,000</b>

**Note:** Electoral roll data as provided by diocesan offices are used where this information is not given by churches/parishes. Therefore, no estimation has been carried out in the preparation of this table.



Table 11: Diocesan Easter communicants and attendance, 2012-2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Easter communicants					Easter attendance							completeness, 2017
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
1	Bath & Wells	C	27,500	25,100	26,000	25,800	24,000	25,400	38,200	34,100	35,600	36,500	34,000	34,800	98%
2	Birmingham	C	15,600	15,000	14,800	14,300	13,600	13,400	21,600	20,900	20,700	20,700	19,200	19,600	99%
3	Blackburn	Y	25,600	24,100	23,200	23,100	21,700	21,600	33,200	31,200	31,800	31,100	29,300	28,700	86%
5	Bristol	C	13,700	13,600	13,400	13,700	12,600	13,300	20,700	19,800	19,500	20,000	18,700	18,600	94%
6	Canterbury	C	23,300	22,000	22,600	22,000	20,700	21,200	32,500	31,600	32,300	31,300	29,100	30,000	96%
7	Carlisle	Y	15,900	14,500	14,700	14,300	13,100	12,800	23,600	20,100	19,800	19,900	18,600	18,200	84%
8	Chelmsford	C	35,800	34,800	35,400	35,600	33,300	34,900	52,800	50,400	51,100	50,200	47,800	49,800	98%
9	Chester	Y	28,900	25,900	27,700	27,200	26,200	26,700	39,600	36,900	39,400	39,400	37,500	38,300	77%
10	Chichester	C	41,300	40,100	40,500	39,500	37,300	38,700	60,100	56,000	56,500	55,600	52,700	54,600	91%
11	Coventry	C	14,700	13,500	13,700	13,800	13,400	13,700	20,600	18,900	19,100	19,600	18,200	18,700	98%
12	Derby	C	15,700	14,900	14,500	14,700	14,500	14,400	21,300	20,500	20,100	19,800	19,300	19,600	83%
13	Durham	Y	15,800	14,800	15,200	15,000	14,100	14,600	21,400	20,200	20,900	20,300	19,800	19,800	97%
14	Ely	C	16,500	14,800	15,400	15,200	14,400	15,400	22,100	22,600	23,100	22,300	21,400	22,800	90%
15	Exeter	C	31,100	28,500	28,900	29,500	27,800	29,100	40,600	37,800	38,000	38,300	36,100	38,800	90%
16	Gloucester	C	20,500	18,500	19,900	18,900	18,600	18,400	29,700	26,300	28,200	27,200	26,700	25,800	95%
17	Guildford	C	24,400	23,100	24,600	23,400	22,100	22,700	37,100	34,600	36,500	34,600	32,200	34,200	96%
18	Hereford	C	12,900	11,300	11,000	11,800	11,000	11,200	17,600	14,800	14,600	15,400	14,400	14,900	97%
19	Leicester	C	15,100	14,600	14,100	13,900	12,500	12,600	21,000	20,000	20,000	19,100	17,400	17,900	97%
20	Lichfield	C	31,800	30,500	29,900	29,900	28,200	28,100	42,100	41,300	40,000	40,100	37,200	38,400	97%
21	Lincoln	C	16,800	15,100	16,000	16,200	15,600	15,400	23,800	19,900	21,000	21,700	20,200	20,800	90%
22	Liverpool	Y	21,800	20,600	21,000	19,700	18,400	17,600	29,400	26,900	27,300	26,100	24,600	24,500	98%
23	London	C	54,400	50,100	56,300	53,500	51,900	56,000	85,300	90,500	89,100	85,300	85,100	89,400	94%
24	Manchester	Y	24,500	23,100	22,800	22,600	21,400	22,000	33,000	32,200	32,000	31,300	29,700	29,900	94%
25	Newcastle	Y	12,800	11,800	11,700	12,200	11,200	11,700	18,200	16,800	17,700	17,400	16,000	16,500	97%
26	Norwich	C	21,300	19,000	20,400	20,100	18,300	19,200	27,100	26,000	27,700	27,400	25,800	27,000	80%
27	Oxford	C	47,800	44,400	49,500	47,800	46,900	48,100	72,700	67,300	71,900	70,200	69,200	70,700	97%
28	Peterborough	C	17,700	16,400	17,300	16,700	16,100	16,900	23,600	23,100	24,000	23,100	22,200	23,000	75%
29	Portsmouth	C	14,600	13,900	14,200	13,800	12,900	12,800	20,300	19,400	19,900	18,500	17,900	18,100	100%
31	Rochester	C	22,800	21,600	22,700	22,300	21,100	22,300	35,400	33,300	34,300	33,800	32,000	32,800	95%
32	St. Albans	C	30,100	28,300	28,400	28,800	27,500	28,900	44,400	40,000	42,000	41,700	39,500	40,500	96%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	19,000	17,500	17,800	17,400	16,100	16,200	26,600	24,000	25,100	23,700	21,600	22,800	97%
34	Salisbury	C	32,000	29,300	29,600	29,300	27,500	28,500	44,200	40,500	41,900	41,100	38,800	38,700	92%
35	Sheffield	Y	13,700	13,300	13,200	12,500	12,100	12,200	19,600	18,700	19,500	19,400	17,600	17,900	100%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,900	1,800	2,000	1,800	1,700	1,700	2,600	2,600	2,500	2,500	2,200	2,100	100%
37	Southwark	C	37,500	37,500	37,700	37,500	36,000	36,800	54,000	57,600	55,900	55,500	52,600	53,400	94%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	13,900	13,900	14,100	14,000	13,300	13,700	19,600	19,700	19,000	19,300	17,800	18,400	97%
39	Truro	C	14,700	13,100	13,900	14,200	12,700	13,000	20,300	18,200	19,000	18,700	17,400	18,000	88%
41	Winchester	C	26,200	25,300	26,300	24,800	23,100	24,600	37,300	36,000	36,200	36,000	33,600	34,500	98%
42	Worcester	C	13,400	12,500	12,300	12,300	11,200	11,400	18,200	17,400	16,700	16,800	15,400	15,700	94%
43	York	Y	25,500	23,300	23,900	23,600	23,100	24,300	34,700	31,700	33,400	33,200	31,900	30,700	94%
44	Europe	C	14,700	12,900	13,300	13,900	13,000	14,100	19,100	16,700	17,100	17,700	17,100	17,900	95%
46	Leeds	Y	37,000	34,400	35,900	35,300	34,400	34,200	48,700	45,300	47,100	47,400	45,500	45,300	97%
	<b>Church of England</b>		<b>960,200</b>	<b>898,600</b>	<b>925,600</b>	<b>911,800</b>	<b>864,900</b>	<b>889,700</b>	<b>1,353,600</b>	<b>1,281,500</b>	<b>1,307,500</b>	<b>1,289,100</b>	<b>1,223,300</b>	<b>1,252,000</b>	<b>93%</b>

**Notes:** Figures include communicants and attendance at any services on Easter Day or vigil services on Easter Eve.

Communicants are a subset of those attending.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned.



Table 12: Diocesan Christmas communicants and attendance, 2012-2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Christmas communicants					Christmas attendance							Advent attendance, 2017		
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	complete-ness, 2017	Congregation & community services	Civic and school services
1	Bath & Wells	C	28,700	27,600	28,100	28,200	28,600	28,000	69,000	66,000	67,600	71,200	73,200	79,100	99%	87,300	85,700
2	Birmingham	C	13,900	13,200	12,800	12,700	12,900	14,400	39,000	36,000	36,500	38,000	37,900	40,200	100%	30,700	49,700
3	Blackburn	Y	21,200	19,800	18,700	19,200	18,500	19,000	50,600	47,400	43,500	44,900	43,900	46,600	88%	42,100	57,100
5	Bristol	C	15,800	15,300	14,200	14,400	14,800	16,000	43,600	41,300	39,500	42,100	41,700	45,400	93%	48,200	46,100
6	Canterbury	C	22,500	22,400	22,400	22,700	21,600	21,800	66,300	63,400	65,600	69,300	68,400	68,200	97%	51,000	76,800
7	Carlisle	Y	14,500	13,300	13,600	13,000	12,000	12,500	36,100	31,800	32,500	33,000	33,700	34,500	81%	28,200	35,300
8	Chelmsford	C	31,700	31,200	31,200	32,600	32,500	34,800	97,600	96,600	96,000	104,900	105,500	111,700	99%	96,900	121,600
9	Chester	Y	28,000	24,600	26,500	26,200	26,300	27,300	74,500	71,800	78,100	79,400	82,600	85,000	78%	61,900	90,300
10	Chichester	C	40,600	37,900	37,600	39,700	39,800	42,700	107,900	103,600	104,900	111,400	114,500	119,200	90%	95,300	91,700
11	Coventry	C	13,900	13,800	13,900	14,400	14,300	14,600	42,600	43,300	41,000	41,000	41,000	43,500	98%	42,300	44,800
12	Derby	C	13,500	13,200	13,800	13,500	13,300	14,300	37,300	41,200	39,500	41,800	42,900	45,300	87%	39,300	48,600
13	Durham	Y	12,900	12,200	12,700	13,200	13,000	14,200	37,100	33,800	38,000	39,500	40,500	41,400	97%	37,600	66,900
14	Ely	C	16,200	15,400	15,500	16,000	15,400	16,200	47,100	48,300	48,000	51,300	49,400	50,700	90%	44,100	42,400
15	Exeter	C	28,800	26,900	28,300	29,100	28,700	29,500	65,600	66,100	67,900	70,900	74,200	75,900	92%	71,400	74,400
16	Gloucester	C	20,700	19,800	21,100	21,500	21,000	22,500	56,600	54,800	55,900	59,400	61,800	64,600	94%	46,800	39,300
17	Guildford	C	24,500	23,400	24,300	23,800	24,400	26,300	86,000	78,900	81,200	84,600	88,500	90,000	97%	61,600	81,900
18	Hereford	C	12,500	12,400	12,200	12,700	11,900	12,600	25,900	24,400	24,300	28,200	27,200	29,700	98%	26,600	15,600
19	Leicester	C	14,800	14,500	13,700	13,100	13,000	13,500	37,700	38,200	39,400	41,400	41,900	39,400	97%	38,800	49,400
20	Lichfield	C	30,900	30,900	29,600	29,900	29,700	30,600	76,500	79,000	74,900	82,200	84,300	84,600	97%	62,300	99,100
21	Lincoln	C	17,800	16,100	16,000	17,100	16,100	17,600	43,800	37,500	39,100	43,300	46,200	49,000	93%	52,600	63,300
22	Liverpool	Y	18,500	18,500	16,800	17,200	17,100	18,800	32,100	36,000	36,200	37,800	38,400	45,300	99%	44,600	61,700
23	London	C	53,800	50,300	53,100	53,700	51,300	55,200	119,800	118,800	123,800	125,400	129,200	135,100	96%	146,000	160,400
24	Manchester	Y	20,400	19,000	18,200	18,100	18,400	21,000	43,100	40,900	37,100	37,000	39,200	43,300	96%	54,600	69,500
25	Newcastle	Y	11,200	10,800	10,900	10,800	10,800	11,900	40,100	37,900	38,900	38,200	39,700	40,600	97%	34,100	49,300
26	Norwich	C	19,400	18,200	18,700	19,100	19,100	19,700	53,800	54,700	53,000	58,900	59,700	61,400	80%	52,500	52,900
27	Oxford	C	50,200	48,900	52,300	54,000	54,000	54,100	139,600	138,100	150,900	160,500	164,600	164,400	96%	136,800	134,100
28	Peterborough	C	18,000	17,600	17,400	16,900	17,800	17,500	51,600	47,100	47,800	52,500	52,100	53,500	80%	35,000	31,900
29	Portsmouth	C	13,800	13,300	13,600	13,600	13,600	14,300	42,100	39,100	41,100	40,500	41,900	41,800	100%	36,200	58,600
31	Rochester	C	21,000	19,800	19,900	21,100	21,500	21,600	67,800	64,100	66,400	71,300	75,200	74,600	97%	62,100	95,400
32	St. Albans	C	30,700	28,900	29,500	29,000	29,400	32,000	96,500	90,300	93,800	100,800	105,700	111,200	97%	55,100	102,900
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	18,300	16,700	16,700	16,800	16,000	16,200	46,600	44,600	44,000	47,400	49,900	50,800	98%	44,200	44,600
34	Salisbury	C	32,600	31,700	31,800	31,300	30,600	32,000	77,500	78,300	77,700	79,500	78,700	80,700	93%	65,700	69,300
35	Sheffield	Y	10,600	10,700	10,400	10,700	10,500	11,400	32,800	32,900	32,500	34,400	35,900	37,000	100%	39,900	48,700
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,800	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,800	3,500	3,600	3,900	4,100	3,700	4,100	100%	4,300	7,100
37	Southwark	C	37,900	39,000	36,800	37,700	37,200	38,400	99,300	103,000	97,400	107,000	105,100	110,100	94%	88,300	114,400
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	12,500	12,600	12,800	12,700	12,200	13,600	36,500	37,900	37,600	40,100	39,600	41,900	97%	39,600	51,900
39	Truro	C	12,800	12,000	12,500	12,800	12,800	12,900	31,300	28,900	28,000	30,100	31,500	32,300	91%	33,400	28,500
41	Winchester	C	27,600	27,700	27,900	28,000	27,300	28,600	77,300	72,500	72,900	75,400	76,000	77,900	98%	65,000	87,200
42	Worcester	C	13,200	12,600	12,400	12,300	12,100	13,000	36,700	37,400	36,700	38,100	38,000	39,600	95%	27,800	38,900
43	York	Y	24,600	23,700	23,300	23,800	25,000	23,700	67,100	65,500	65,800	67,800	68,600	71,500	95%	72,500	79,500
44	Europe	C	10,800	10,000	10,500	11,800	11,500	12,300	17,700	16,400	16,600	18,500	19,400	20,400	96%	32,400	1,400
46	Leeds	Y	32,800	32,400	32,300	33,100	33,000	35,400	91,300	90,200	95,300	102,000	104,300	102,700	98%	91,600	128,600
<b>Church of England</b>			<b>916,100</b>	<b>880,100</b>	<b>885,700</b>	<b>899,400</b>	<b>890,500</b>	<b>933,700</b>	<b>2,444,700</b>	<b>2,381,700</b>	<b>2,410,700</b>	<b>2,545,100</b>	<b>2,595,600</b>	<b>2,684,200</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>2,326,500</b>	<b>2,796,800</b>

**Notes:** Figures include communicants and attendance at any services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Communicants are a subset of those attending.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned.

Table 13: Diocesan participation as a percentage of diocesan population and as a percentage of diocesan Christian population, 2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Total					% of population					% of Christian population				
			Worshipping Community	Average weekly attendance	Usual Sunday attendance	Easter attendance	Christmas attendance	Worshipping Community	Average weekly attendance	Usual Sunday attendance	Easter attendance	Christmas attendance	Worshipping Community	Average weekly attendance	Usual Sunday attendance	Easter attendance	Christmas attendance
1	Bath & Wells	C	25,100	21,300	17,800	34,800	79,100	2.6%	2.2%	1.9%	3.6%	8.3%	4.3%	3.6%	3.0%	5.9%	13.4%
2	Birmingham	C	21,300	16,300	12,700	19,600	40,200	1.3%	1.0%	0.8%	1.2%	2.5%	2.7%	2.0%	1.6%	2.4%	5.0%
3	Blackburn	Y	26,900	22,500	17,500	28,700	46,600	2.0%	1.7%	1.3%	2.1%	3.5%	3.0%	2.5%	1.9%	3.2%	5.2%
5	Bristol	C	17,800	13,300	11,000	18,600	45,400	1.7%	1.3%	1.1%	1.8%	4.4%	3.2%	2.4%	2.0%	3.3%	8.2%
6	Canterbury	C	25,600	20,600	16,200	30,000	68,200	2.3%	1.8%	1.4%	2.6%	6.0%	3.6%	2.9%	2.3%	4.2%	9.6%
7	Carlisle	Y	14,400	11,900	9,400	18,200	34,500	2.9%	2.4%	1.9%	3.7%	6.9%	4.0%	3.3%	2.6%	5.1%	9.7%
8	Chelmsford	C	43,500	34,600	28,400	49,800	111,700	1.4%	1.1%	0.9%	1.6%	3.5%	2.4%	1.9%	1.6%	2.8%	6.3%
9	Chester	Y	37,700	30,500	22,900	38,300	85,000	2.3%	1.9%	1.4%	2.3%	5.2%	3.4%	2.7%	2.0%	3.4%	7.6%
10	Chichester	C	46,900	35,600	29,500	54,600	119,200	2.8%	2.1%	1.7%	3.2%	7.0%	4.8%	3.6%	3.0%	5.6%	12.2%
11	Coventry	C	17,200	14,300	11,400	18,700	43,500	2.0%	1.6%	1.3%	2.1%	4.9%	3.3%	2.7%	2.2%	3.5%	8.3%
12	Derby	C	17,600	14,800	11,100	19,600	45,300	1.7%	1.4%	1.1%	1.9%	4.3%	2.7%	2.3%	1.7%	3.0%	7.0%
13	Durham	Y	19,400	18,800	11,900	19,800	41,400	1.3%	1.3%	0.8%	1.3%	2.8%	1.9%	1.8%	1.1%	1.9%	4.0%
14	Ely	C	22,000	17,000	13,600	22,800	50,700	2.9%	2.2%	1.8%	3.0%	6.7%	4.9%	3.8%	3.0%	5.1%	11.3%
15	Exeter	C	25,600	22,700	19,200	38,800	75,900	2.2%	1.9%	1.6%	3.3%	6.4%	3.5%	3.1%	2.7%	5.4%	10.5%
16	Gloucester	C	23,200	16,700	13,600	25,800	64,600	3.5%	2.5%	2.0%	3.9%	9.7%	5.5%	3.9%	3.2%	6.1%	15.2%
17	Guildford	C	31,800	22,700	18,900	34,200	90,000	3.0%	2.1%	1.8%	3.2%	8.5%	4.8%	3.4%	2.9%	5.2%	13.7%
18	Hereford	C	13,400	9,300	7,600	14,900	29,700	4.1%	2.8%	2.3%	4.5%	9.0%	6.0%	4.2%	3.4%	6.7%	13.4%
19	Leicester	C	18,900	12,900	11,100	17,900	39,400	1.8%	1.2%	1.1%	1.7%	3.8%	3.5%	2.4%	2.1%	3.4%	7.4%
20	Lichfield	C	43,400	29,500	23,200	38,400	84,600	2.0%	1.4%	1.1%	1.8%	3.9%	3.2%	2.2%	1.7%	2.8%	6.2%
21	Lincoln	C	18,700	14,800	12,900	20,800	49,000	1.7%	1.4%	1.2%	1.9%	4.5%	2.6%	2.1%	1.8%	2.9%	6.8%
22	Liverpool	Y	27,100	22,900	16,700	24,500	45,300	1.7%	1.4%	1.0%	1.5%	2.8%	2.2%	1.9%	1.4%	2.0%	3.8%
23	London	C	88,900	69,800	56,200	89,400	135,100	2.1%	1.6%	1.3%	2.1%	3.1%	4.7%	3.7%	3.0%	4.8%	7.2%
24	Manchester	Y	28,500	25,800	20,000	29,900	43,300	1.3%	1.2%	0.9%	1.4%	2.0%	2.2%	2.0%	1.6%	2.3%	3.4%
25	Newcastle	Y	13,700	13,500	9,000	16,500	40,600	1.7%	1.6%	1.1%	2.0%	4.9%	2.6%	2.6%	1.7%	3.2%	7.8%
26	Norwich	C	22,500	17,700	15,900	27,000	61,400	2.5%	1.9%	1.7%	3.0%	6.7%	4.1%	3.2%	2.9%	4.9%	11.1%
27	Oxford	C	66,300	46,700	40,600	70,700	164,400	2.8%	2.0%	1.7%	3.0%	6.9%	4.8%	3.4%	2.9%	5.1%	11.9%
28	Peterborough	C	21,700	15,300	12,500	23,000	53,500	2.4%	1.7%	1.4%	2.5%	5.8%	4.0%	2.8%	2.3%	4.2%	9.7%
29	Portsmouth	C	15,500	11,100	9,400	18,100	41,800	2.0%	1.4%	1.2%	2.3%	5.3%	3.3%	2.4%	2.0%	3.9%	9.0%
31	Rochester	C	30,400	24,000	19,000	32,800	74,600	2.2%	1.8%	1.4%	2.4%	5.5%	3.7%	2.9%	2.3%	3.9%	9.0%
32	St. Albans	C	34,000	28,700	21,800	40,500	111,200	1.8%	1.5%	1.1%	2.1%	5.8%	3.1%	2.6%	2.0%	3.7%	10.1%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	18,000	13,600	12,200	22,800	50,800	2.7%	2.0%	1.8%	3.4%	7.5%	4.4%	3.3%	3.0%	5.5%	12.3%
34	Salisbury	C	29,800	22,900	19,700	38,700	80,700	3.1%	2.4%	2.1%	4.1%	8.5%	4.9%	3.8%	3.3%	6.4%	13.3%
35	Sheffield	Y	18,900	15,500	12,100	17,900	37,000	1.5%	1.2%	0.9%	1.4%	2.9%	2.4%	2.0%	1.5%	2.3%	4.7%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,900	1,500	1,200	2,100	4,100	2.2%	1.7%	1.4%	2.4%	4.6%	-	-	-	-	-
37	Southwark	C	53,900	38,300	32,500	53,400	110,100	1.9%	1.3%	1.1%	1.9%	3.8%	3.4%	2.4%	2.1%	3.4%	7.0%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	18,600	13,600	11,900	18,400	41,900	1.6%	1.2%	1.0%	1.6%	3.6%	2.9%	2.1%	1.8%	2.8%	6.4%
39	Truro	C	11,500	10,000	8,200	18,000	32,300	2.0%	1.8%	1.5%	3.2%	5.7%	3.4%	3.0%	2.4%	5.3%	9.6%
41	Winchester	C	27,200	22,400	18,500	34,500	77,900	2.2%	1.8%	1.5%	2.8%	6.3%	3.7%	3.0%	2.5%	4.6%	10.5%
42	Worcester	C	13,400	11,600	9,200	15,700	39,600	1.5%	1.3%	1.0%	1.8%	4.5%	2.3%	2.0%	1.6%	2.7%	6.7%
43	York	Y	28,700	25,400	18,500	30,700	71,500	2.0%	1.8%	1.3%	2.1%	5.0%	3.1%	2.7%	2.0%	3.3%	7.7%
44	Europe	C	16,200	10,500	10,200	17,900	20,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Leeds	Y	40,800	34,400	26,300	45,300	102,700	1.5%	1.3%	1.0%	1.7%	3.8%	2.6%	2.2%	1.7%	2.9%	6.6%
	<b>Church of England</b>		<b>1,138,200</b>	<b>895,300</b>	<b>721,800</b>	<b>1,252,000</b>	<b>2,684,200</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>8.1%</b>

Notes: Church of England percentage figures do not include the Diocese in Europe.

Figures relating to the Christian population for the Church of England exclude the Diocese of Sodor & Man and the Diocese in Europe.

The Christian population includes those affiliated with the Church of England and with other Christian denominations.

Table 14: Diocesan baptisms and thanksgivings, 2012-2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Infant and child baptisms					Infant baptisms		Child baptisms		Mature baptisms						Thanksgivings			
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017	complete-ness, 2017	2017	complete-ness, 2017	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
1	Bath & Wells	C	2,540	2,420	2,340	2,070	1,980	1,920	1,300	100%	620	99%	200	170	150	140	120	130	80	100	80
2	Birmingham	C	2,190	2,260	1,960	1,960	1,890	1,660	1,070	100%	590	100%	220	270	230	230	220	200	60	70	60
3	Blackburn	Y	4,040	4,200	3,910	3,600	3,300	2,970	2,000	86%	970	87%	210	240	220	180	160	210	70	60	50
5	Bristol	C	1,680	1,670	1,500	1,470	1,330	1,160	740	93%	430	92%	130	140	160	140	120	120	40	90	80
6	Canterbury	C	2,940	3,000	2,810	2,630	2,370	2,020	1,280	98%	740	96%	250	260	260	220	220	210	90	110	60
7	Carlisle	Y	2,170	2,280	2,040	1,900	1,810	1,800	1,440	83%	350	86%	90	110	100	80	70	90	30	40	30
8	Chelmsford	C	4,630	4,740	4,340	4,040	3,590	3,490	2,070	99%	1,420	98%	680	730	670	650	510	480	190	220	140
9	Chester	Y	4,330	4,350	4,130	3,900	3,740	3,510	2,290	69%	1,220	69%	290	320	250	270	210	220	300	300	350
10	Chichester	C	3,480	3,190	2,980	2,880	2,580	2,430	1,520	88%	910	92%	300	300	230	250	220	190	110	130	130
11	Coventry	C	1,740	1,790	1,590	1,580	1,470	1,310	820	98%	480	99%	180	150	150	140	150	100	80	80	80
12	Derby	C	2,330	2,210	2,010	2,050	1,840	1,750	1,190	83%	560	78%	140	140	150	150	130	100	120	100	70
13	Durham	Y	5,000	5,000	4,670	4,450	4,350	3,980	2,780	95%	1,200	97%	300	320	360	320	490	380	190	130	80
14	Ely	C	1,840	1,760	1,710	1,590	1,480	1,430	980	87%	450	87%	180	130	180	130	180	160	70	70	60
15	Exeter	C	2,700	2,640	2,430	2,200	2,200	1,940	1,330	89%	610	82%	240	200	190	210	190	200	40	60	50
16	Gloucester	C	2,090	1,880	1,820	1,860	1,790	1,660	1,170	91%	490	94%	260	240	210	180	180	180	60	50	30
17	Guildford	C	2,770	2,580	2,500	2,460	2,170	1,920	1,090	97%	820	99%	230	180	190	210	200	150	110	110	60
18	Hereford	C	1,270	1,180	1,140	1,140	1,120	1,020	750	97%	270	98%	90	90	60	80	50	60	20	20	10
19	Leicester	C	1,730	1,700	1,530	1,490	1,330	1,190	810	93%	380	93%	170	160	150	170	130	140	40	50	30
20	Lichfield	C	5,670	5,550	5,190	4,910	4,490	4,170	2,810	97%	1,360	93%	480	430	420	400	370	410	260	250	200
21	Lincoln	C	3,920	3,520	3,400	3,430	3,180	2,760	2,040	91%	710	93%	250	230	180	190	240	180	60	50	30
22	Liverpool	Y	4,280	4,210	4,070	3,790	3,670	3,370	1,980	97%	1,390	96%	280	310	300	380	370	350	150	70	90
23	London	C	4,200	4,090	3,880	3,620	3,600	3,310	1,750	93%	1,560	95%	650	620	710	640	590	630	190	180	150
24	Manchester	Y	5,120	5,160	4,660	4,420	4,110	3,780	2,240	94%	1,550	96%	410	420	480	400	390	430	260	210	140
25	Newcastle	Y	2,130	2,130	2,190	2,180	1,930	1,710	1,240	97%	470	98%	150	190	150	170	200	210	20	20	20
26	Norwich	C	2,010	2,110	1,900	1,730	1,590	1,570	1,110	82%	460	84%	200	220	190	190	170	160	90	80	80
27	Oxford	C	5,420	5,460	4,940	4,690	4,470	3,930	2,540	97%	1,380	97%	430	410	440	360	350	320	190	180	170
28	Peterborough	C	1,920	1,940	1,770	1,680	1,510	1,440	960	73%	480	74%	160	180	180	150	120	110	60	60	70
29	Portsmouth	C	1,780	1,740	1,640	1,580	1,360	1,300	820	100%	490	100%	160	140	130	110	130	120	80	60	40
31	Rochester	C	2,960	2,970	2,740	2,670	2,350	2,240	1,320	98%	920	99%	290	320	290	220	240	220	180	170	120
32	St. Albans	C	3,530	3,390	3,240	3,070	2,950	2,550	1,490	95%	1,060	96%	370	320	320	310	290	260	150	130	130
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	1,530	1,440	1,290	1,280	1,150	1,120	710	99%	420	99%	90	90	90	100	110	120	50	70	30
34	Salisbury	C	2,830	2,680	2,540	2,370	2,130	2,010	1,350	93%	660	90%	230	210	230	190	160	180	60	60	60
35	Sheffield	Y	3,230	3,100	2,840	2,700	2,590	2,340	1,600	100%	740	100%	320	400	330	310	280	320	240	250	210
36	Sodor & Man	Y	190	210	250	180	160	180	130	100%	50	100%	10	10	20	10	10	20	-	-	-
37	Southwark	C	4,010	2,590	3,610	3,460	3,350	2,950	1,620	91%	1,330	95%	460	480	360	320	370	270	130	110	140
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	2,170	2,130	1,960	1,780	1,770	1,580	1,070	96%	510	97%	280	270	300	230	210	200	70	90	90
39	Truro	C	1,590	1,570	1,390	1,440	1,200	1,220	850	86%	380	77%	110	100	110	90	100	90	20	30	30
41	Winchester	C	3,290	3,260	2,860	2,630	2,420	2,160	1,460	96%	700	98%	230	200	210	170	180	160	110	140	120
42	Worcester	C	2,370	2,430	2,230	2,080	1,940	1,830	1,180	93%	650	93%	180	160	140	170	170	170	100	100	90
43	York	Y	4,480	4,380	3,980	3,770	3,590	3,330	2,430	91%	890	92%	340	310	280	290	220	240	150	120	110
44	Europe	C	490	390	350	410	360	360	210	94%	150	96%	80	100	100	120	110	110	30	40	40
46	Leeds	Y	5,950	5,810	5,380	5,220	4,890	4,540	3,040	97%	1,510	97%	660	580	590	650	690	800	340	350	300
<b>Church of England</b>			<b>124,500</b>	<b>121,120</b>	<b>113,690</b>	<b>108,340</b>	<b>101,080</b>	<b>92,870</b>	<b>60,560</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>32,310</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>10,960</b>	<b>10,840</b>	<b>10,440</b>	<b>9,900</b>	<b>9,580</b>	<b>9,380</b>	<b>4,660</b>	<b>4,560</b>	<b>3,920</b>

**Notes:** Here, infants are those aged under 1 year. Children are those aged 1-12 years. Mature baptisms are those aged 13 years and over.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned.

Table 15: Diocesan marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages, 2012-2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Marriages						complete-ness, 2017	Services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages						complete-ness, 2017
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
1	Bath & Wells	C	1,640	1,410	1,350	1,380	1,300	1,180	98%	70	80	50	70	50	60	100%
2	Birmingham	C	920	810	840	770	690	610	100%	50	60	50	60	40	50	100%
3	Blackburn	Y	1,160	1,110	1,040	970	900	820	87%	50	50	40	50	40	50	89%
5	Bristol	C	810	710	700	650	590	480	93%	40	40	30	40	40	40	91%
6	Canterbury	C	1,460	1,360	1,330	1,270	1,110	1,050	97%	90	140	80	70	60	70	100%
7	Carlisle	Y	790	770	810	740	710	650	85%	40	40	40	40	50	40	82%
8	Chelmsford	C	2,290	1,930	1,790	1,730	1,730	1,450	99%	130	110	100	120	100	100	97%
9	Chester	Y	1,780	1,630	1,540	1,490	1,400	1,320	68%	50	70	50	60	50	60	69%
10	Chichester	C	1,940	1,700	1,580	1,510	1,490	1,330	88%	140	120	100	100	100	110	85%
11	Coventry	C	1,020	910	830	770	670	640	98%	40	50	40	40	40	50	100%
12	Derby	C	1,170	1,050	1,030	1,000	920	860	84%	40	40	40	50	70	50	94%
13	Durham	Y	1,200	1,060	1,090	1,010	970	860	96%	50	80	50	50	40	40	93%
14	Ely	C	1,010	920	870	830	800	700	89%	40	30	40	50	30	30	93%
15	Exeter	C	1,680	1,540	1,460	1,400	1,330	1,280	91%	90	90	70	70	70	90	93%
16	Gloucester	C	1,300	1,140	1,080	1,160	1,090	1,010	91%	70	60	60	50	60	70	97%
17	Guildford	C	1,200	1,090	990	970	900	810	97%	60	60	60	40	60	50	94%
18	Hereford	C	670	630	600	620	600	610	98%	40	30	30	50	50	30	100%
19	Leicester	C	1,010	880	890	780	780	750	94%	50	50	50	40	40	50	90%
20	Lichfield	C	2,300	2,080	1,960	1,860	1,800	1,640	94%	100	90	80	80	70	90	94%
21	Lincoln	C	1,500	1,260	1,150	1,130	1,140	1,100	91%	90	70	60	60	60	60	84%
22	Liverpool	Y	1,090	930	880	820	810	660	97%	50	40	60	50	40	50	100%
23	London	C	1,420	1,250	1,180	1,110	990	930	95%	130	140	130	140	120	150	97%
24	Manchester	Y	1,130	1,060	990	930	920	810	95%	60	60	70	60	50	40	93%
25	Newcastle	Y	710	610	620	530	540	520	96%	30	30	30	40	30	50	93%
26	Norwich	C	1,280	1,210	1,180	1,020	1,070	970	77%	60	60	50	50	40	50	94%
27	Oxford	C	2,800	2,550	2,400	2,320	2,260	2,020	97%	180	150	130	170	150	150	90%
28	Peterborough	C	1,110	1,020	1,010	980	890	810	75%	60	60	50	60	50	40	80%
29	Portsmouth	C	1,000	850	820	740	670	630	100%	60	60	50	50	60	40	100%
31	Rochester	C	1,190	1,100	1,020	960	860	740	95%	70	80	90	70	60	60	95%
32	St. Albans	C	1,620	1,470	1,420	1,410	1,370	1,140	93%	80	80	60	80	70	70	98%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	1,090	900	870	810	740	710	97%	60	40	70	50	50	40	100%
34	Salisbury	C	1,490	1,390	1,320	1,230	1,160	1,110	89%	100	70	60	60	60	70	90%
35	Sheffield	Y	1,140	960	920	830	830	760	100%	40	30	30	40	40	30	100%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	130	90	90	100	100	100	100%	-	10	10	10	10	10	100%
37	Southwark	C	1,300	1,260	1,110	960	850	740	94%	70	70	80	70	70	70	90%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	1,150	1,050	1,000	940	910	820	97%	60	60	60	40	40	40	95%
39	Truro	C	1,140	960	980	930	890	780	83%	60	50	40	30	40	50	96%
41	Winchester	C	1,630	1,570	1,300	1,230	1,150	1,030	96%	80	80	70	70	60	70	96%
42	Worcester	C	1,150	1,040	940	890	880	780	91%	50	50	40	40	50	50	96%
43	York	Y	1,750	1,650	1,610	1,600	1,520	1,380	96%	80	80	70	60	70	60	91%
44	Europe	C	100	110	100	80	140	120	92%	280	240	230	260	280	270	95%
46	Leeds	Y	2,300	2,180	2,090	1,970	1,920	1,720	97%	90	70	70	90	70	80	98%
	<b>Church of England</b>		<b>54,550</b>	<b>49,170</b>	<b>46,740</b>	<b>44,420</b>	<b>42,350</b>	<b>38,420</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>3,040</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>2,670</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>93%</b>

**Note:** Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned.

Table 16: Diocesan funeral services held in church and at crematoria/cemeteries, 2012-2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Funerals in church						complete-ness, 2017	Funerals at crematoria/cemeteries						complete-ness, 2017
			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
1	Bath & Wells	C	2,240	2,270	2,050	2,180	2,090	2,050	99%	1,470	1,630	1,350	1,460	1,380	1,420	99%
2	Birmingham	C	1,170	1,240	1,130	1,230	1,160	1,180	100%	2,770	2,830	2,360	2,270	2,130	1,830	100%
3	Blackburn	Y	2,210	2,280	2,040	2,070	1,930	1,890	86%	1,720	2,070	1,630	1,610	1,320	1,200	90%
5	Bristol	C	970	970	840	940	900	890	92%	1,010	770	850	770	770	750	84%
6	Canterbury	C	1,610	1,540	1,520	1,510	1,470	1,440	97%	1,930	1,850	1,770	1,710	1,540	1,350	97%
7	Carlisle	Y	1,780	1,770	1,740	1,810	1,680	1,670	84%	1,000	1,070	920	920	730	750	84%
8	Chelmsford	C	2,810	2,820	2,730	2,690	2,640	2,570	99%	3,640	3,270	2,890	3,020	2,830	2,650	100%
9	Chester	Y	3,360	3,410	3,150	3,250	3,000	2,870	73%	2,620	2,620	2,300	2,220	2,020	1,880	71%
10	Chichester	C	2,180	2,180	2,010	2,230	2,130	2,080	91%	2,350	2,320	1,960	2,060	2,120	1,900	90%
11	Coventry	C	1,590	1,620	1,470	1,570	1,370	1,330	98%	930	850	810	750	690	600	98%
12	Derby	C	2,380	2,250	2,180	2,270	2,200	2,070	80%	1,310	1,190	980	1,040	980	900	87%
13	Durham	Y	3,260	3,310	3,110	3,150	2,980	2,900	97%	1,910	1,950	1,820	1,830	1,710	1,550	96%
14	Ely	C	1,410	1,490	1,510	1,500	1,400	1,520	85%	870	880	860	890	770	740	90%
15	Exeter	C	2,720	2,680	2,560	2,570	2,540	2,520	90%	1,370	1,210	1,140	1,110	1,080	1,020	90%
16	Gloucester	C	1,960	1,830	1,820	1,840	1,830	1,820	92%	1,170	1,180	1,050	1,070	1,090	990	93%
17	Guildford	C	1,270	1,290	1,280	1,340	1,230	1,230	98%	1,710	1,670	1,300	1,360	1,360	1,360	99%
18	Hereford	C	1,310	1,450	1,180	1,340	1,260	1,290	96%	600	680	590	660	690	560	99%
19	Leicester	C	1,660	1,550	1,480	1,480	1,430	1,360	93%	1,120	1,050	890	820	770	780	92%
20	Lichfield	C	5,060	5,030	4,420	4,900	4,610	4,510	98%	3,830	3,590	3,440	3,360	3,190	3,120	98%
21	Lincoln	C	2,340	2,270	2,070	2,290	2,210	2,120	91%	1,810	1,420	1,410	1,610	1,520	1,370	88%
22	Liverpool	Y	3,150	3,280	3,100	3,120	2,910	2,830	97%	2,090	2,010	1,850	1,700	1,550	1,370	99%
23	London	C	1,440	1,490	1,430	1,520	1,420	1,500	93%	2,090	2,070	1,800	1,880	1,490	1,540	95%
24	Manchester	Y	2,200	2,280	2,040	2,090	1,930	1,920	94%	2,230	2,300	1,960	1,910	1,670	1,460	90%
25	Newcastle	Y	1,210	1,160	1,190	1,240	1,220	1,250	98%	1,280	1,290	1,290	1,290	1,070	900	93%
26	Norwich	C	2,220	2,330	2,210	2,280	2,150	2,180	80%	2,050	2,250	2,200	2,240	1,970	1,860	79%
27	Oxford	C	3,570	3,530	3,330	3,260	3,270	3,380	96%	2,940	2,590	2,410	2,420	2,290	2,260	97%
28	Peterborough	C	1,400	1,500	1,410	1,470	1,400	1,410	77%	790	850	840	780	720	660	75%
29	Portsmouth	C	1,130	1,220	1,060	1,080	1,050	1,020	100%	1,330	1,320	1,280	1,230	1,110	1,050	100%
31	Rochester	C	1,380	1,370	1,330	1,400	1,290	1,280	93%	3,170	2,760	2,560	2,540	2,150	1,970	100%
32	St. Albans	C	2,420	2,230	2,180	2,380	2,240	2,150	96%	2,400	2,120	2,150	2,120	1,890	1,630	94%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	1,740	1,710	1,640	1,660	1,620	1,600	97%	1,000	950	940	880	750	770	97%
34	Salisbury	C	2,190	2,410	2,090	2,230	2,160	1,990	91%	1,480	1,520	1,270	1,290	1,200	1,190	95%
35	Sheffield	Y	2,150	2,340	2,140	2,130	2,020	1,910	100%	2,050	1,810	1,580	1,370	1,150	1,020	100%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	230	230	250	300	260	220	100%	140	150	140	140	190	170	100%
37	Southwark	C	1,200	1,250	1,170	1,210	1,190	1,220	94%	2,670	2,610	2,240	2,190	2,030	1,640	92%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	2,270	2,130	2,110	2,080	1,960	1,940	97%	1,580	1,660	1,630	1,440	1,180	1,200	97%
39	Truro	C	1,510	1,550	1,340	1,420	1,360	1,410	84%	560	660	630	570	580	620	84%
41	Winchester	C	1,690	1,900	1,760	1,830	1,610	1,660	98%	1,370	1,630	1,440	1,450	1,160	1,120	96%
42	Worcester	C	1,670	1,710	1,590	1,670	1,490	1,440	89%	1,540	1,820	1,470	1,280	1,390	1,250	94%
43	York	Y	2,900	2,910	2,730	2,940	2,760	2,670	95%	2,010	2,150	1,850	1,760	1,680	1,600	90%
44	Europe	C	270	190	240	200	200	200	97%	490	410	440	460	420	420	100%
46	Leeds	Y	4,130	4,100	3,970	4,000	3,670	3,660	97%	3,170	3,360	2,900	2,880	2,440	2,100	98%
	<b>Church of England</b>		<b>85,340</b>	<b>86,040</b>	<b>80,590</b>	<b>83,650</b>	<b>79,200</b>	<b>78,140</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>73,550</b>	<b>72,340</b>	<b>65,170</b>	<b>64,340</b>	<b>58,750</b>	<b>54,520</b>	<b>93%</b>

**Notes:** Values include all funerals conducted on behalf of a church/parish by any minister.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned.

Table 17: Diocesan infant baptisms and funerals as a percentage of births and deaths, 2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Births	Infant baptisms & thanksgivings	%	Deaths	Funerals in churches, crematoria, & cemeteries	%
1	Bath & Wells	C	9,220	1,340	15%	10,140	3,480	34%
2	Birmingham	C	22,220	1,110	5%	12,850	3,010	23%
3	Blackburn	Y	15,270	2,030	13%	14,500	3,090	21%
5	Bristol	C	12,820	790	6%	8,140	1,640	20%
6	Canterbury	C	11,970	1,330	11%	11,400	2,790	24%
7	Carlisle	Y	4,670	1,470	31%	5,700	2,420	42%
8	Chelmsford	C	43,800	2,160	5%	25,670	5,220	20%
9	Chester	Y	17,680	2,530	14%	16,630	4,740	29%
10	Chichester	C	16,490	1,590	10%	18,190	3,980	22%
11	Coventry	C	9,970	860	9%	7,740	1,940	25%
12	Derby	C	11,100	1,240	11%	10,660	2,970	28%
13	Durham	Y	15,510	2,840	18%	16,050	4,450	28%
14	Ely	C	8,400	1,010	12%	6,580	2,260	34%
15	Exeter	C	11,030	1,370	12%	13,080	3,550	27%
16	Gloucester	C	6,950	1,190	17%	6,730	2,810	42%
17	Guildford	C	11,590	1,130	10%	8,760	2,600	30%
18	Hereford	C	3,030	760	25%	3,610	1,850	51%
19	Leicester	C	11,940	830	7%	8,790	2,140	24%
20	Lichfield	C	24,930	2,980	12%	21,380	7,630	36%
21	Lincoln	C	10,950	2,070	19%	11,910	3,500	29%
22	Liverpool	Y	18,190	2,040	11%	16,450	4,190	25%
23	London	C	60,040	1,840	3%	22,670	3,030	13%
24	Manchester	Y	28,960	2,350	8%	18,460	3,380	18%
25	Newcastle	Y	8,240	1,250	15%	8,240	2,150	26%
26	Norwich	C	8,980	1,160	13%	10,200	4,040	40%
27	Oxford	C	28,490	2,660	9%	17,690	5,630	32%
28	Peterborough	C	11,340	1,010	9%	7,930	2,060	26%
29	Portsmouth	C	7,990	840	10%	7,990	2,070	26%
31	Rochester	C	16,980	1,420	8%	11,260	3,240	29%
32	St. Albans	C	24,400	1,560	6%	15,110	3,780	25%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	6,940	730	11%	6,730	2,370	35%
34	Salisbury	C	8,940	1,380	15%	10,330	3,180	31%
35	Sheffield	Y	14,630	1,740	12%	12,470	2,930	24%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,020	130	13%	880	390	44%
37	Southwark	C	40,770	1,720	4%	16,530	2,860	17%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	12,980	1,130	9%	10,710	3,140	29%
39	Truro	C	5,210	860	17%	6,220	2,030	33%
41	Winchester	C	13,090	1,550	12%	11,470	2,780	24%
42	Worcester	C	9,670	1,240	13%	8,950	2,690	30%
43	York	Y	15,280	2,510	16%	15,200	4,280	28%
46	Leeds	Y	33,930	3,260	10%	24,620	5,760	23%
	<b>Church of England</b>		<b>655,590</b>	<b>62,980</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>498,630</b>	<b>132,050</b>	<b>26%</b>

Table 17 shows the percentage of live births for which there was an infant baptism/thanksgiving in 2017 and the percentage of deaths for which there was a funeral. Whilst Table 17 shows figures for infant baptisms and thanksgivings, as has already been shown (Table 14) a large number of child and mature baptisms also take place. Official statistics on the number of marriages are not available at a spatial scale that permits a similar exercise.

**Notes:** Totals do not include the Diocese in Europe.

Numbers of live births and deaths are calculated using estimates from the ONS, mapped onto diocesan boundaries.

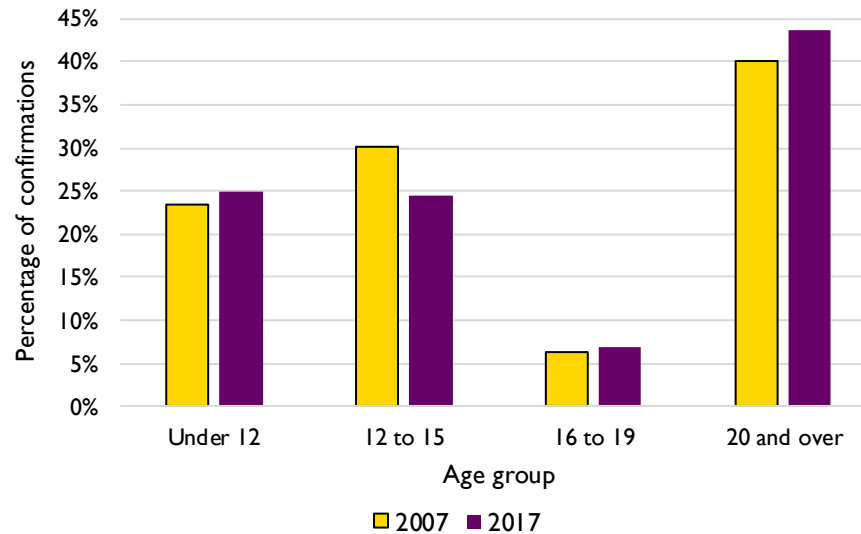
Table 18: Diocesan confirmations by gender, 2017

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Confirmations			Number of services
			Male	Female	Total	
1	Bath & Wells	C	110	120	230	20
2	Birmingham	C	50	90	140	42
3	Blackburn	Y	325	515	845	81
5	Bristol	C	80	95	170	13
6	Canterbury	C	120	200	320	32
7	Carlisle	Y	75	110	185	40
8	Chelmsford	C	230	385	610	65
9	Chester	Y	210	330	540	83
10	Chichester	C	255	385	640	52
11	Coventry	C	75	105	180	14
12	Derby	C	60	100	155	18
13	Durham	Y	145	220	365	35
14	Ely	C	80	95	175	35
15	Exeter	C	115	175	295	42
16	Gloucester	C	30	45	70	19
17	Guildford	C	165	210	375	38
18	Hereford	C	60	80	135	25
19	Leicester	C	75	115	190	27
20	Lichfield	C	305	390	695	84
21	Lincoln	C	60	130	190	18
22	Liverpool	Y	295	380	675	46
23	London	C	515	655	1,170	164
24	Manchester	Y	275	380	655	66
25	Newcastle	Y	75	105	175	34
26	Norwich	C	70	125	195	39
27	Oxford	C	560	585	1,145	127
28	Peterborough	C	80	125	205	33
29	Portsmouth	C	70	105	175	173
31	Rochester	C	170	255	420	42
32	St. Albans	C	210	280	490	55
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	50	80	130	23
34	Salisbury	C	260	375	635	40
35	Sheffield	Y	85	115	200	24
36	Sodor & Man	Y	-	-	5	1
37	Southwark	C	215	330	545	36
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	115	135	245	16
39	Truro	C	40	50	90	11
41	Winchester	C	130	155	285	31
42	Worcester	C	60	90	145	20
43	York	Y	140	210	350	68
44	Europe	C	85	105	185	27
46	Leeds	Y	265	350	615	93
<b>Church of England</b>			<b>6,380</b>	<b>8,875</b>	<b>15,255</b>	<b>1,952</b>

15,300 people were confirmed in 2017, at 1,950 confirmation services.

Of those people confirmed in 2017, 58% were female. Since 2007, the annual number of confirmations has fallen from 27,900 to 15,400. There has been a slight shift towards a greater proportion of those confirmed being aged over 20, from 40% of confirmations in 2007 to 44% in 2017 (Figure 19).

Figure 19: Age distribution of confirmations, 2007 and 2017



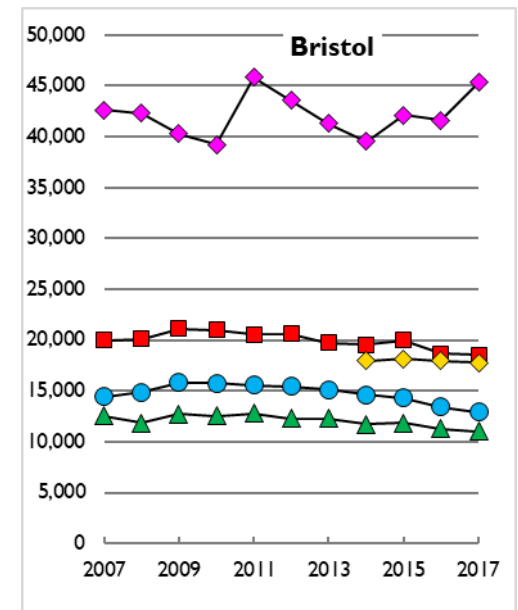
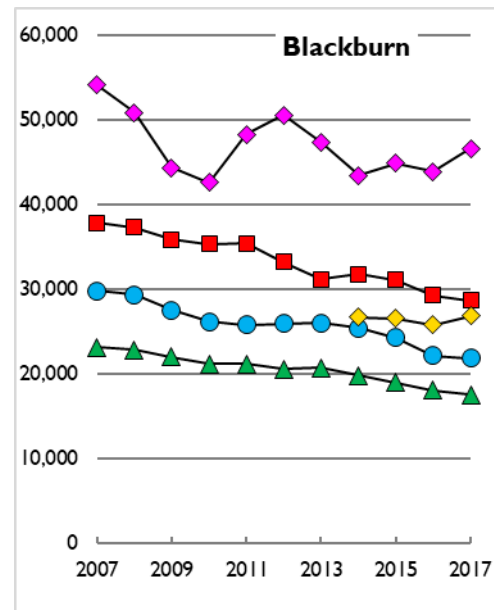
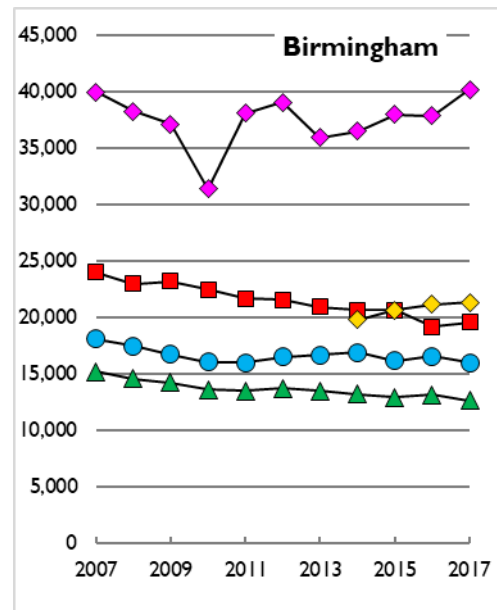
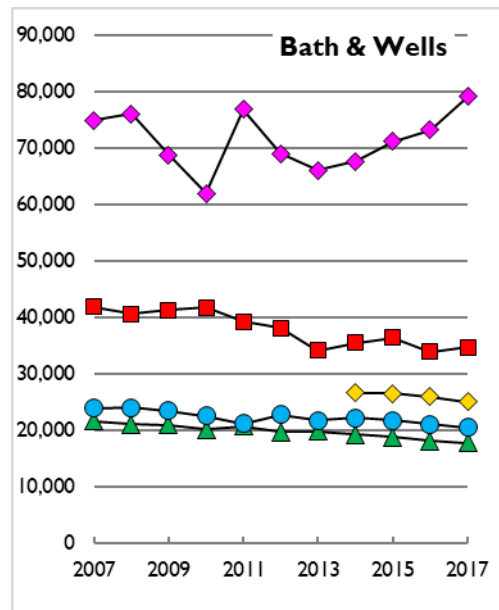
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Numbers of confirmations are rounded to the nearest 5 people.

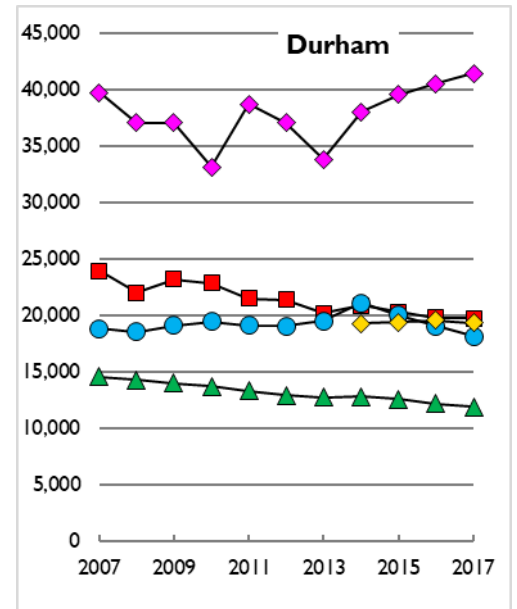
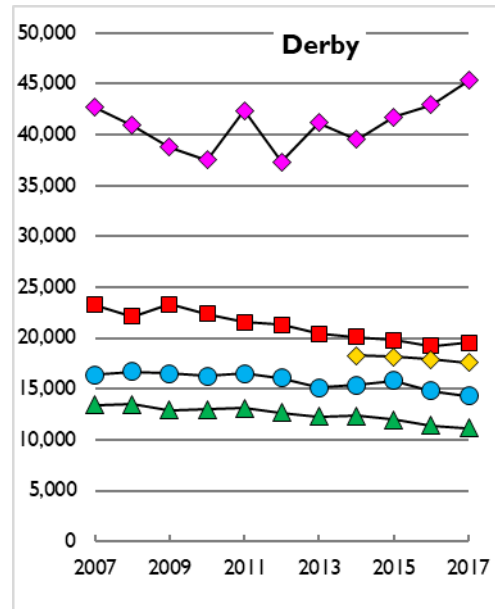
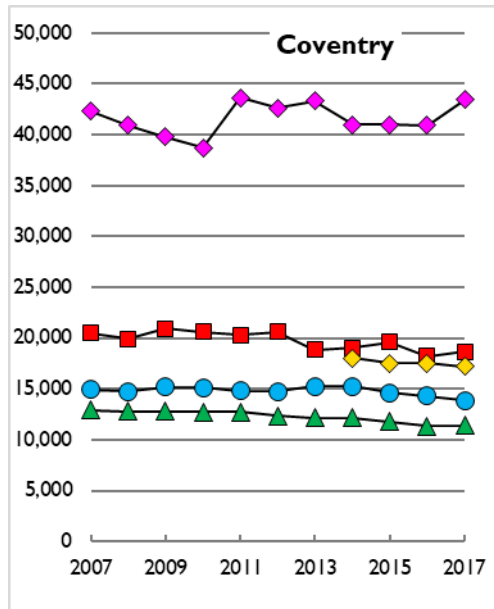
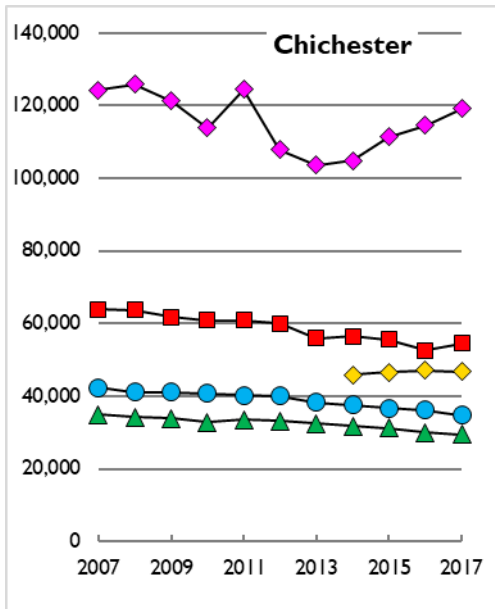
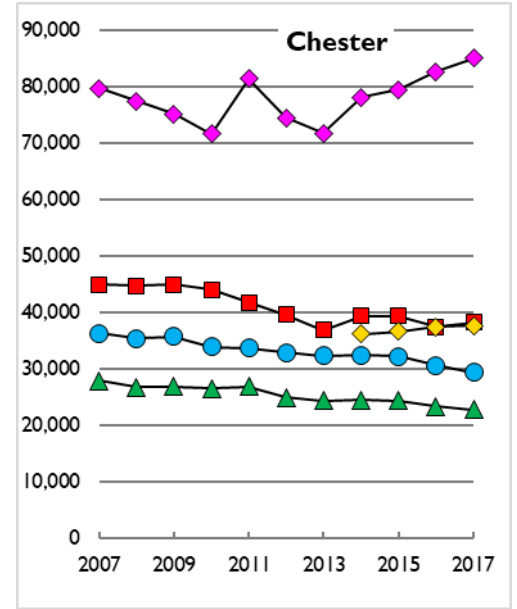
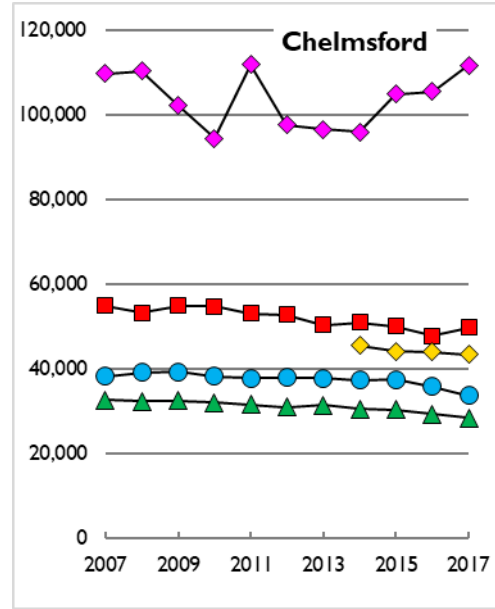
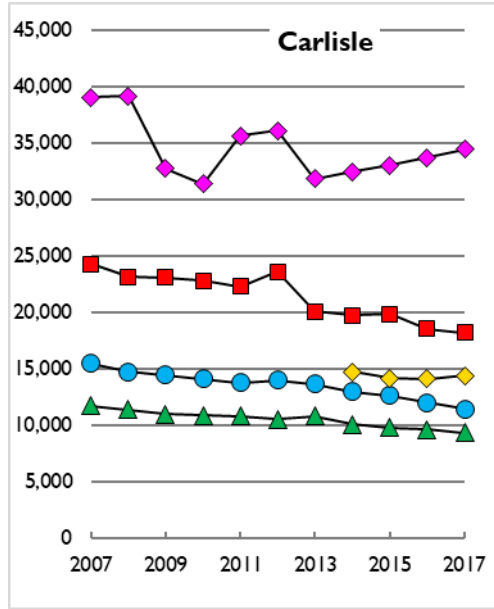
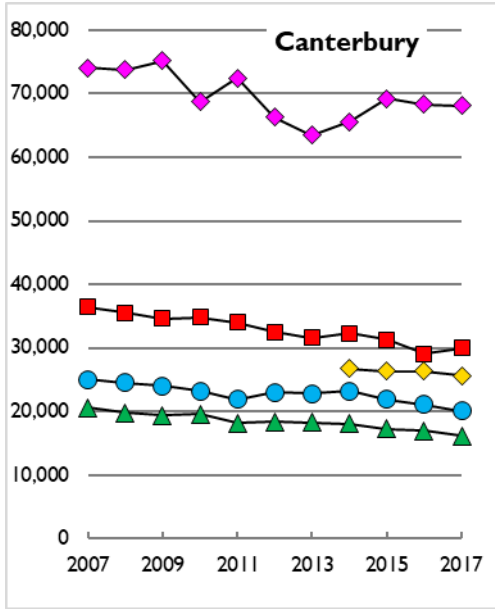
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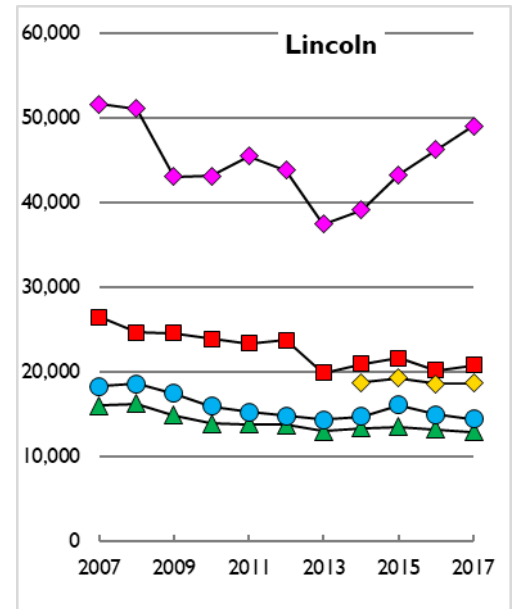
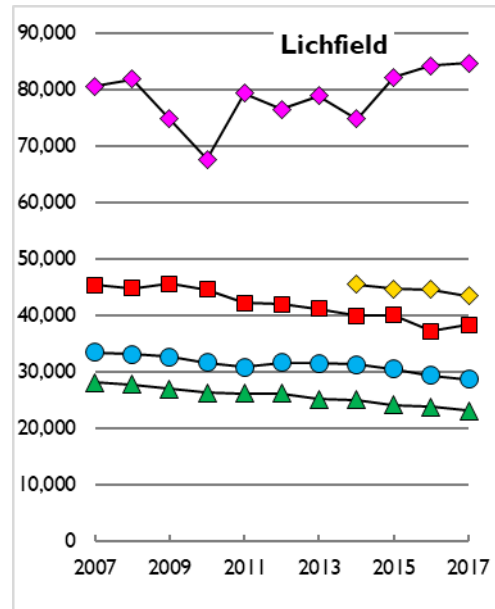
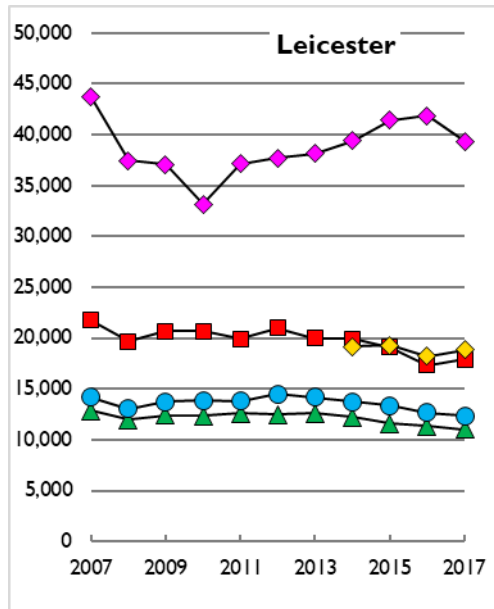
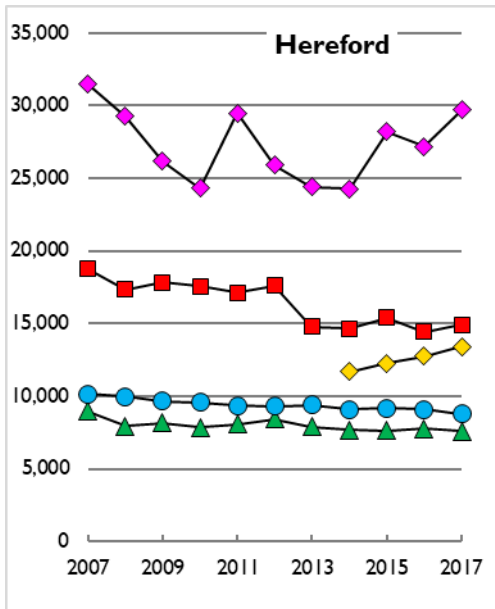
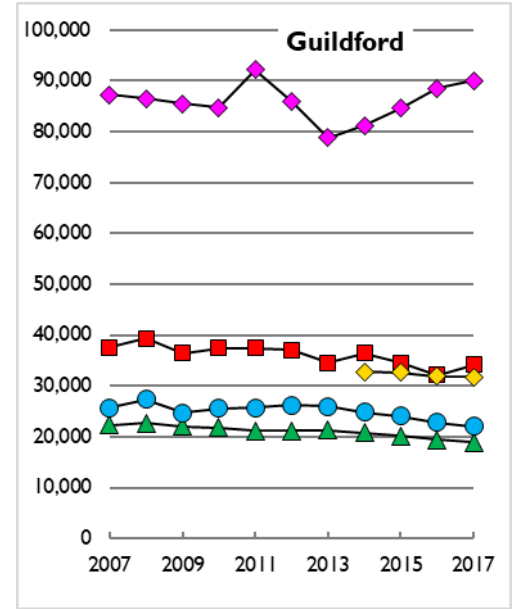
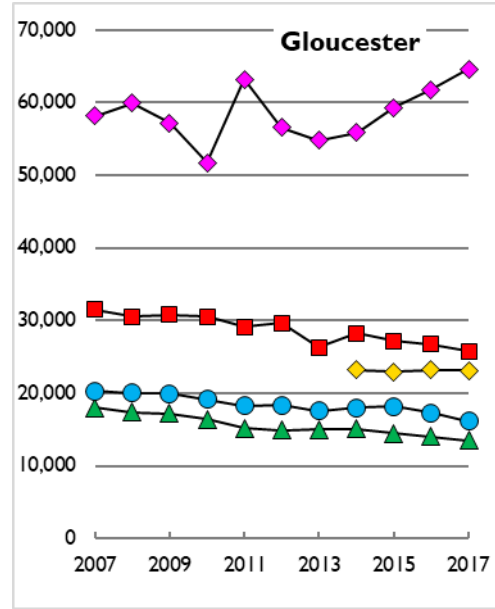
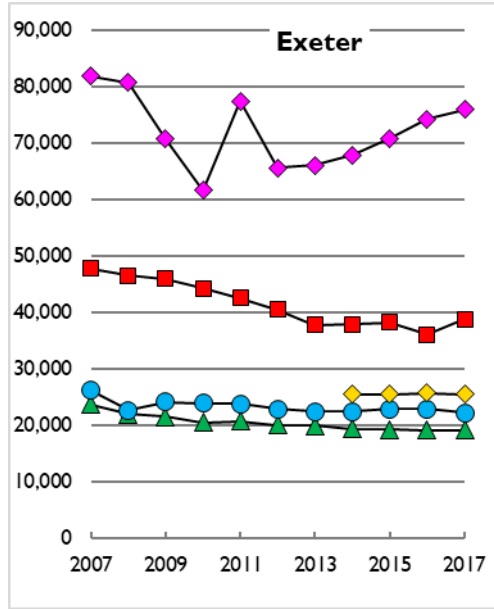
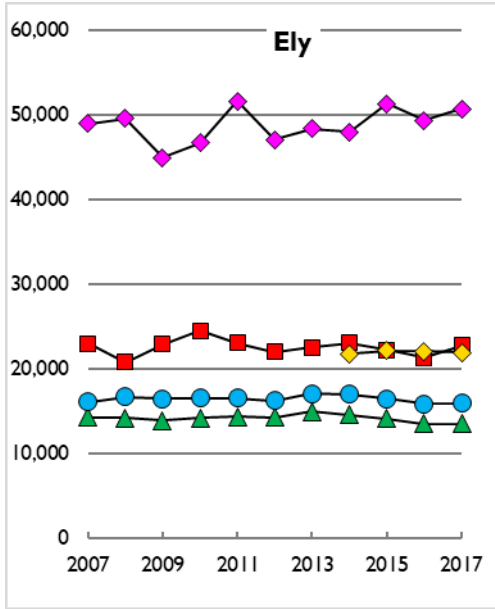
The graphs below show the levels of participation as measured by Adult average weekly attendance plus Child average Sunday attendance (based on the October count), Usual Sunday attendance, Christmas attendance, and Easter attendance within each diocese from 2007-2017. Worshipping Community figures are shown from 2014-2017. Most dioceses display the same general pattern of a gradual decrease in participation, with Worshipping Community remaining relatively stable, although there is some variation between dioceses. Christmas attendance, as has been noted above, can be seen to be more variable from year to year than other measures.

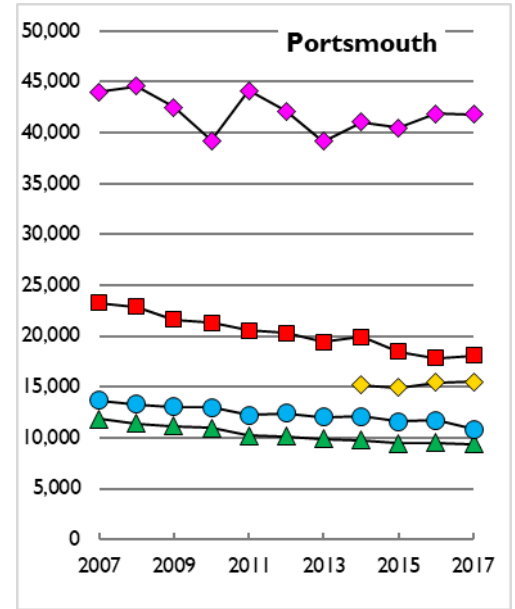
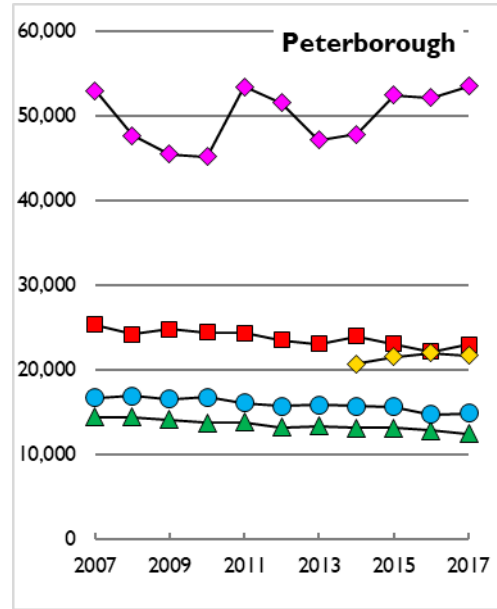
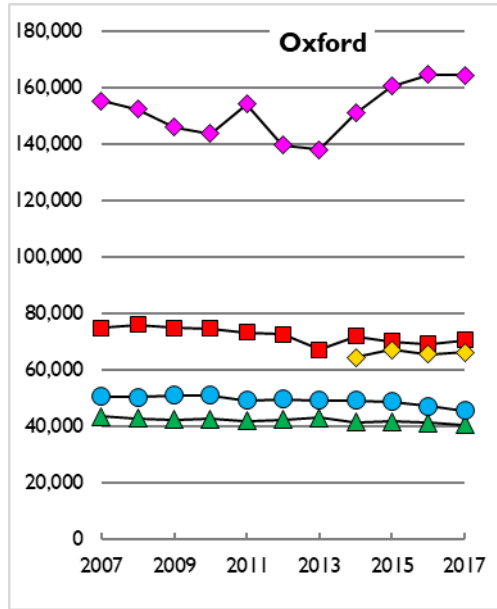
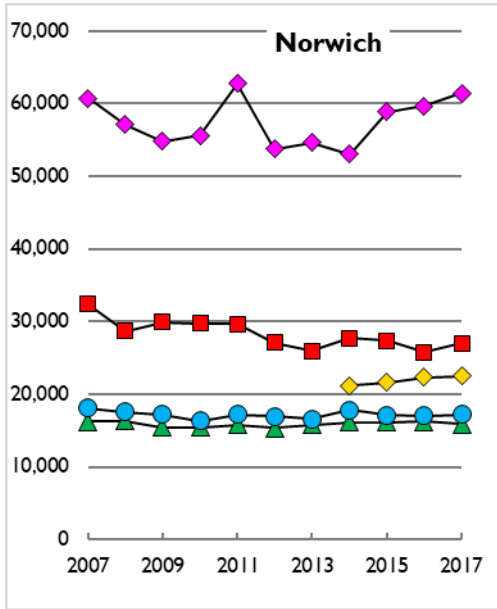
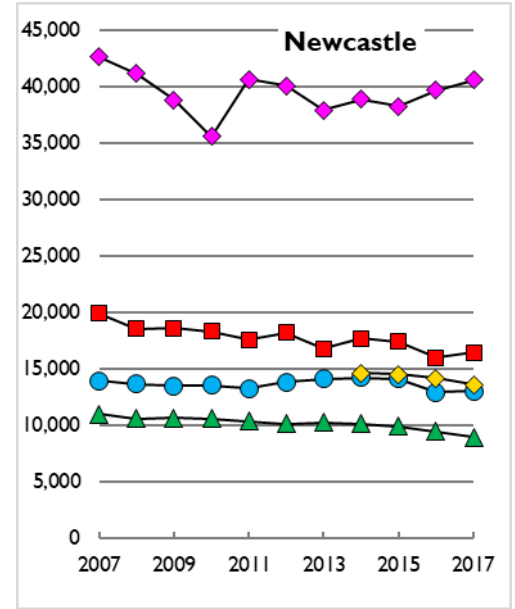
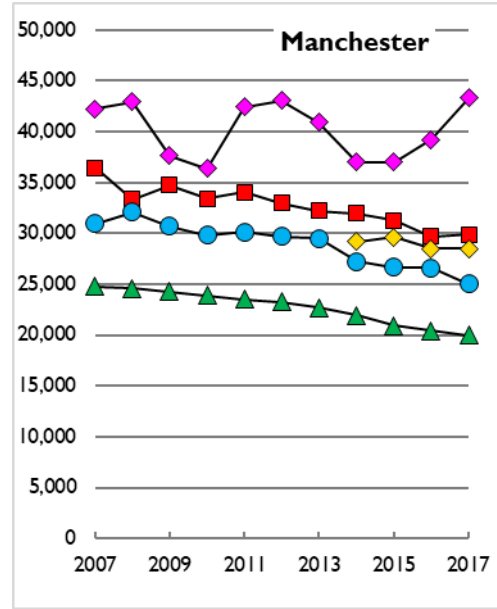
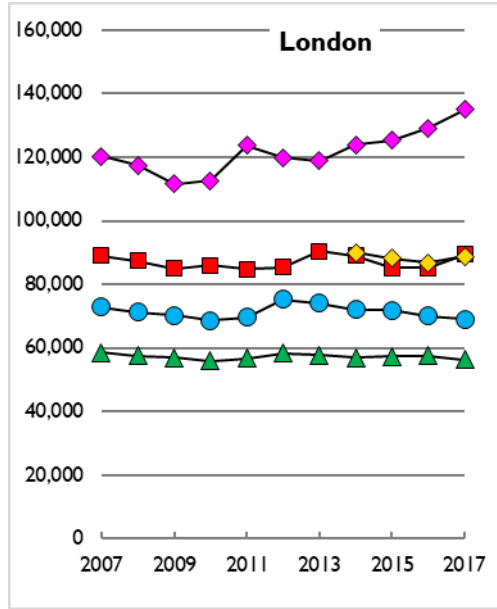
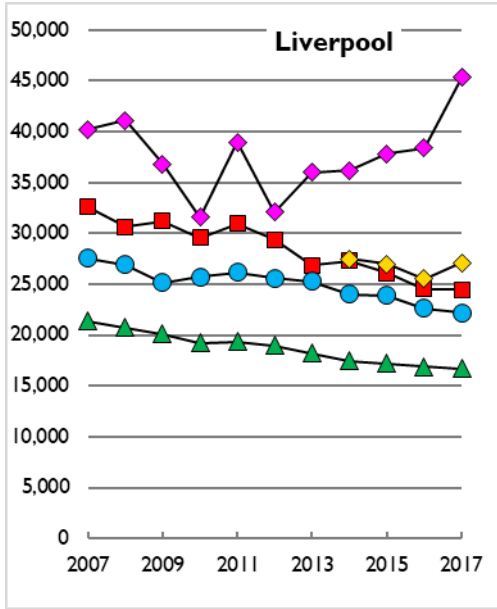
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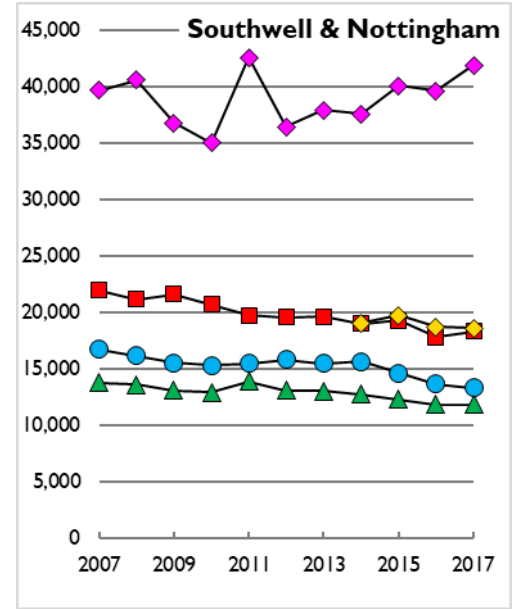
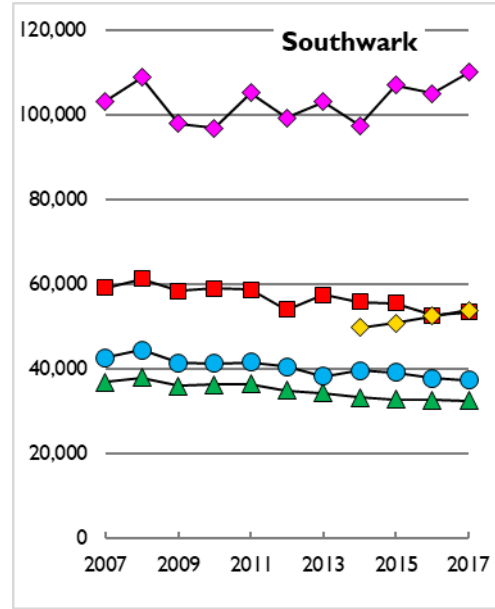
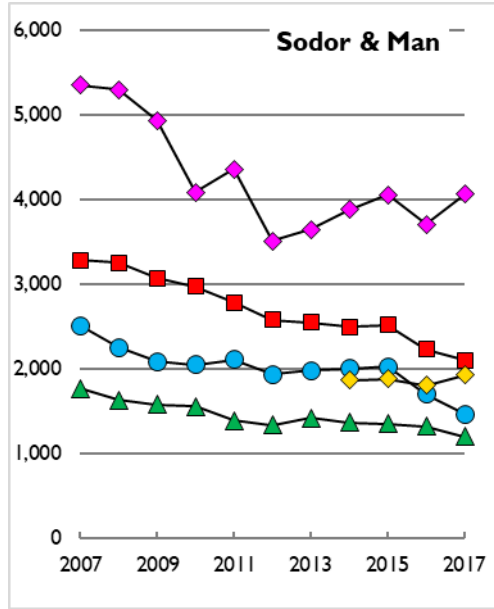
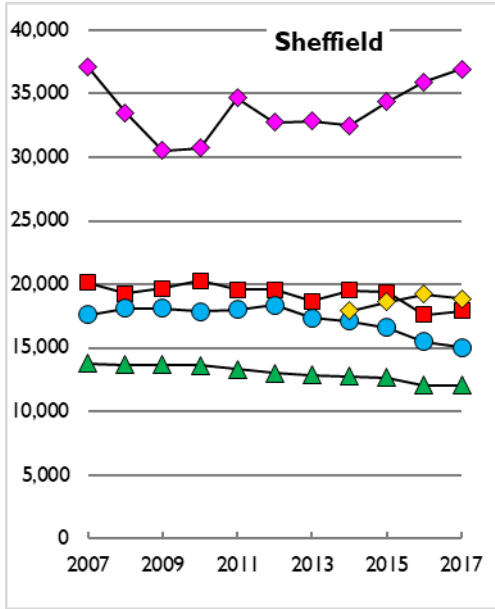
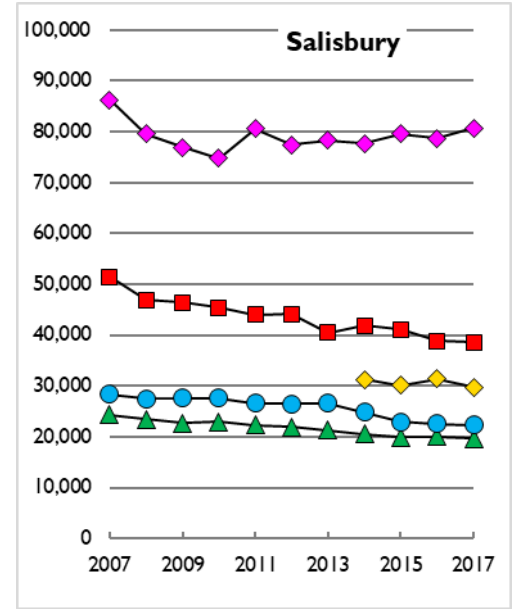
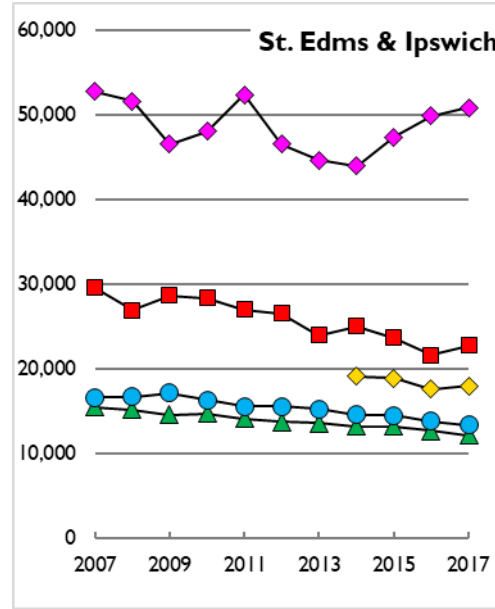
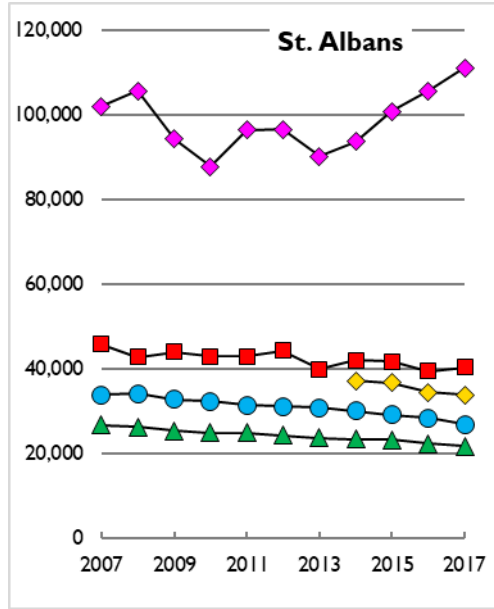
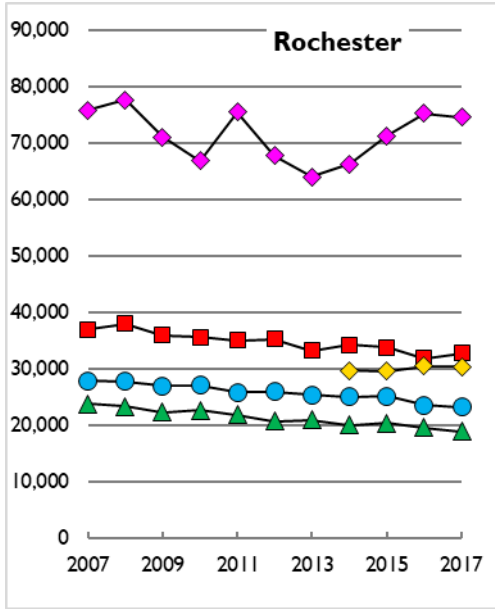


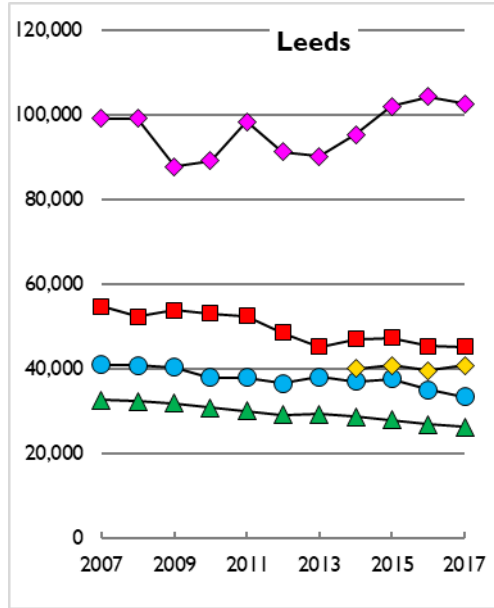
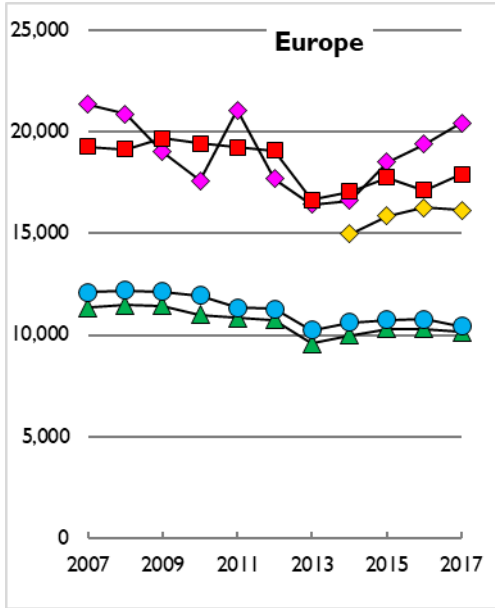
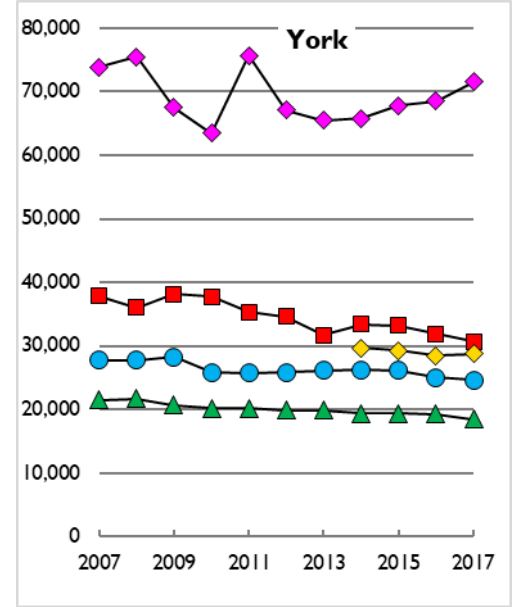
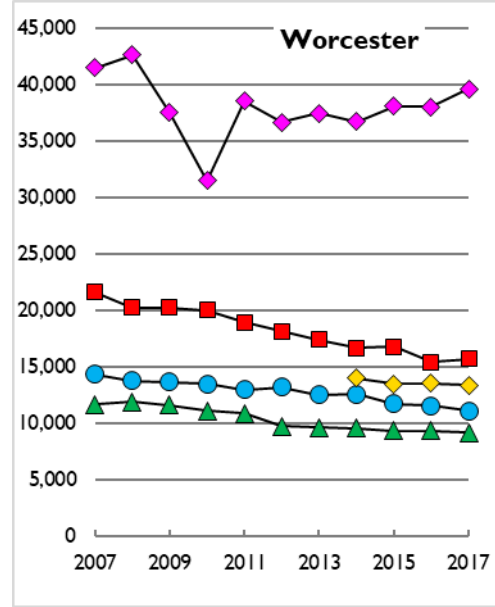
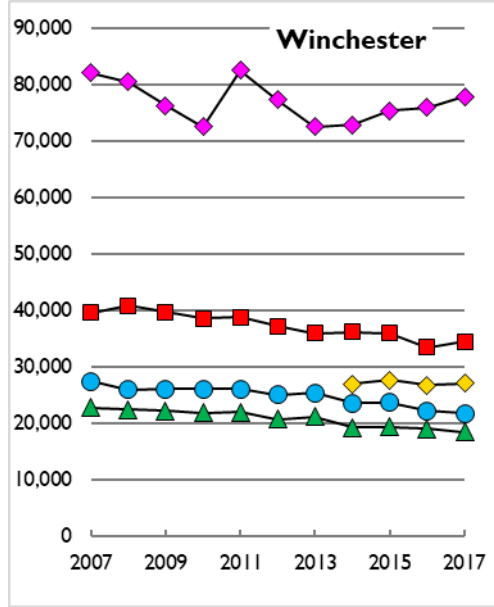
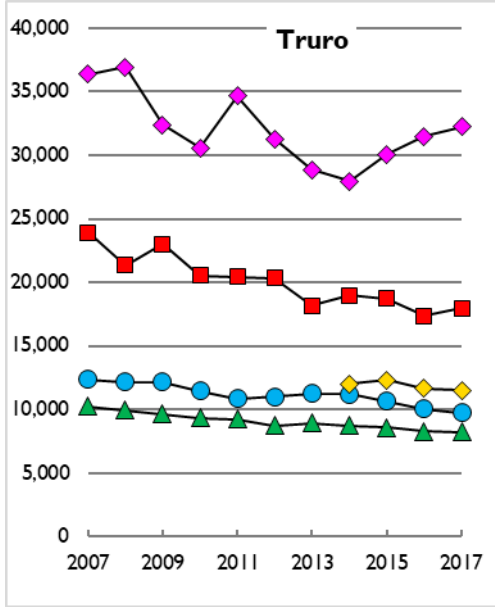












## Methodology

This report uses data submitted through annual Statistics for Mission returns from churches, and from government statistics. The majority (88%) of the Church of England's almost 16,000 churches submitted complete data (unchanged from 2016, and up from 86% in 2015). Most returns were on behalf of a single church; a small fraction of returns were joint returns submitted on behalf of several churches. Most returns were submitted through the online parish returns system (<https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>). A small number of dioceses used different electronic systems, and some churches completed paper forms.

In most fields, diocesan figures include figures from cathedrals, reported through separate Cathedral Statistics returns (<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/research-and-statistics/key-areas-research#cathedral-statistics>). In some fields - attendance at services for schools and Advent attendance - differences between the questions asked mean that it has not been possible to include cathedral attendance in diocesan figures.

### The content of Statistics for Mission

The annual Statistics for Mission return measures several different aspects of church life. While no study could cover every facet of the life of the Church of England, Statistics for Mission seeks to provide a broad picture of those key elements that are common to the vast majority of churches. For reference, the 2017 Statistics for Mission form, including all questions and explanatory notes, can be found at the end of this report.

A large part of Statistics for Mission is concerned with attendance at worship services. Attendance is measured in a number of different ways:

- 1) Worshipping Community: any person attending the church regularly, for example at least once a month (or those who would attend if not prevented by illness, infirmity, or temporary absence), including attendance at church services and fresh expressions of Church;
- 2) October count: the number of adults and children attending during each of the first 4 weeks of October 2017, at church services, fresh expressions of Church, and services for schools held in churches. Sunday and weekday attendance is asked about, with the instruction that those attending on Sunday and during the week in any given week should only be counted once that week (on Sunday) if possible;
- 3) Usual Sunday attendance, on Sundays when there is a service, not including major festivals or peak holiday periods (adults and children);
- 4) Number of people attending and number of people receiving communion at Easter (including vigil services on Easter Eve);
- 5) Number of people attending and number of people receiving communion at Christmas (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day);
- 6) The electoral roll of the church.

Churches are asked to report the age distribution of their Worshipping Community and the numbers of adults and children leaving and joining their Worshipping Community, including information about where people joined from and where people left to.

The October count data are used to calculate average weekly and average Sunday attendance, for adults and children. Average Sunday attendance is defined as the total attendance at church services or fresh expressions of Church on Sundays over the 4 weeks of the October count, divided by 4. Average weekly attendance is defined as the total attendance at church services or fresh expressions of Church on Sundays or weekdays over the 4 weeks of the October count, divided by 4. Attendance at services for schools taking place in the church or church buildings is not included in the average attendance figures, and is instead reported separately. Churches are asked to include attendance at baptisms in their October count, since baptisms often take place as part of normal worship services, but not attendance at weddings and funerals.

Statistics for Mission quantifies numbers of baptisms and services of thanksgiving for the gift (birth or adoption) of a child; marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages; and funeral services conducted on behalf of the church/parish by any minister held in church or at a crematorium or cemetery (excluding committal only and burial of ashes only). Note that funerals conducted by licensed Church of England ministers that are not held on behalf of a church/parish might not be included in the reported figures.

Additionally, Statistics for Mission asks about attendance at special services during Advent; members of ministry teams leading assemblies in schools; details about fresh expressions of Church; and (in 2017) social action and community outreach – this question was designed with the advice and guidance of colleagues at the Church Urban Fund.

## Data accuracy and data checking

Data reported by each church were compared with figures from previous years, and substantial changes were queried with churches and/or dioceses. Predominantly, these checks corrected typographical errors during data entry, although they also highlighted occasions when questions had been misinterpreted. The first stage of checks was automatic, at the point of data entry, for those returns submitted through the online parish returns system. Further checking was carried out by staff in the Research and Statistics unit, with particular scrutiny of figures that had changed significantly from year to year, and of unusually large (or small) values. Useful additional explanation and information was often provided by churches in the comments boxes on the Statistics for Mission return; all comments were read and acted on where appropriate. Where it was necessary to query any of the figures submitted, in the vast majority of cases this was done directly with the person who entered the data, rather than the previous circuitous route via diocesan offices.

Draft figures and estimates were circulated to dioceses in July 2018, giving dioceses an opportunity to further scrutinise their figures. The Research and Statistics unit discussed these draft figures with the vast majority of dioceses during summer 2018. Further queries were followed up, and a small number of additional late returns included in the final dataset.

As usual, particular efforts were made to include figures from new worshipping communities in Statistics for Mission 2017. These include new churches, church plants, fresh expressions of Church, and congregations with Bishops' Mission Orders. Colleagues in diocesan offices assisted in ensuring that the 2017 dataset is more complete than it has been in previous years. However, it is likely that returns were not received from all new worshipping communities, and as others are founded this exercise will continue in future years.

Where data were missing in 2016, 2017 submissions were used to improve previously-published estimates. Late returns from 2016, received after Statistics for Mission 2016 was published, have been included. Where we have identified or been notified of historical inaccuracies in the data, these have been corrected. The figures contained in this report should therefore be taken to supersede all previously published figures.

Values in the data tables are reported to the nearest 100 or nearest 10, as appropriate. Percentages are reported to the nearest 1% or 0.1%, as appropriate. Missing data are indicated with a dash (-). Totals, percentages, and averages have been calculated before rounding, so row and column totals may not always agree with the sums of the stated amounts.

## Estimation

For those churches that did not submit a return, we used data from that church from other years to estimate the missing values. Data from 2013-2016 were used to estimate missing 2017 figures, assuming that past trends will be continued but at a slower pace. Non-integer attendance figures have been rounded down to the nearest whole number. Estimation calculations were carried out in R version 3.2.1.

If no return was received from a church, and there was no indication that data were included in a return from another church, we estimated values for that church. If a partial return was received and there was no indication that the church was closed for all or part of the year, we estimated those values that were missing; partial returns were considered section by section: October count attendance; Usual Sunday attendance; Easter attendance; Christmas attendance; baptisms, marriages, and funerals. If any data were submitted in a given section, any missing values in that section were treated as zeros. If no data were submitted in a section, values for that section were estimated.

When no return has been received from a church for more than 5 years, missing values were treated as zeros.

Information about Worshipping Communities has only been collected since 2012, with variable reliability for the first few years, so there are insufficient data on which to base church-level estimation. Diocesan Worshipping Community totals were calculated by scaling up the reported Worshipping Community by comparing the all age Usual Sunday attendance of those churches within the diocese that did report Worshipping Community figures with the all age Usual Sunday attendance for the whole diocese.

Figures for attendance at school services in churches (on Sundays and weekdays), and attendance at special services held in Advent were not estimated where missing. These fields are recent inclusions in Statistics for Mission and therefore there is insufficient evidence on which to base estimates. Similarly, no estimation was carried out for numbers of joiners and leavers of Worshipping Communities. For these fields, figures shown in this report are as reported by churches/parishes.

### **Completeness of reported figures**

As Table 3 shows, complete returns (i.e. those for which no estimation was carried out) were received from 88% of all Church of England churches in 2017. In some cases, those churches that did not submit data are large, in other cases small. To indicate the impact of estimation, where it has taken place, we have reported a “completeness” score – this is the percentage of the total value that consists of reported data, with the rest being estimated. For example, if Diocese A is shown to have 1,000 marriages with a completeness of 90%, this means that churches in Diocese A reported 900 marriages and those churches that did not submit a Statistics for Mission return were estimated to have carried out 100 marriages. The higher the completeness score the more likely it is that the totals are not being skewed by any estimation that has been carried out.

### **Age groups**

Ideally, a single set of age groups would be used throughout the Statistics for Mission return. However, for a variety of reasons, this has not been the case in the past, and the desire to be able to make comparisons with historical data has discouraged further changes.

- Usual Sunday attendance and October count attendance are divided into adults (aged 16 and over) and children (aged under 16).
- Worshipping Community age groups are 0-10; 11-17; 18-69, and 70+, while Worshipping Community leavers and joiners are categorised as adults (aged 18+) and children.
- Baptisms and thanksgivings are categorised as infants (aged <1 year); children aged 1-4 years; children aged 5-12 years; and youths/adults (aged 13+).

### **Year to year comparisons**

Some questions, such as the Usual Sunday attendance, have been asked in almost the same form for many years. Others have changed, to reflect changes in patterns of church services or the evolving interests of those using the data. Any changes, although they may provide useful information, make it difficult to compare figures from year to year. For example, in 2013 a question about attendance at school services during October was introduced; previously, it is likely that some, but not all, such attendance was recorded during the October count. In 2014 new guidance specified that only attendance at school services “taking place in church or church buildings” should be included and that school assemblies should not be included if they took place in school. While this clarification resulted in a more logical question, it means that it is not sensible to make direct comparisons of average weekly attendance values (with or without



including school service attendance) from before and after 2012. Since the majority of attendance at school services is of children on weekdays, in this report trends in the October count figures are assessed using average Adult weekly attendance plus average Child Sunday attendance (both derived from the October count data, and in both cases including attendance at church and fresh expressions of Church, but not including attendance at services for schools) since these are likely to be relatively unaffected by the change in the question.

## Parish-level trends

Figures for all churches within a parish were aggregated to produce parish-level attendance figures from 2007-2017. A simple linear regression model was used to evaluate for each parish whether there had been a statistically significant change in attendance over time. Where the model-generated coefficient of time was positive with a p-value less than 0.05, this is described as statistically significant growth. Where the model-generated coefficient of time was negative, with a p-value less than 0.05, this is described as statistically significant decline. Otherwise, there is insufficient evidence to form a clear conclusion about the trend. To avoid misleading conclusions caused by the opening or closing of churches, only those parishes for which data were submitted in 2007 or 2008 and in 2016 or 2017 were included in this analysis. Note that “statistically significant” describes the confidence with which we describe a parish as growing or declining, and is not a judgement about whether the amount of growth or decline is noteworthy. For example, a parish with an attendance in 2007 of 400 people whose reported attendance increased by one person each year until 2017 would have growth that is statistically significant – i.e. we are confident that it is growing; whether a change from 400 to 410 over 10 years is important is a matter of opinion, not statistics.

## Diocesan boundaries

Diocesan and parish boundaries as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 were used as the basis for the collection of Statistics for Mission data. Parish reorganisations take place frequently, with more than one hundred changes to parish boundaries each year. In April 2014 the Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon & Leeds, and Wakefield were combined to create the Diocese of Leeds, and this new structure appeared in this report for the first time in 2015. To allow trends over time to be considered, figures have been reported as though this structure were in place in previous years.

Figures for the Channel Islands are included in the Diocese of Canterbury, since episcopal oversight of the Channel Islands is being exercised by the Bishop of Dover. To allow meaningful assessment of trends, Channel Island figures are likewise included in the Diocese of Canterbury for previous years.

## Population data

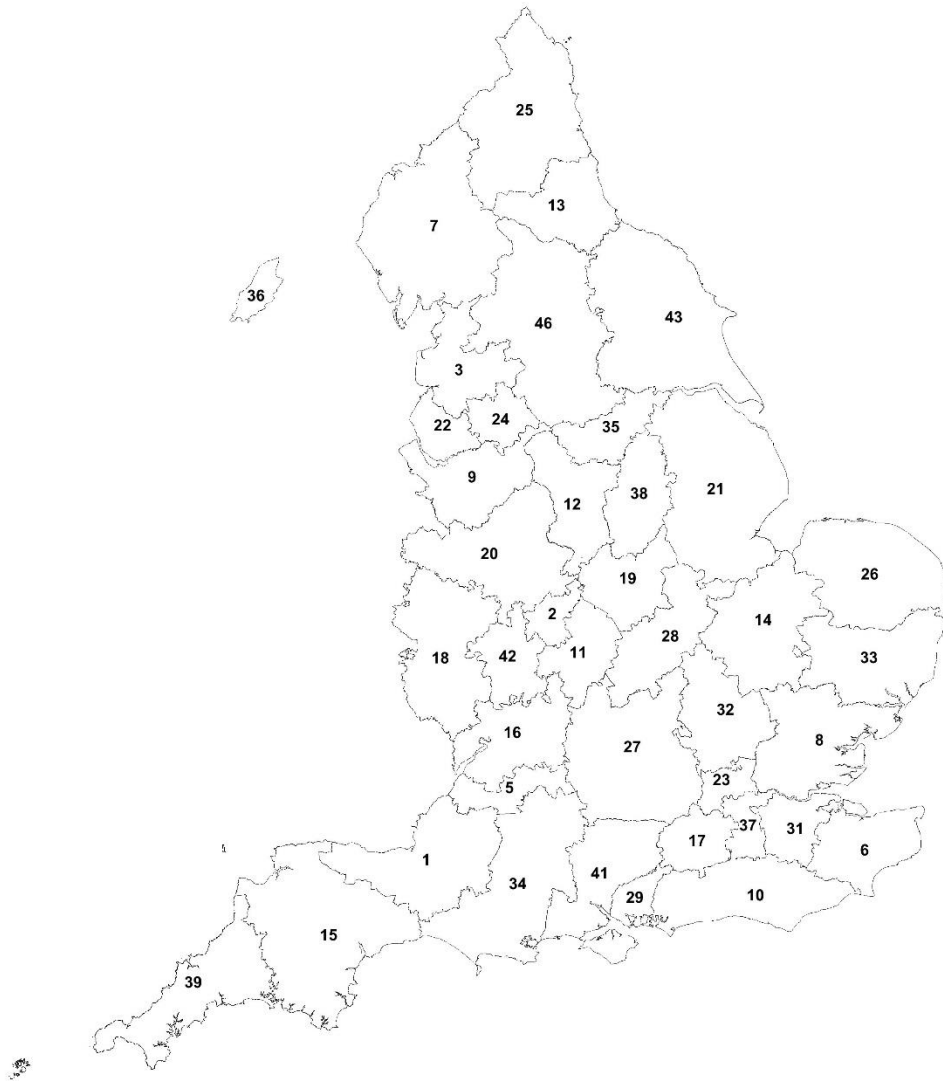
Diocesan population statistics have been estimated using data published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/index.html>), mapped on to diocesan boundaries. This mapping is an approximation, since the boundaries of regions at which population data are reported do not coincide with diocesan boundaries. The latest available data have been used wherever possible; population estimates and numbers of births and deaths are from mid-2017; religious affiliation data (specifically, percentage Christian) are from the 2011 census. Data for the Isle of Man have been taken from [http://countrymeters.info/en/Isle\\_of\\_Man](http://countrymeters.info/en/Isle_of_Man); data for the Channel Islands have been taken from [http://countrymeters.info/en/Channel\\_Islands](http://countrymeters.info/en/Channel_Islands) (both accessed 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018). These sources do not include information about religious affiliation – in the case of the Channel Islands this has been estimated to be the same as that in the rest of the Diocese of Canterbury.

Population and religious affiliation information is not available for the Diocese in Europe.

## Further information


Any reader who would like further details regarding the methodology behind this report is encouraged to get in touch; please see the contact details on page 1.

## Reference map of dioceses, 2017



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

**Note:** The diocesan boundaries reflect the situation as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to match the structure on which data have been collected.

 <b>STATISTICS FOR MISSION: JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2017</b>	
Church name:	Parish name:
Deanery:	Diocese:

**REMINDER: PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLINE IF POSSIBLE**

<http://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>

The online returns system has existing information about your church already saved. It automatically checks for typographical errors and minor mistakes and gives you the opportunity to revise your figures before final submission. You can see the data for your church over time and download copies for your records.

- ✓ Please complete this form for your CHURCH. If there is more than one church in your parish, then please complete and submit a separate form for each church
- ✓ Where activities – e.g. acts of worship in schools; conducting funeral services at crematoria - are shared between more than one church then please attempt, where possible, to ensure that they are only reported once
- ✓ Questions 1a and 1b about the Electoral Roll refer to the ecclesiastical electoral roll. Question 1a asks about the ecclesiastical electoral roll for your parish. Question 1b is optional and only applies if you are in a multi-church parish AND keep a separate roll for your church
- ✓ **Fresh expressions of Church** should be included in your numbers, unless they prefer to complete a separate return. For help in identifying fresh expressions of Church please visit <http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk> or use the "Choice tree" at the end of this form
- ✓ Please complete all questions as far as possible, using "0" or "unknown" or "no services" if necessary. Unless otherwise indicated, empty fields will be treated as incomplete and may be queried later as missing data
- ✓ In rare circumstances where a single congregation worships evenly between a number of churches (i.e. there is no difference in who attends and how often at each church), a single return may be submitted. The churches included in the return should be noted below

A single return is submitted on behalf of (please list all included churches here, with church codes if known):

**1a. How many people were on the ecclesiastical electoral roll for your parish, as reported at your Annual Parochial Church meeting in 2017?**

- ✓ Please write "unknown" if the figure is not available

1a. Number on the ecclesiastical Electoral Roll for your PARISH	
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If your parish has more than one church and also keeps a separate roll for your church, please also provide the total electoral roll for your church.

- ✓ Please write "N/A" if this is not applicable to your church

**1b. How many people are on your church Electoral Roll?**

1b. Number on the CHURCH Electoral Roll	
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The next question is about church attendance on a "USUAL" SUNDAY

- ✓ A usual Sunday is one that is not a major festival or contained in a peak holiday period
- ✓ Wherever possible, please do not count the same person multiple times – if someone attends more than once on a usual Sunday, please only count them once
- ✓ Only think about the Sundays when you hold at least one service (ignore the Sundays when you do not hold a service at your church)

**2. How many people attend your church on a usual Sunday, when there is a service?**

2a. Adults (16 years old and over)	
2b. Children and young people (under 16 years old)	

The following questions are about **how many people attended** a service or act of worship at **Easter** (Easter Day and vigil services on Easter Eve), **Advent** (Advent Sunday until 23<sup>rd</sup> December) and **Christmas** (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).

- ✓ If you did not hold any services or acts of worship at your church during these periods, please enter "0" in the relevant box.

**3. How many people came to your church at Easter 2017?**

3a: Number of communicants at service(s) on Easter Day and vigil service on Easter Eve	
3b. Total number of people attending worship (including communicants) at service(s) on Easter Day and vigil service on Easter Eve	

**4. How many people came to special services run by your church during Advent 2017?**

- ✓ Include attendance at special services run by your church from Advent Sunday until 23<sup>rd</sup> December, for example nativities, carol services, carols on the green, crib services.

4a. Total number of people attending special services held for the congregation and local community	
4b. Total number of people attending special services held specifically for civic organisations or schools	

The following questions are about your “worshipping community”. Think about your regular worshipping community at the end of 2017. For more information about worshipping communities, see <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-12/WorshippingCommunity.pdf>

- ✓ Include anyone who attends your church regularly, for example at least once a month, or would attend if they were not prevented by illness, infirmity or temporary absence
- ✓ Include all congregations in your church, including fresh expressions of Church
- ✗ Do not include visitors, e.g. holidaymakers, baptism parties etc.
- ✗ Do not include people who consider their ‘home’ church to be another church
- ✗ Do not include people who left the church earlier in the year (they are counted in the next question as ‘leavers’) and were not part of your worshipping community at the end of 2017

**8. How many people were in your “worshipping community” at the end of 2017?**

- ✓ Please complete all of the boxes, as far as you can. If there is no-one in a category, please write “0”. If the age groups of your worshipping community are unknown, please use your best estimates. If you are unable to estimate people’s ages, please enter the total figure only

TOTAL	Children (Age 0-10)	Young people (Age 11-17)	Adults (Age 18-69)	Adults (Age 70+)

**9. How has your worshipping community changed during 2017?**

- ✓ If you know how many people have left/joined your worshipping community but you do not know their reasons for leaving or joining, please enter the total figures (or your best estimates) only
- ✓ If there is no-one in a particular category, please write “0”
- ✗ Do not count as joiners or leavers members of your worshipping community who move from “Children and young people” to “Adult”
- ✓ If you are unable to complete this question, please leave it blank

**9a. How many adults and children joined your worshipping community during 2017?**

	TOTAL	Worshipping for the first time	Moved into the area	Moved from a local church	Returned to church
Adults (Age 18+)					
Children and young people					

**9b. How many adults and children left your worshipping community during 2017?**

	TOTAL	Death or illness	Moved away	Moved to a local church	Not worshipping anywhere	Other/Don't know
Adults (Age 18+)						
Children and young people						

The next questions are about fresh expressions of Church. A fresh expression of Church is a form of Church established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet “members” of any church. Here you are asked to describe aspects of the way the fresh expression of Church is run, rather than providing numbers attending.

- ✓ For help in identifying fresh expressions of Church please visit <http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk> or use the “Choice tree” at the end of this form

- ✓ Fresh expressions of Church can be quite varied. If you remain unsure about whether an activity or service meets the definition of a fresh expression, please DO include it here
- ✓ We have included space for three fresh expressions of Church. If you have more, please continue on an additional sheet
- ✗ Do not include Alpha courses or outreach activities that do not include worship

**10. What regular fresh expressions of Church are supported by your church?**

No fresh expressions of Church (If your church did NOT support fresh expressions of Church during 2017 please tick here and leave the rest of this page blank.)

Name of fresh expression	
Description of activity	
Where is it held? (please tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Church Hall <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please note where): _____
How often?	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please note how often): _____
Age group aimed at? (please tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL ages <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> 0-4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11-17 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-39 <input type="checkbox"/> 40-69 <input type="checkbox"/> 70+
Who attends? (please tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Attendees include people who regularly come to other services <input type="checkbox"/> Attendees include people who occasionally come to other services <input type="checkbox"/> Attendees include people who never come to other services

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**5. How many people came to your church at Christmas 2017?**

5a. Number of communicants at service(s) on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day	
5b. Total number of people attending worship (including communicants) at service(s) on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day	

The next section is the OCTOBER COUNT of the number of people attending your church for services and other acts of worship during the first 4 weeks of October. This includes the number of people attending on Sundays and during the week (Monday-Saturday).

- ✓ Please include any **fresh expressions of Church**, unless they have submitted their own return. A fresh expression of Church is a form of church established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet "members" of any church. For help identifying fresh expressions of Church, please visit <http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk> or use the "Choice tree" at the end of this form

You are asked to enter a count for each of the first 4 weeks of October 2017. The count is split into Sundays and weekdays; adults and children; and type of service (Church, fresh expressions of Church and school services).

Wherever possible, please **do not count the same person multiple times in the same week** – if someone attends your church more than once during Sunday, please only count them once. If someone attends on a Sunday, please do not include them again in the midweek count for that week.

**Number of services:** The number of services or fresh expressions of Church held on Sundays & weekdays. Enter "0" if there were none.

**School services:** These are services held in your church (or church building) that are attended by a school(s). There is a later question about acts of worship held in schools.

**Adults:** 16 years old and over. Please include those leading the service(s).

**Children and young people:** Under 16 years old.

**Please INCLUDE:**

- ✓ Clergy and other ministers attending or leading services
- ✓ Adults and children attending Sunday schools or equivalent activities
- ✓ Attendance at baptisms, including any visitors
- ✓ Any other church-based activities in which worship is the primary purpose and predominant feature
- ✓ Attendance at services outside the church, e.g. at home, in care homes, prisons, or hospitals (include as Church or Fresh expression attendance, as appropriate)

**Please DO NOT INCLUDE:**

- ✗ Attendance at weddings or funeral services
- ✗ Activities with only some worship element, such as house groups, parent and toddler groups, youth clubs, Alpha courses, and social events such as harvest supper.

**6. How many people attended your church in October 2017?**

- ✓ If possible, please count each person only once in any week, even if they attended more than once
- ✓ If there were exceptional circumstances that led to unusual October attendance figures in 2017, let us know in the comment box at the end of this form

1.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October							
Weekdays 2 <sup>nd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>							

2.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October							
Weekdays 9 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup>							

3.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October							
Weekdays 16 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>							

4.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October							
Weekdays 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>							

**7. How often does your ministry team lead acts of worship in schools?**

- ✓ This question refers to acts of worship in school buildings rather than in your church or church building (services held for schools in your church should be included within the October count, Easter or Christmas figures where appropriate)
- ✓ Include any school-based acts of worship led by a person who holds office or responsibility for ministry (ordained or lay) within your church, whether or not the school is in your parish
- ✓ 'Usually' refers to during term-time or when the school is open, ignoring school holidays
- ✓ Tick one box as the closest estimate

Never	Occasionally/ ad hoc	Usually once or twice a term	Usually once a month	Usually once a fortnight	Usually once a week	Usually more than once a week

If there is no school in your parish, tick here:

**11. How many baptisms and thanksgivings for the gift of a child were held in your church during 2017?**

- ✓ If separate services of thanksgiving and baptism were held for an individual both should be recorded here

	Infants (<1 year)	Children (1-4 years)	Children (5-12 years)	Youth/ adults (13+)
Number of persons baptised				
Number of children for whom a thanksgiving service for the gift of a child (birth or adoption) was held				

**12. How many marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriage were held in your church during 2017?**

Number of couples married in your church	
Number of couples for whom a service of prayer and dedication was held in your church (after civil marriage)	

**13. How many funeral services were held at or on behalf of your church during 2017?**

- ✓ Include all funerals that were held at your church
- ✓ Include all funerals conducted by any member of your ministry team (including Readers, stipendiary clergy, non-stipendiary clergy and retired clergy) at a crematorium or cemetery

Number of deceased for whom a funeral service was held at your church	
Number of deceased for whom a full funeral service was conducted by a member of your ministry team at a crematorium or cemetery, excluding committal only & burial of ashes only	

Looking back across 2017, were there any exceptional circumstances (e.g. an interregnum or building works) or significant changes that may have led to unusual figures in this return?

Is there anything additional that we should note when including your annual return within the Statistics for Mission?

14. Finally, there is a special focus question about social action. Churches' engagement with their communities, and in responding to social issues, can take many forms. This question asks about your church's involvement in those activities that previous research has suggested are amongst the most widespread.

- ✓ Please only include organised activities that are primarily run for the benefit of the wider community (not primarily for the church congregation)
- ✓ If you are unable to complete this question, please leave it blank

<i>Please tick all that apply to your church</i> <i>Please tick as many columns as apply for each activity</i>	Our church is responsible for <u>running</u> this activity	Our church <u>hosts</u> this activity in its own building(s)	Our church does this activity in <u>partnership</u> with others (e.g. a church, charity, community group, faith group)	Our church <u>supports</u> this activity in other ways e.g. volunteers, donations
Community cafe				
Food bank				
Holiday/ Breakfast/ After-school clubs for children				
Lunch club or drop in				
Money matters & debt advice				
Night shelter or other homelessness provision				
Parent/carer and toddler group or play group				
Pastoral provision for the wider community (e.g. Street Pastors, counselling/support, befriending schemes)				
Youth work (for wider community)				
Other community activity (please specify)				

Thank you for completing your annual return on behalf of your church. Your contribution is essential to the on-going care and understanding of our churches and congregations; your diligence, time, and effort are greatly appreciated. Please take a moment to review your answers. Make sure that you have completed every question as far as possible and not left any answers blank (use "0" or "unknown" or "no services" if necessary), aside from where instructed in question 9. Other blank answers may be queried with you later.

Please record below the contact details for the person who has completed this form (or the lead person if more than one person has helped with the return).

Name:

Position:

Email address:

Date of completion: