

Statistics for Mission 2019

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Preface: Dr Ken Eames, Research and Statistics unit

Statistics for Mission 2019 gives an overview of important aspects of the Church of England's mission and ministry in 2019. Among other things, it outlines the size of the Church's worshipping community; attendance at Sunday and midweek church services, throughout the year and at the major festivals of Easter and Christmas; baptisms, weddings, and funerals; work with schools; and the amazingly wide-ranging involvement of the Church of England in social action and community outreach.

As always, this report is the culmination of the work of many people: the incumbents and volunteers in almost 16,000 churches who have compiled the figures, the staff in 42 dioceses who have supported this task, and the Research and Statistics team members who have meticulously checked the figures and prepared this report.

This report is the first stage in the use of the information it contains. The Research and Statistics team provides additional detail to dioceses, to colleagues in the National Church Institutions, and to others to enable us all to better support the work of the Church of England. We produce summary information for every parish to help churches interpret and evaluate their work. We map government census and deprivation statistics onto parish boundaries so that church attendance and participation can be considered alongside local circumstances. It is through using reliable information, clearly presented, combined with a proper understanding of the local context, that good decisions are made.

Because the Research and Statistics team works closely with diocesan colleagues in the collection of Statistics for Mission information and in checking the figures, we know how much pressure diocesan staff have been under in recent months as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are incredibly grateful to all the diocesan staff who have, despite the pressures of lockdown and home working, assisted with the work that goes into this report. We are likewise grateful to everyone in churches who answered our data-related queries in March and April 2020; we were extremely mindful of the additional burden that this was placing on people, and it is a testament to the importance with which these figures are treated that almost all queries were responded to and resolved quickly. This year, helpfully, these contacts with churches also gave us opportunities to understand the impact of the pandemic on their work.

Although the figures in this report relate to 2019, it would seem odd not to mention the changes that have taken place in 2020. As a result of the pandemic, many churches have been closed for worship for a large part of 2020. As I write this, in early September 2020, it is unclear what further closures – either local or national – there will be and when, if ever, churches will return to “normal”. I am certain that the 2020 Statistics for Mission report will take a very different form, as it tries to describe the work that churches have done in 2020. I know, from the rigorous research carried out in recent months by the Research and Statistics team, from personal experience, and from speaking to other researchers and church leaders, that churches have adapted to the pandemic and to the lockdown in diverse and imaginative ways; many have been offering worship in new forms, either online, or via email, or telephone, or post. Since July 2020 many churches have gradually begun to reopen for services, albeit with social distancing and restrictions on what activities are permitted. Many churches are currently offering both services in person and worship in other forms. On a personal level I find the work that churches have done in recent months incredibly impressive and rather moving.

Despite current circumstances, the work of the Research and Statistics team has continued, albeit in different ways and with changes in focus. You can keep up to date with our work via our web page and twitter feed: [@cofestats](https://twitter.com/cofestats)

Summary

2019 Church of England participation summary

- The Worshipping Community of regular worshippers at Church of England churches in 2019 was 1.11 million people, of whom 20% were aged under 18, 47% were aged 18-69, and 33% were aged 70 or over.
- On average, 854,000 people (86% adults, 14% children under 16) attended Church of England services and acts of worship each week in October 2019. A further 182,000 people attended services for schools in Church of England churches in an average week in October 2019.
- The Usual Sunday attendance at Church of England churches in 2019 was 690,000 people (87% adults, 13% children under 16).
- 1.18 million people attended Church of England churches at Easter 2019 (of whom 72% received communion).
- 2.33 million people attended Church of England churches at Christmas 2019 (of whom 34% received communion). During Advent, there was reported attendance of 2.55 million people at special services for the congregation and local community, and 2.87 million people at special services for civic organisations and schools.
- There were 89,000 Church of England baptisms and services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child during 2019.
- There were 31,000 Church of England marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages during 2019.
- There were 114,000 Church of England-led funerals during 2019, 62% of which took place in churches and 38% at crematoria/cemeteries.

Trends in participation

- The Worshipping Community of regular worshippers at Church of England churches has fallen by 3% from 2014 to 2019.
- Over recent decades, attendance at Church of England church services has gradually fallen. These trends continued in 2019. Most key measures of attendance fell by between 15% and 20% from 2009 to 2019.
- 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 41% of parishes attendance has decreased. In 49% of parishes there is insufficient evidence to form a clear conclusion about the trend.
- More than 90 new churches have been launched in recent years, with a total average weekly attendance of over 9,000 people.

Social action and community outreach

- A one-off section in Statistics for Mission 2019 asked churches about their involvement in social action and community outreach. 77% of churches were involved in one or more forms of social action.
- Churches reported that they were involved in 35,000 social action projects. Churches ran more than 15,000 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, hospitality for older people, and parent and toddler groups.

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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 2019. 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 that they carried out during the year. Data were received from 89% 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 2019 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 agree with the sums of the stated amounts.

Church of England attendance, 2019

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 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 continues to improve as the concept becomes 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 has developed 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 every individual church.

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 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 a mistake 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 2019 this question asked, as it did in 2017, about churches’ involvement in social action and community outreach.

The total Worshipping Community of churches across the Church of England in 2019 was 1.11 million people, of whom 20% were aged under 18, 47% were aged 18-69, and 33% were aged 70 or over.

On average, 854,000 people (86% adults, 14% children under 16) attended Church of England church services or fresh expressions of Church each week in October 2019. A further 182,000 people attended services for schools in Church of England churches in an average week in October 2019. The Usual Sunday attendance at Church of England churches in 2018 was 690,000 people (87% adults, 13% children under 16).

1.18 million people attended Church of England churches at Easter 2019 (of whom 72% received communion). 2.33 million people attended Church of England churches at Christmas 2019 – including Christmas Day and Christmas Eve (of whom 34% received communion). During Advent, there was reported attendance of 2.55 million people at special services for the congregation and local community, and 2.87 million people at special services for civic organisations and schools.

Working with schools

Churches report high levels of involvement with schools. Over 2,500 churches reported some attendance at services for schools taking place in church in October 2019. The total reported average weekly attendance at services for schools during October has risen from 148,000 people in 2014 to 182,000 people in 2019.

Additionally, many churches are involved in leading worship in schools, for example during assemblies. 41% 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 2019.

Church of England baptisms, marriages, and funerals, 2019

There were 86,000 baptisms and 2,900 services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child in Church of England churches during 2019. 57% of baptisms were of infants (aged under 1); 32% were of children (aged 1-10) and 11% were of people aged 11 and over. 67% of thanksgivings were for infants.

There were 29,000 marriages and 2,100 services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages in Church of England churches during 2019.

There were 114,000 Church of England-led funerals during 2019, of which 71,000 were funerals in Church of England churches, and a further 43,000 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. In addition, 19,000 committals or burials of ashes were reported in 2019, the first time this information has been collected.

Church of England attendance per capita, 2019

The Church of England's Worshipping Community was 1.9% of the population in 2019. The attendance in an average week in October 2019 was 1.5% of the population, rising to 4.1% 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.

Church-level attendance and participation, 2019

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, 2019

	5th percentile	25th percentile	median (middle) church	75th percentile	95th percentile	mean (average) church
Worshipping Community	9	20	42	90	236	74
All age average weekly attendance	2	11	31	74	185	57
Adult average weekly attendance	2	11	28	64	154	49
Child average weekly attendance	0	0	2	9	33	8
All age Usual Sunday attendance	7	14	26	55	141	46
Easter attendance	0	23	49	98	245	79
Christmas attendance	0	30	75	188	558	159
Baptisms and thanksgivings	0	1	3	8	23	6
Marriages and services of prayer & dedication	0	0	1	3	8	2
Funerals in churches, crematoria, & cemeteries	0	1	4	10	27	8

Note: Values in Table 1 are based on 12,364 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 42 people. The median attendance at worship in an average week in October was 31 people, the majority being adults. The median attendance on a Usual Sunday was 26 people. The median attendance at Easter was 49 people, and at Christmas 75 people. The median numbers of baptisms, marriages, and funerals were 3, 1 and 4 respectively.

Because some churches are significantly larger, the mean (average) church was larger than the median church: the mean church Worshipping Community was 74 people. The mean attendance at worship in an average week in October was 57 people. The mean attendance on a Usual Sunday was 46 people. The mean attendance at Easter was 79 people, and at Christmas 159 people. The mean numbers of baptisms, marriages, and funerals were 6, 2 and 8 respectively.

The largest 5% of churches had 236 or more people in their Worshipping Communities, whereas the smallest 5% of churches had 9 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.

Worshipping Community joiners and leavers, 2019

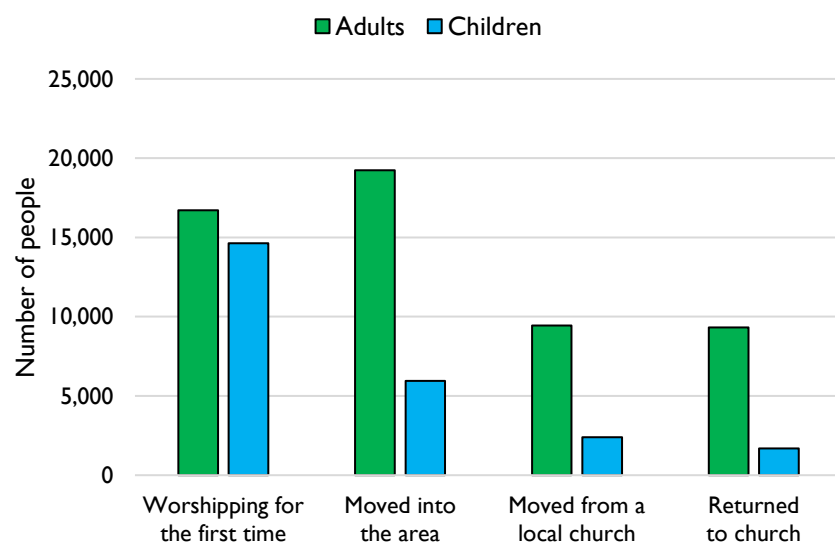
Each church was asked about the number of people who joined and left their Worshipping Community during the year and, if known, their reasons for joining and leaving. Figures 1a-1b show where joiners came from, and where leavers left to, as reported by churches. Information about where people joined from or left to (including “other/unknown” for leavers) was given for 88% of reported joiners and leavers.

In 2019, Church of England churches reported 94,000 people joining their Worshipping Communities, 31% of them being children. 31% of adult joiners were worshipping for the first time, and 35% had moved to the area. 59% of child joiners were first-time worshippers.

Church of England churches reported 65,000 people leaving their Worshipping Communities, 20% of them being children. 40% of adult leavers left through death or illness, and 25% had moved away. 31% of child leavers had moved away; 27% were not worshipping anywhere.

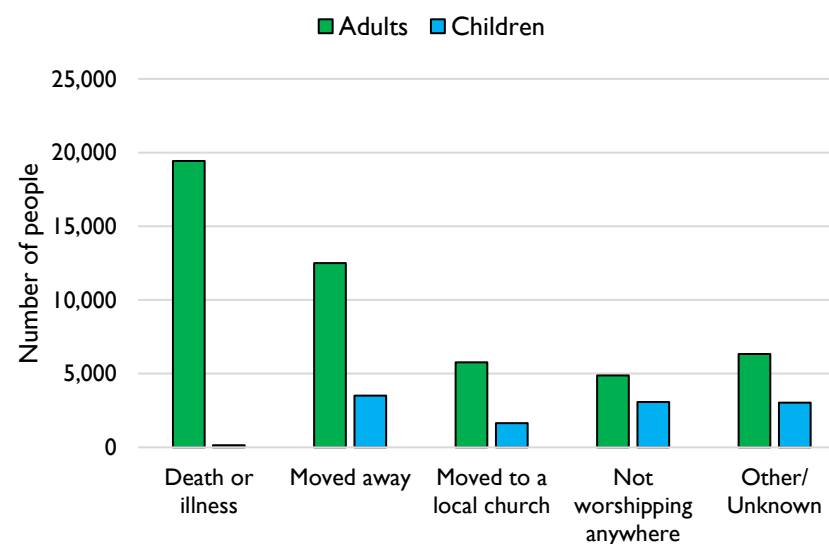
Churches reported 28,000 more people joining than leaving their Worshipping Communities over the course of the year, yet the total Worshipping Community across the Church of England fell by 11,000 people. This highlights the record-keeping challenge the Worshipping Community presents, as well as suggesting that joiners are more noticeable than leavers.

Figure 1a: Worshipping Community joiners, 2019



Note: Information about reasons for joining was provided regarding 55,000 of the reported 64,000 adult joiners, and 25,000 of the 29,000 child joiners.

Figure 1b: Worshipping Community leavers, 2019



Note: Information about reasons for leaving was provided regarding 49,000 of the reported 52,000 adult leavers, and 11,000 of the 13,000 child leavers.

Trends in Church of England participation, 2009-2019

Church of England attendance figures have been collected for many years, enabling long-term 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 2009 to 2019. 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 long-term trends, it is inappropriate 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 2009 and 2019. The inclusion of attendance at services for schools in the October count from 2013 onwards demonstrates a substantial ministry with schools, amounting to 141,000 children and 41,000 adults each week in October 2019. Reported attendance at services for schools has, on the whole, 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 have an impact on attendance. Christmas attendance, which includes Christmas Day and Christmas Eve, fell in 2018 and 2019, having risen steadily since 2013. Advent attendance, first recorded in 2013, fell by 14,000 people from its 2018 to 2019, having been at its highest ever reported level in 2018. Advent attendance is affected by large special services, so trends are not clear.

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 although the Church of England's Worshipping Community is declining the change from 2014-2019 was substantially smaller than the change in other attendance measures over the same period.

As shown in Figures 6-9, similar patterns are seen with baptisms, marriages, and funerals. All have declined since 2009. While the numbers of baptisms and marriages were reasonably stable between 2009 and 2012, there has been a more noticeable fall in the past few years.

Figure 2: Average weekly attendance (October count), 2009-2019

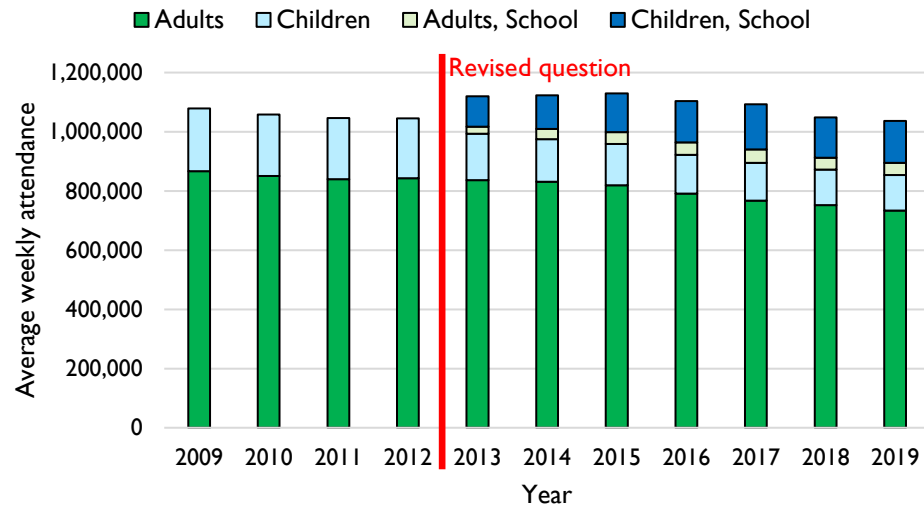


Figure 3: Usual Sunday attendance, 2009-2019

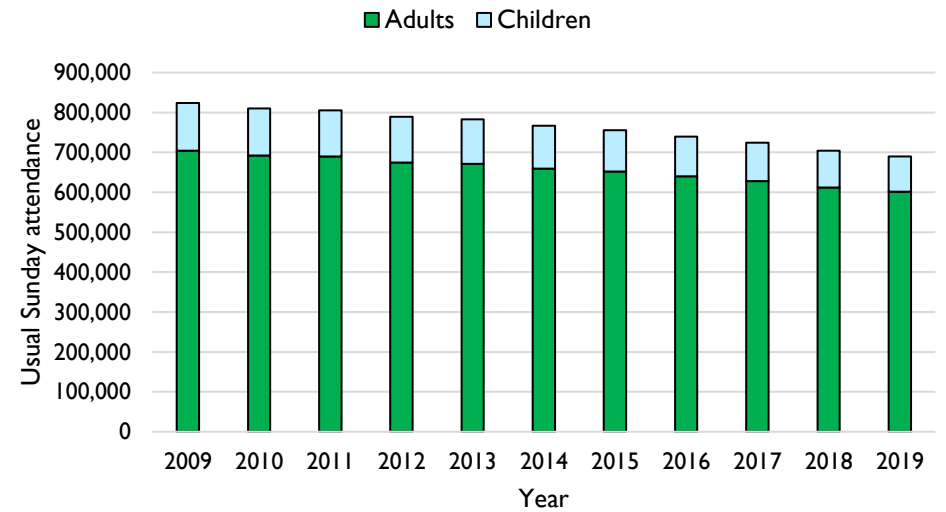


Figure 4: Easter communicants and attendance, 2009-2019

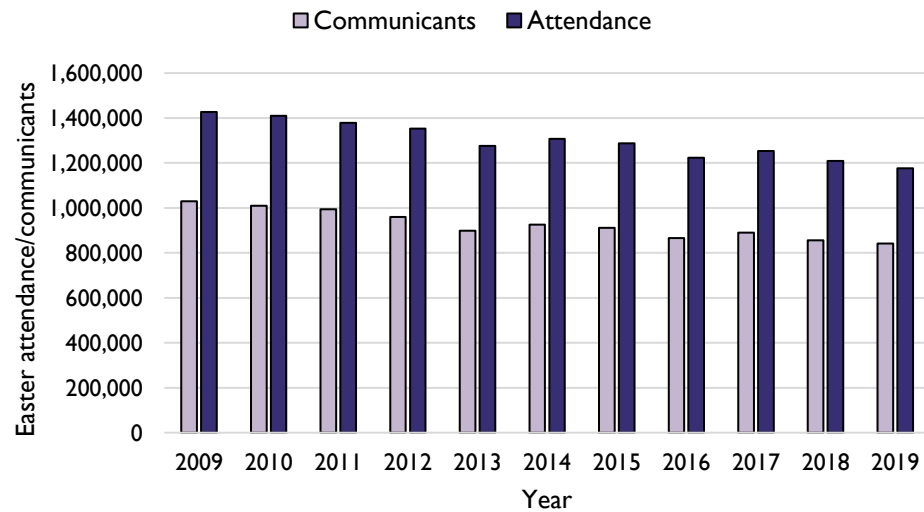


Figure 5: Christmas communicants and attendance, 2009-2019

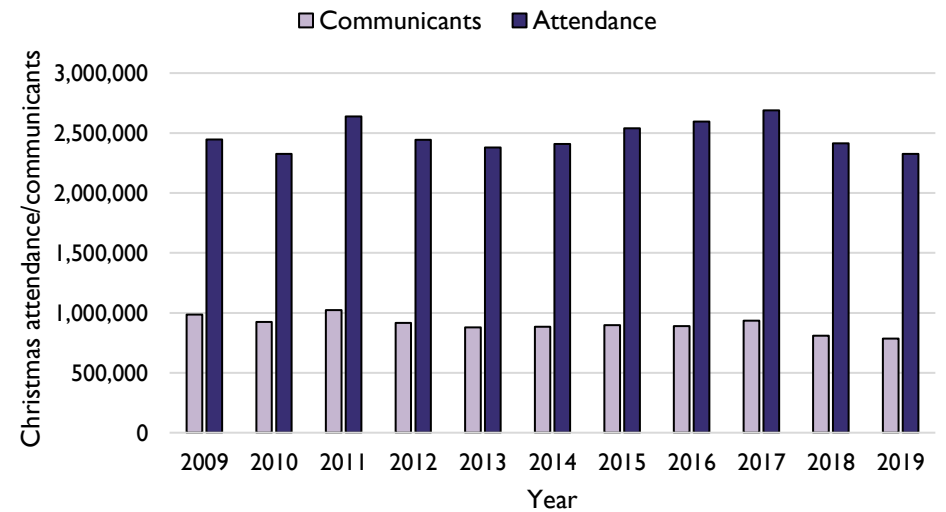


Figure 6: Baptisms and thanksgivings, 2009-2019

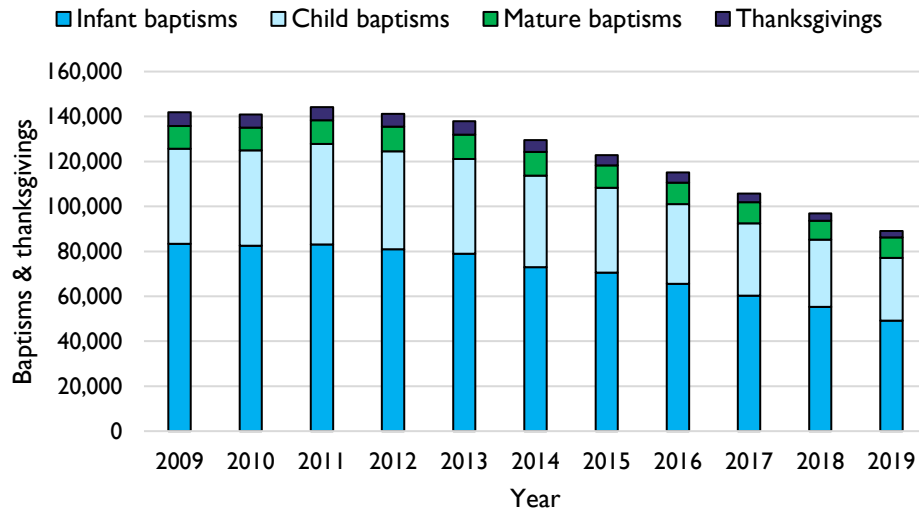


Figure 7: Marriages and services of prayer and dedication, 2009-2019

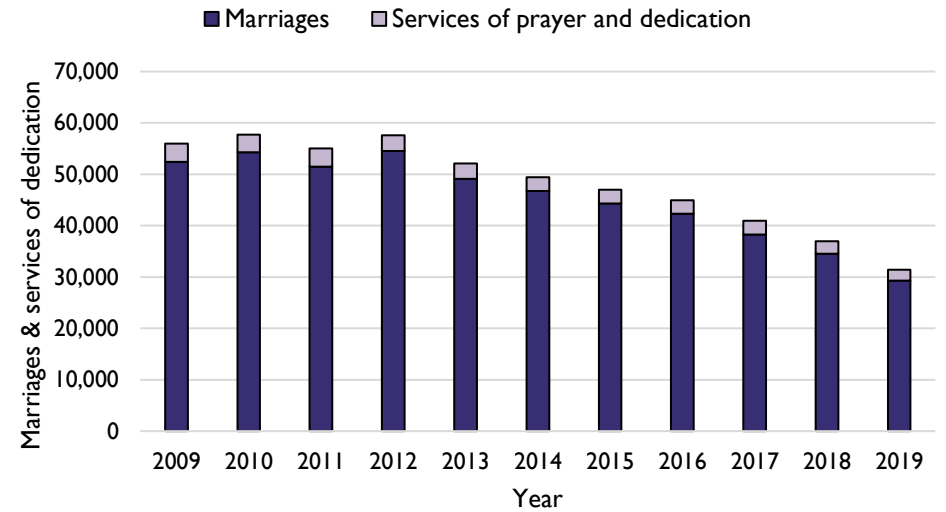


Figure 8: Funerals, 2009-2019

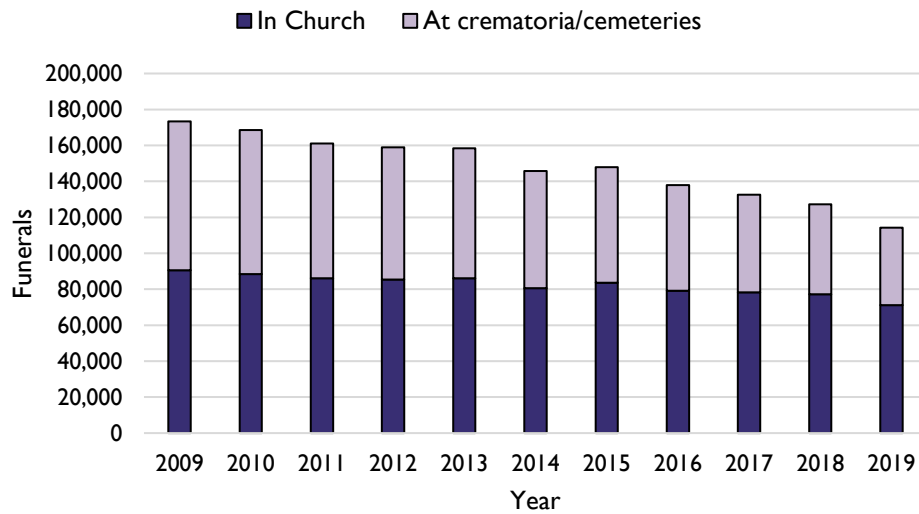
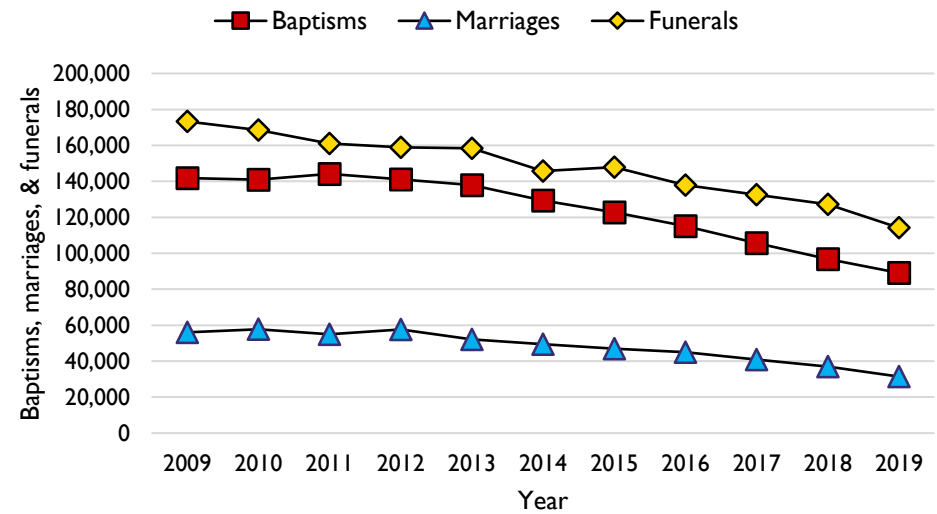


Figure 9: Baptisms, marriages, and funerals, 2009-2019



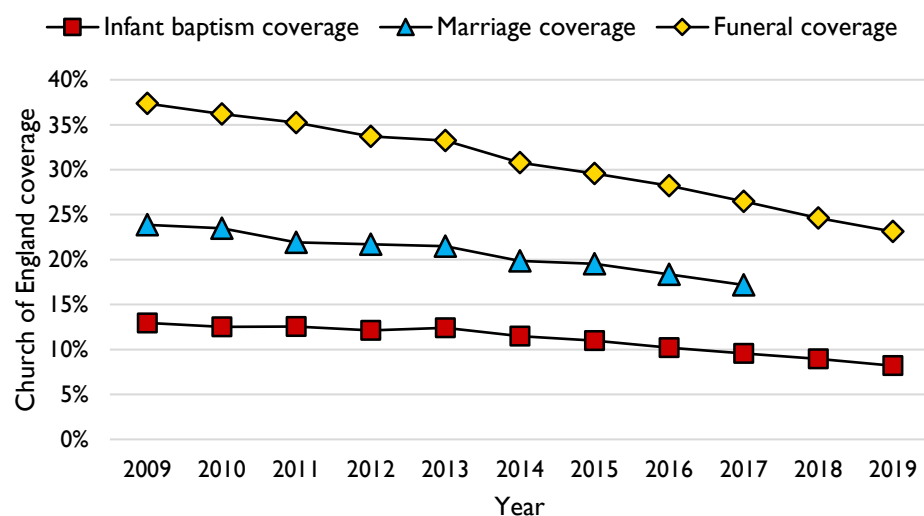
Numbers of Church of England baptisms, marriages, and funerals are dependent on absolute numbers of births, marriages, and deaths. Official statistics have been used to estimate the numbers of births and deaths within each diocese of the Church of England (not including the Diocese in Europe); marriage statistics are not available at the same spatial resolution, so official figures for England and Wales, only available up until 2017, are used.

In 2009, there was an infant baptism for 13% 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 37% of deaths. In 2019, there was an infant baptism for 8% of live births (and other births are likely to be followed by later child or mature baptisms); Church of England parishes conducted funerals for 23% of deaths. In 2017, the last year for which national statistics are available, 17% 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 2019 there was a Church of England infant baptism for over 20% of live births in Carlisle and Hereford but for under 5% of live births in Birmingham, Chelmsford, London and Southwark. There was a Church of England funeral for 45% of deaths in Hereford, but for under 15% of deaths in London.

Summaries of trends in coverage of infant baptisms, marriages, and funerals are shown in Figure 10.

Figure 10: Church of England infant baptisms, marriages, and funerals as a percentage of all births, marriages, and deaths, 2009-2019



Over the past decade, levels of Church of England attendance and participation have fallen (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 has increased over recent years.

Table 2: Church of England attendance and participation trends, 2009-2019

Measure of Church of England participation	Change from 2009 to 2019	Correlation coefficient ¹
Adult average weekly+Child average Sunday attendance	-17%	0.93
Adult average weekly attendance	-15%	0.92
Adult average Sunday attendance	-18%	0.95
Child average Sunday attendance	-30%	0.96
All age average Sunday attendance	-20%	0.95
All age Usual Sunday attendance	-16%	0.99
Adult Usual Sunday attendance	-14%	0.99
Child Usual Sunday attendance	-27%	0.98
Easter attendance	-17%	0.94
Easter communicants	-18%	0.91
Christmas attendance	+1%	0.01
Christmas communicants	-16%	0.60
Baptisms and thanksgivings	-37%	0.90
Marriages and services of prayer & dedication	-42%	0.91
Funerals total	-31%	0.97
Funerals in church	-18%	0.91
Funerals in crematoria/cemeteries	-45%	0.98

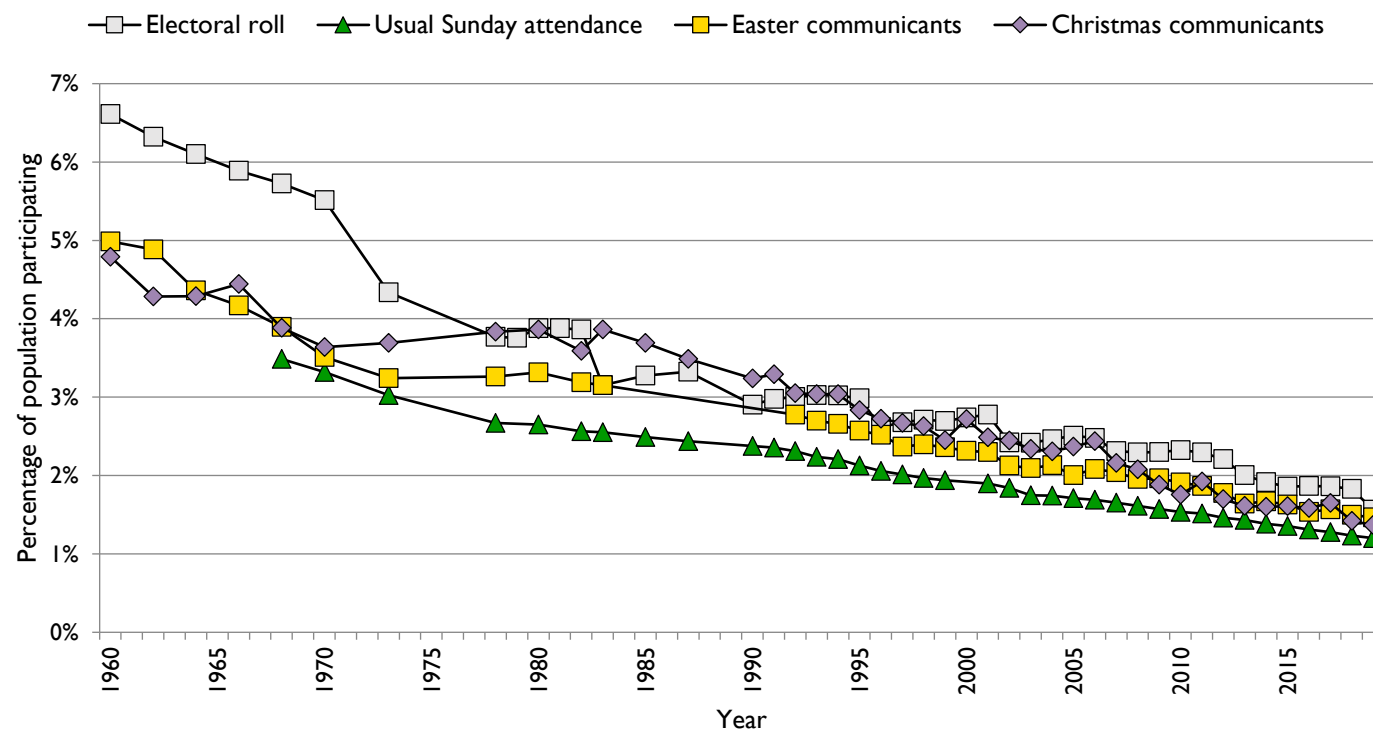
¹ The correlation coefficient shows how closely the various measures of attendance and participation follow a straight line, with 1 indicating a perfect fit and 0 indicating no linear relationship.

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 decades. The trend over the past decade is consistent with what has been happening for the past half century (Figure 11).

Note: The Electoral roll is renewed every 6 years, which accounts for the periodic falls in Electoral roll seen in Figure 11.

Figure 11: Church of England participation summary, 1960-2019



Parish-level trends, 2009-2019

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

- Based on parish-level all age Usual Sunday attendance from 2009-2019, 10% of parishes have experienced statistically significant growth; 41% have experienced statistically significant decline; in 49% 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 2009-2019, 5% of parishes have experienced statistically significant growth; 28% have experienced statistically significant decline; in 67% 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.

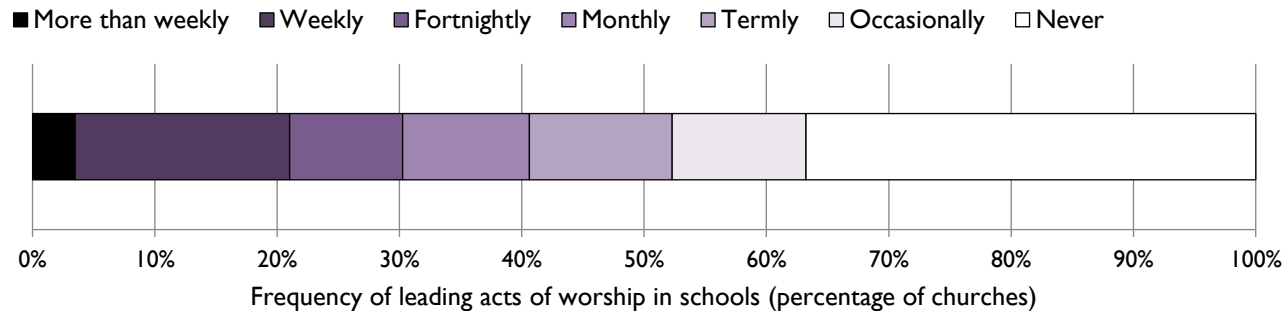
Statistics for Mission does not attempt to collect information about all the various aspects of churches that may correlate with growth or decline; additional detailed data would be required to draw firm conclusions about the factors that are associated with church growth.

These assessments of growth and decline do not include more recently founded churches, such as those with Bishops' Mission Orders that operate outside the traditional parish structures. Information has not been collected from these new churches for long enough to make an assessment of their attendance trends. Some of these new churches operate in very different ways from traditional churches, and not all of the measures of attendance that are asked about are applicable to them all. Therefore it has not been possible to collect attendance statistics from all such churches. There are about 90 new churches from which we have received data and/or estimated figures; the total average weekly attendance of these churches was over 9,000 people in 2019, an increase of over 4,000 people since 2016.

Acts of worship in schools, 2019

Many churches are involved in leading acts of worship in schools, for example during school assemblies (Figure 12). 41% 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 2019.

Figure 12: Frequency with which members of church ministry teams led acts of worship in schools, 2019



Note: Figure 12 is based on 13,103 responses.

Confirmations, 2019

13,400 people were confirmed in 2019, at 1,600 confirmation services. 58% of those confirmed were female. 24% of those confirmed were aged under 12; 45% of those confirmed were aged 20 or over. The annual number of confirmations has fallen by 47% in a decade, down from over 25,000 confirmations in 2009.

Social action and community outreach activities, 2019

A one-off section in Statistics for Mission 2019 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).

Over 13,500 responses to this question were received. Between them, these churches were involved in 35,000 social action projects. These churches ran more than 15,100 projects. Almost 2,000 of those responding reported that they ran three or more different social action projects. In addition to running projects themselves, churches hosted another 3,800 projects; a further 5,000 projects were carried out in partnership with other organisations; an additional 11,100 projects were supported by churches in other ways (Figure 13).

77% of churches that responded were involved in one or more forms of social action. 51% of churches ran at least one social action project; an additional 7% of churches hosted at least one project; an additional 7% of churches carried out at least one project in partnership with other organisations. An additional 12% of churches supported at least one project in other ways (Figure 14).

Figure 13: Number of social action projects in which churches were involved, 2019²

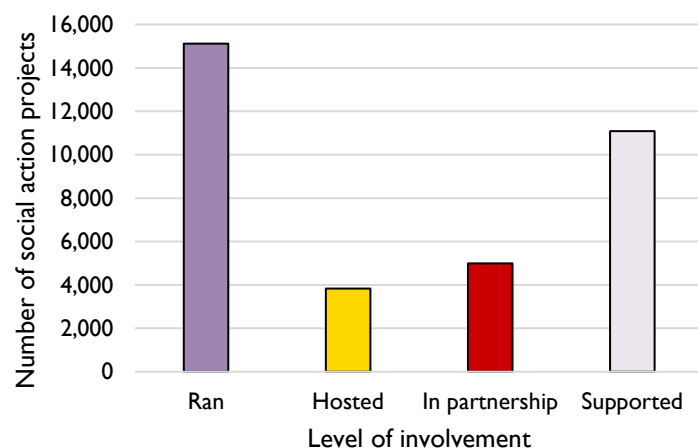
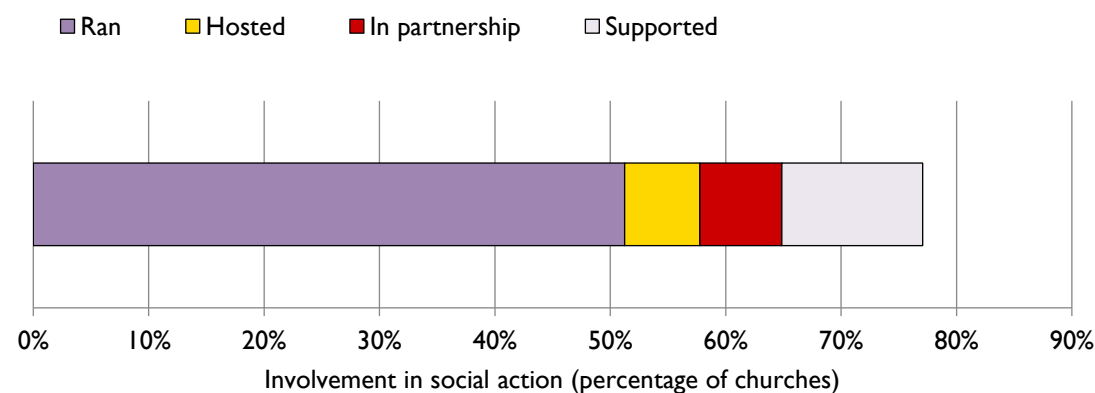


Figure 14: Percentage of churches involved in social action projects, 2019²

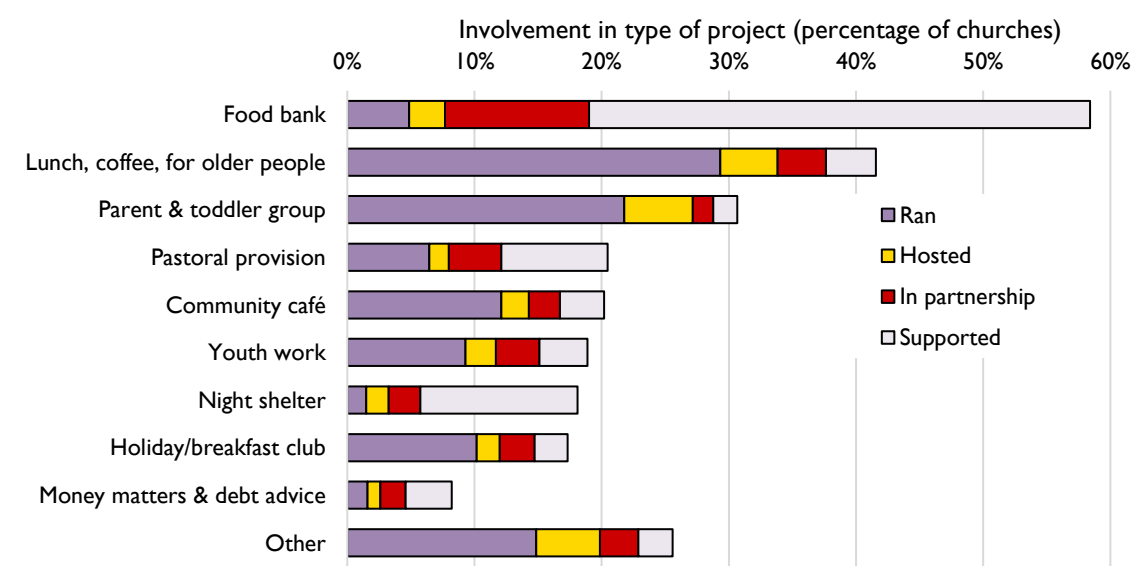


Note: Figures 13 and 14 are based on 13,503 responses

² 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 14 shows those churches that did not run a project themselves in 2019, but did host a project.

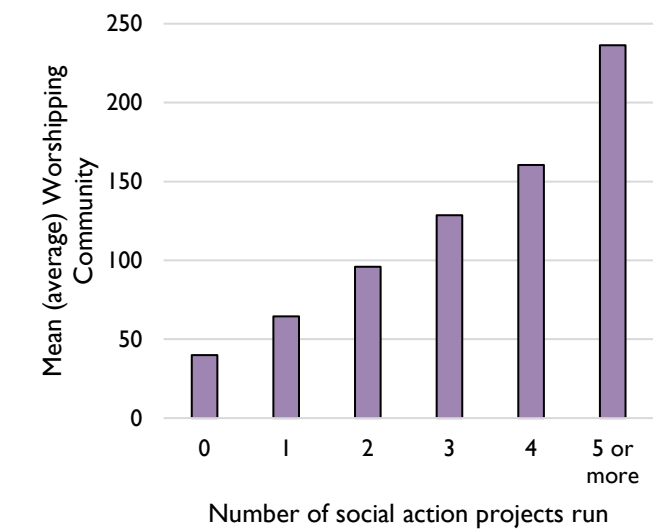
Churches were involved in a wide range of different types of social action project. 29% of churches reported that they ran lunch clubs, coffee mornings, or similar hospitality for older people. 22% of churches reported that they ran parent/carer and toddler groups. When including all forms of involvement, Food banks were the most commonly supported type of social action project: almost 60% of churches supported food banks in some way, often with volunteers and/or donations, and often in partnership with other organisations (Figure 15).

Figure 15: Percentage of churches involved in different types of social action projects, 2019³



Note: Figure 15 is based on 13,503 responses

Figure 16: Mean (average) Worshipping Community in churches that ran different numbers of social action projects, 2019



Note: Figure 16 is based on 12,052 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 65 people, whereas the average Worshipping Community of those churches that ran five or more social actions project was 235 people (Figure 17).

Churches’ reported levels of involvement in social action in 2019 are similar to those reported in 2017, when a very similar question was asked. Slightly more social action projects were reported in 2019 than in 2017, in part because more churches responded, and in part because of a change in one of the categories (from “Lunch club or drop in” in 2017 to “Lunch club, coffee morning, or similar hospitality for older people” in 2019).

³ 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 2019, 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 agree with the sums of the stated amounts.

Data tables generally include figures from 2014-2019, to give an indication of recent trends.

For Tables 5-7, which contain figures derived from the October count of attendance, it should be noted that 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 2014-2019.

These tables are available electronically on the Research and Statistics web page: <https://www.churchofengland.org/researchandstats>

Notes

In the tables below, the completeness columns give the percentages of the 2019 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.

As in recent years, figures for the Channel Islands are included in the Diocese of Canterbury. 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, 2019

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	969,000	1,610	600	179	461	559	1,730	36	2.9	22	599,000	1,070	37	86%	31
2	Birmingham	C	1,591,000	290	5,420	138	151	184	8,650	2	1.6	38	810,000	4,400	3	97%	3
3	Blackburn	Y	1,363,000	930	1,470	173	235	271	5,030	12	3.4	13	913,000	3,370	8	84%	35
5	Bristol	C	1,042,000	470	2,210	103	165	201	5,180	10	2.3	35	561,000	2,790	13	91%	24
6	Canterbury	C	1,155,000	1,050	1,100	136	242	360	3,210	26	2.9	22	720,000	2,000	25	79%	38
7	Carlisle	Y	498,000	2,570	190	107	233	330	1,510	38	7.8	2	358,000	1,080	35	83%	37
8	Chelmsford	C	3,253,000	1,530	2,120	307	470	576	5,650	8	2.7	28	1,808,000	3,140	12	87%	30
9	Chester	Y	1,651,000	1,030	1,600	215	265	342	4,830	13	3.0	18	1,126,000	3,290	9	88%	28
10	Chichester	C	1,711,000	1,450	1,180	275	359	475	3,600	20	3.1	17	992,000	2,090	23	95%	9
11	Coventry	C	905,000	700	1,300	127	205	242	3,740	19	2.9	22	541,000	2,240	18	95%	12
12	Derby	C	1,069,000	990	1,080	141	255	313	3,410	24	3.2	14	652,000	2,080	24	96%	6
13	Durham	Y	1,498,000	980	1,530	173	209	264	5,670	7	3.7	11	1,049,000	3,970	6	94%	15
14	Ely	C	767,000	1,530	500	145	302	328	2,340	31	4.7	4	451,000	1,380	30	88%	27
15	Exeter	C	1,199,000	2,570	470	153	489	595	2,020	32	4.3	8	731,000	1,230	31	85%	33
16	Gloucester	C	678,000	1,130	600	91	297	381	1,780	34	3.0	18	431,000	1,130	34	96%	7
17	Guildford	C	1,068,000	530	2,010	141	160	211	5,060	11	2.5	32	664,000	3,150	11	94%	13
18	Hereford	C	333,000	1,650	200	81	338	402	830	41	4.1	10	225,000	560	40	95%	10
19	Leicester	C	1,066,000	830	1,280	107	245	311	3,430	23	2.7	28	544,000	1,750	26	92%	19
20	Lichfield	C	2,185,000	1,730	1,260	239	421	544	4,020	17	3.2	14	1,382,000	2,540	17	91%	22
21	Lincoln	C	1,091,000	2,670	410	181	484	625	1,750	35	4.3	8	731,000	1,170	32	71%	40
22	Liverpool	Y	1,623,000	390	4,120	121	173	236	6,880	5	1.7	37	1,219,000	5,170	1	75%	39
23	London	C	4,390,000	280	15,900	411	403	475	9,240	1	0.6	41	1,905,000	4,010	5	94%	14
24	Manchester	Y	2,202,000	420	5,310	180	256	316	6,970	4	1.3	39	1,313,000	4,160	4	83%	36
25	Newcastle	Y	835,000	2,100	400	123	170	238	3,510	21	8.8	1	526,000	2,210	20	91%	23
26	Norwich	C	923,000	1,800	510	164	554	640	1,440	39	2.8	26	560,000	870	38	70%	41
27	Oxford	C	2,415,000	2,210	1,090	289	608	811	2,980	27	2.7	28	1,401,000	1,730	27	88%	29
28	Peterborough	C	935,000	1,140	820	125	348	379	2,470	29	3.0	18	559,000	1,470	29	92%	17
29	Portsmouth	C	792,000	420	1,890	107	133	167	4,740	15	2.5	32	466,000	2,790	13	98%	1
31	Rochester	C	1,375,000	540	2,560	180	215	259	5,310	9	2.1	36	842,000	3,250	10	97%	2
32	St. Albans	C	1,942,000	1,120	1,740	195	337	407	4,770	14	2.7	28	1,111,000	2,730	15	95%	11
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	682,000	1,430	480	115	446	479	1,420	40	3.0	18	415,000	870	38	85%	34
34	Salisbury	C	963,000	2,050	470	135	433	566	1,700	37	3.6	12	612,000	1,080	35	86%	32
35	Sheffield	Y	1,308,000	610	2,130	147	174	208	6,290	6	2.9	22	789,000	3,790	7	97%	4
36	Sodor & Man	Y	92,000	220	420	14	15	39	2,350	30	5.6	3	-	-	-	90%	26
37	Southwark	C	2,899,000	320	9,020	257	294	355	8,170	3	0.9	40	1,595,000	4,490	2	93%	16
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	1,165,000	840	1,380	150	228	296	3,940	18	2.8	26	658,000	2,220	19	92%	18
39	Truro	C	573,000	1,390	410	104	213	301	1,900	33	4.6	5	342,000	1,140	33	90%	25
41	Winchester	C	1,242,000	1,130	1,100	139	253	357	3,480	22	3.2	14	749,000	2,100	22	91%	20
42	Worcester	C	899,000	670	1,340	90	168	274	3,280	25	2.4	34	596,000	2,180	21	91%	21
43	York	Y	1,452,000	2,670	540	233	443	582	2,490	28	4.6	5	937,000	1,610	28	97%	5
46	Leeds	Y	2,765,000	2,630	1,050	278	450	597	4,630	16	4.4	7	1,572,000	2,630	16	95%	8
Church of England			56,563,000	50,630	1,120	6,769	12,300	15,496	3,650		3.3		33,456,000	2,160		89%	

Notes: Benefice, Parish, and Church numbers are as listed in the Parish Register and Statistics unit as at 27th August 2020.

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 2019 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 2019 Statistics for Mission return (i.e. one that did not require any estimation) was received.

Table 4: Diocesan Worshipping Community, 2014-2019

			Worshipping Community							Age distribution, 2019		
Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	complete- ness, 2019	Ages 0-17	Ages 18-69	Ages 70 & over
1	Bath & Wells	C	26,700	26,600	26,300	25,200	23,900	23,500	84%	11%	41%	48%
2	Birmingham	C	19,800	20,700	21,200	21,300	20,700	19,900	95%	20%	52%	28%
3	Blackburn	Y	26,700	26,600	26,000	26,900	26,200	25,800	81%	23%	43%	34%
5	Bristol	C	18,000	18,700	18,700	18,500	18,300	18,400	90%	23%	49%	28%
6	Canterbury	C	26,800	26,400	26,300	26,100	25,200	24,400	71%	18%	43%	38%
7	Carlisle	Y	14,800	14,500	14,700	15,300	15,500	15,000	84%	21%	34%	45%
8	Chelmsford	C	45,600	44,300	44,100	43,400	43,300	41,400	85%	19%	50%	32%
9	Chester	Y	36,300	36,500	37,200	37,600	35,400	33,900	85%	19%	43%	38%
10	Chichester	C	45,900	46,700	47,100	46,800	45,700	46,000	94%	18%	47%	35%
11	Coventry	C	18,000	17,500	17,500	17,300	17,400	16,900	91%	19%	46%	35%
12	Derby	C	18,300	18,100	17,900	18,000	17,700	17,400	95%	16%	44%	40%
13	Durham	Y	19,300	19,400	19,600	19,500	19,200	18,300	91%	18%	42%	40%
14	Ely	C	21,800	22,200	22,100	22,200	22,600	22,900	92%	23%	48%	29%
15	Exeter	C	25,500	25,600	25,800	25,400	24,800	24,200	88%	11%	41%	49%
16	Gloucester	C	23,200	23,000	23,000	23,100	22,400	21,700	92%	19%	45%	36%
17	Guildford	C	32,900	32,800	32,000	31,700	30,800	30,700	82%	22%	50%	28%
18	Hereford	C	11,600	12,200	12,800	13,400	13,300	13,400	90%	17%	39%	44%
19	Leicester	C	19,200	19,300	18,200	18,800	18,200	17,100	97%	18%	44%	38%
20	Lichfield	C	45,600	44,700	44,600	43,400	42,800	41,300	91%	19%	45%	36%
21	Lincoln	C	18,700	19,800	19,000	19,300	19,600	20,600	76%	19%	38%	44%
22	Liverpool	Y	27,500	27,000	25,800	27,300	26,200	24,700	76%	25%	44%	32%
23	London	C	89,700	87,900	85,700	83,000	83,600	86,700	90%	24%	61%	15%
24	Manchester	Y	29,200	29,800	28,500	28,700	27,700	27,800	82%	25%	46%	29%
25	Newcastle	Y	14,700	14,500	14,100	13,600	13,600	13,800	90%	15%	45%	40%
26	Norwich	C	21,200	21,700	22,400	22,400	21,800	21,200	71%	12%	41%	47%
27	Oxford	C	64,400	67,100	65,700	66,800	65,200	64,500	89%	21%	49%	29%
28	Peterborough	C	20,700	21,600	22,000	21,900	21,000	20,300	89%	19%	44%	36%
29	Portsmouth	C	15,200	15,000	15,500	15,500	15,100	14,400	93%	15%	46%	40%
31	Rochester	C	29,800	29,400	30,500	30,400	30,500	30,200	95%	23%	50%	27%
32	St. Albans	C	37,200	36,800	34,600	34,800	35,000	34,800	89%	21%	48%	31%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	19,100	18,900	17,700	18,100	20,400	20,500	83%	22%	38%	40%
34	Salisbury	C	31,400	30,200	31,700	30,400	29,700	29,700	88%	16%	42%	42%
35	Sheffield	Y	18,000	18,700	19,300	19,400	20,200	19,600	95%	25%	45%	30%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,900	1,800	1,700	92%	13%	38%	49%
37	Southwark	C	50,700	52,200	53,400	54,400	54,200	55,800	92%	26%	54%	19%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	19,100	19,800	18,800	18,700	18,400	18,700	94%	19%	47%	34%
39	Truro	C	11,900	12,300	11,700	11,600	11,400	11,500	87%	12%	38%	51%
41	Winchester	C	27,100	27,700	26,800	26,800	26,900	26,700	85%	16%	47%	36%
42	Worcester	C	14,000	13,400	13,600	13,300	12,500	12,900	90%	12%	39%	49%
43	York	Y	29,700	29,500	28,500	28,700	27,900	28,300	88%	15%	43%	43%
44	Europe	C	15,000	15,700	16,300	16,200	16,500	15,500	89%	18%	55%	27%
46	Leeds	Y	40,200	40,900	39,900	40,800	40,700	40,300	93%	20%	43%	37%
Church of England			1,142,400	1,147,500	1,138,300	1,137,700	1,123,500	1,112,900	88%	20%	47%	33%

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

Table 5: Diocesan average all age weekly attendance, all age Sunday attendance, and all age school service attendance, 2014-2019

			All age average weekly attendance							All age average Sunday attendance							All age average weekly school service attendance					
Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	complete- ness, 2019	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	complete- ness, 2019	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1	Bath & Wells	C	23,100	22,600	21,900	21,300	20,800	20,300	91%	19,800	19,400	18,700	18,200	17,600	16,800	91%	4,000	5,100	5,900	6,100	5,200	4,500
2	Birmingham	C	17,200	16,400	16,800	16,300	15,900	15,100	100%	15,000	14,300	14,600	14,300	13,800	12,700	100%	3,000	2,900	3,400	3,100	3,000	3,700
3	Blackburn	Y	26,000	24,800	22,800	22,300	21,200	20,600	89%	22,700	21,600	19,800	19,500	18,500	17,800	89%	2,500	2,800	3,500	4,500	3,700	4,100
5	Bristol	C	15,000	15,100	14,200	13,600	13,100	13,200	98%	12,800	12,900	12,200	11,500	11,300	11,400	98%	2,000	2,200	2,400	2,700	3,000	3,400
6	Canterbury	C	23,800	22,300	21,600	20,800	20,700	20,300	84%	19,900	18,300	18,000	17,000	16,900	15,900	84%	3,700	3,800	4,800	6,000	3,700	3,400
7	Carlisle	Y	13,400	13,300	12,900	12,500	12,400	11,900	90%	11,600	11,000	10,500	10,000	10,000	9,500	90%	1,700	2,900	2,000	2,800	2,400	2,700
8	Chelmsford	C	37,900	38,300	36,700	34,400	33,500	33,100	90%	33,700	33,300	31,500	29,600	28,500	28,000	90%	4,900	6,200	6,800	7,200	5,300	5,100
9	Chester	Y	33,300	32,600	31,400	29,600	27,600	26,700	95%	28,300	27,500	26,400	25,000	23,500	22,500	95%	4,000	3,600	3,400	3,600	5,000	5,600
10	Chichester	C	38,300	37,200	36,700	35,400	35,100	34,200	100%	33,100	31,800	30,800	29,700	29,400	28,700	100%	5,800	6,000	6,600	6,500	6,700	4,800
11	Coventry	C	15,600	14,900	14,700	14,100	13,700	14,000	99%	13,200	12,500	12,000	11,800	11,200	11,300	99%	3,300	3,500	2,900	3,600	3,300	3,500
12	Derby	C	15,700	16,200	15,200	15,000	14,900	13,800	100%	13,700	13,800	13,100	12,800	12,400	11,600	100%	3,600	3,800	3,600	3,600	3,200	4,000
13	Durham	Y	21,700	20,400	19,500	18,700	17,700	17,300	97%	17,100	16,100	15,300	14,400	13,700	12,600	97%	4,300	3,800	4,300	4,500	4,600	4,300
14	Ely	C	17,900	17,600	16,900	16,700	17,600	17,000	97%	15,300	14,800	14,200	14,100	13,900	13,400	97%	2,700	2,700	3,100	3,000	3,300	3,200
15	Exeter	C	22,800	23,200	23,200	22,300	21,900	21,500	91%	20,400	20,500	20,300	19,700	19,000	18,700	91%	3,900	4,100	4,100	3,300	4,100	3,900
16	Gloucester	C	18,600	18,700	17,800	16,900	15,700	15,100	100%	15,400	15,400	14,600	14,100	13,100	12,500	100%	3,200	4,600	5,000	4,600	4,900	4,500
17	Guildford	C	25,500	24,700	23,600	22,600	21,300	22,000	97%	22,300	21,700	20,500	19,900	18,800	18,600	96%	3,600	3,700	4,500	5,100	3,100	3,800
18	Hereford	C	9,500	9,600	9,700	9,300	9,000	9,200	100%	7,600	7,600	7,400	7,300	6,900	6,800	100%	1,300	2,300	2,400	2,500	2,600	3,200
19	Leicester	C	14,500	13,900	13,100	12,800	12,600	11,900	99%	12,300	11,700	10,900	11,000	10,800	9,900	100%	2,700	3,000	3,200	4,000	4,400	3,800
20	Lichfield	C	32,500	31,700	30,200	29,400	28,500	26,700	94%	27,100	26,300	25,100	24,800	23,400	21,800	95%	9,200	9,200	8,900	9,800	7,800	8,300
21	Lincoln	C	15,200	17,200	16,000	15,500	14,800	14,900	81%	12,400	13,800	12,700	12,200	11,700	11,400	81%	3,100	4,300	5,200	5,700	4,200	3,500
22	Liverpool	Y	24,900	24,600	23,200	22,800	21,800	21,300	87%	20,900	21,200	20,000	19,300	18,500	17,600	87%	3,600	4,100	4,100	4,500	3,000	3,300
23	London	C	73,200	72,100	70,400	69,100	66,500	68,300	98%	58,400	58,300	57,200	56,100	54,200	54,000	98%	10,300	11,600	10,600	10,700	9,900	12,100
24	Manchester	Y	27,800	27,300	27,200	25,800	24,300	24,100	97%	25,400	25,000	24,400	22,900	21,300	21,100	97%	2,900	4,800	5,400	5,900	5,700	6,100
25	Newcastle	Y	14,700	14,500	13,200	13,500	12,500	12,200	95%	11,900	11,700	10,600	10,700	9,900	9,600	95%	2,400	2,600	2,200	2,100	2,200	2,700
26	Norwich	C	18,300	17,600	17,600	17,700	17,000	16,500	78%	15,600	14,900	14,700	14,700	13,900	13,300	81%	2,100	3,400	3,700	4,500	2,900	2,700
27	Oxford	C	50,300	49,700	48,200	46,700	44,900	43,800	96%	44,300	43,900	42,000	40,800	39,100	37,900	96%	6,400	7,500	9,000	10,800	9,000	8,000
28	Peterborough	C	16,200	16,200	15,200	15,200	14,500	14,100	99%	13,700	13,500	12,900	12,800	12,000	11,600	99%	2,800	3,700	2,800	2,700	3,000	3,500
29	Portsmouth	C	12,400	11,800	12,000	11,200	11,600	10,700	100%	10,800	10,300	10,400	9,800	10,000	9,100	100%	2,000	2,500	2,700	2,800	2,000	2,000
31	Rochester	C	25,600	25,600	24,100	23,900	23,000	22,600	100%	22,600	22,700	21,200	20,600	19,800	19,200	100%	3,300	3,800	3,500	5,200	4,300	4,200
32	St. Albans	C	32,400	31,400	30,000	29,700	29,700	29,300	97%	26,200	25,600	24,300	24,300	23,900	23,400	96%	3,800	6,200	5,600	5,800	5,200	5,300
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	15,000	14,800	14,000	13,500	13,300	12,800	89%	12,600	12,600	12,000	11,700	11,100	10,300	90%	1,700	1,900	2,500	3,400	2,900	2,300
34	Salisbury	C	25,700	24,000	23,700	23,400	22,000	21,700	94%	22,000	20,400	20,100	19,900	18,900	18,500	94%	2,900	4,900	6,200	5,900	4,800	5,400
35	Sheffield	Y	17,500	17,100	15,900	15,500	15,500	15,300	100%	14,900	14,600	13,600	13,200	13,100	12,900	100%	2,600	3,700	3,500	4,100	3,400	3,300
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,000	2,100	1,800	1,500	1,500	1,500	94%	1,500	1,700	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,300	94%	300	200	100	200	200	200
37	Southwark	C	41,100	40,700	39,200	38,200	38,200	38,200	98%	36,800	36,200	34,700	34,300	33,100	32,800	98%	7,200	5,400	5,400	7,100	7,800	8,100
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	16,000	15,000	14,000	13,600	13,600	12,900	99%	13,400	12,700	12,100	11,800	11,700	10,900	99%	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,100	2,700	3,500
39	Truro	C	11,300	10,800	10,300	9,900	9,800	9,500	95%	9,600	9,000	8,600	8,200	8,000	7,700	95%	1,600	1,800	1,700	2,000	1,500	2,500
41	Winchester	C	24,200	24,400	22,900	22,400	22,000	22,100	93%	21,000	20,900	19,500	19,200	18,700	19,000	92%	3,600	4,000	4,700	4,900	4,500	3,300
42	Worcester	C	13,100	12,200	11,900	11,500	12,000	11,100	97%	11,100	10,300	10,100	9,600	9,900	9,000	97%	2,000	2,800	3,100	2,500	2,200	4,000
43	York	Y	27,100	27,100	25,700	25,200	25,100	23,600	100%	21,400	21,300	20,500	19,600	19,200	18,400	100%	3,700	4,300	5,900	6,200	5,700	5,500
44	Europe	C	10,700	10,800	10,800	10,400	10,700	10,300	94%	9,900	10,000	10,100	9,700	9,900	9,700	95%	-	-	-	-	100	-
46	Leeds	Y	38,000	38,700	36,000	34,400	34,500	33,600	98%	32,200	32,300	30,400	29,300	28,700	28,100	98%	6,700	7,900	9,700	11,300	10,000	10,700
	Church of England		975,200	959,100	922,400	894,700	872,200	854,300	95%	829,900	813,300	779,500	756,600	730,400	707,100	95%	147,800	170,600	181,500	197,900	176,600	182,100

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Table 6: Diocesan average adult weekly attendance, adult Sunday attendance, and adult school service attendance, 2014-2019

			Adult average weekly attendance							Adult average Sunday attendance							Adult average weekly school service attendance					
Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	complete- ness, 2019	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	complete- ness, 2019	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1	Bath & Wells	C	20,200	19,800	19,200	18,700	18,200	17,600	90%	17,800	17,300	16,700	16,300	15,900	15,000	90%	900	1,300	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,200
2	Birmingham	C	14,700	14,000	14,400	13,900	13,700	13,000	99%	12,800	12,100	12,400	12,100	11,800	10,900	99%	600	600	600	600	600	700
3	Blackburn	Y	21,300	20,500	18,800	18,300	17,700	17,100	88%	18,600	17,800	16,400	16,100	15,500	15,000	88%	400	500	600	700	600	500
5	Bristol	C	12,800	12,800	12,100	11,700	11,400	11,200	98%	10,900	11,000	10,500	9,900	9,900	9,700	98%	500	500	500	600	700	800
6	Canterbury	C	20,300	19,200	18,500	18,100	18,100	17,600	84%	17,000	15,600	15,400	14,700	14,600	13,800	83%	900	1,000	1,000	1,200	900	700
7	Carlisle	Y	11,800	11,400	11,100	10,700	10,600	10,200	90%	10,300	9,900	9,500	9,100	9,000	8,500	90%	500	800	700	900	700	900
8	Chelmsford	C	32,000	32,200	31,000	29,000	28,400	28,000	90%	28,400	27,900	26,600	25,000	24,300	23,800	90%	1,000	1,600	1,400	1,800	1,100	1,400
9	Chester	Y	28,400	27,800	26,800	25,300	24,000	23,200	94%	24,200	23,600	22,700	21,600	20,500	19,700	95%	800	800	900	900	1,000	1,000
10	Chichester	C	33,400	32,500	32,400	31,200	31,200	30,200	99%	28,800	27,800	27,100	26,200	26,100	25,400	99%	1,400	1,300	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,000
11	Coventry	C	13,300	12,800	12,600	12,000	11,700	12,000	98%	11,300	10,700	10,300	10,100	9,800	9,900	98%	500	800	600	800	600	500
12	Derby	C	13,800	14,200	13,300	13,100	13,200	12,200	100%	12,100	12,200	11,600	11,300	11,100	10,300	100%	1,200	1,200	900	900	800	1,100
13	Durham	Y	19,000	17,900	17,000	16,500	15,700	15,400	96%	15,000	14,200	13,400	12,700	12,100	11,200	96%	1,100	1,200	1,000	1,200	1,300	1,000
14	Ely	C	14,900	14,600	13,800	13,800	14,700	14,200	97%	13,200	12,800	12,200	12,200	12,000	11,600	96%	500	500	700	700	800	700
15	Exeter	C	20,600	21,200	21,100	20,400	20,000	19,400	91%	18,500	18,800	18,600	18,000	17,400	17,100	91%	800	800	900	600	800	900
16	Gloucester	C	16,300	16,300	15,500	14,900	13,900	13,300	100%	13,600	13,600	12,800	12,500	11,700	11,100	100%	800	1,000	1,100	1,200	1,400	1,400
17	Guildford	C	20,900	20,400	19,500	18,900	17,900	18,200	97%	18,400	18,100	17,200	16,800	16,000	15,800	96%	800	900	1,200	1,300	600	600
18	Hereford	C	8,500	8,600	8,600	8,100	7,900	7,900	100%	7,000	7,000	6,900	6,700	6,400	6,300	99%	600	600	600	700	700	900
19	Leicester	C	12,200	11,900	11,400	11,000	11,000	10,500	99%	10,800	10,200	9,700	9,700	9,600	8,900	99%	600	900	1,000	800	900	700
20	Lichfield	C	28,000	27,500	26,700	26,000	25,200	23,500	94%	23,900	23,300	22,400	22,000	20,900	19,500	95%	1,700	2,000	2,400	2,500	2,000	2,200
21	Lincoln	C	13,600	15,400	14,500	13,900	13,300	13,200	81%	11,100	12,400	11,500	11,000	10,600	10,300	81%	600	1,000	1,300	1,500	1,000	900
22	Liverpool	Y	20,500	20,300	19,300	18,900	18,300	17,600	86%	17,300	17,600	16,600	16,100	15,600	14,700	86%	900	1,000	700	900	600	600
23	London	C	62,000	61,200	59,900	58,800	56,400	57,800	98%	48,500	48,300	47,500	46,400	45,100	44,600	98%	1,300	1,500	1,700	1,300	1,300	1,700
24	Manchester	Y	21,700	21,400	21,300	20,100	18,900	18,700	97%	19,900	19,500	19,200	18,000	16,800	16,600	97%	500	1,100	900	1,000	900	1,200
25	Newcastle	Y	12,900	12,600	11,500	11,700	11,100	10,800	94%	10,600	10,300	9,300	9,400	8,900	8,700	95%	700	800	700	700	700	700
26	Norwich	C	16,700	16,100	16,100	16,000	15,500	15,000	78%	14,500	13,900	13,600	13,500	12,900	12,300	81%	600	800	1,300	1,000	900	600
27	Oxford	C	42,400	41,900	40,900	39,900	38,800	37,800	95%	37,500	37,100	35,600	34,900	33,700	32,700	95%	1,500	1,900	2,200	2,800	2,100	2,000
28	Peterborough	C	13,800	13,700	12,900	13,000	12,500	12,200	98%	11,700	11,500	11,100	11,000	10,400	10,000	98%	600	1,000	700	500	700	800
29	Portsmouth	C	10,800	10,400	10,600	9,900	10,200	9,500	100%	9,400	9,100	9,300	8,800	8,900	8,200	100%	400	600	700	800	500	400
31	Rochester	C	21,300	21,200	20,000	19,800	19,100	18,700	99%	18,700	18,800	17,600	17,200	16,600	16,100	99%	600	700	800	1,000	900	900
32	St. Albans	C	26,100	25,200	24,600	24,400	24,500	24,200	96%	22,200	21,600	20,700	20,800	20,600	20,100	96%	800	1,100	1,200	1,300	1,100	1,300
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	13,300	13,200	12,700	12,200	12,100	11,500	88%	11,400	11,300	10,800	10,600	10,100	9,300	89%	500	700	600	900	600	600
34	Salisbury	C	22,500	21,200	20,800	20,600	19,600	19,200	93%	19,500	18,300	17,900	17,800	17,000	16,600	93%	700	1,200	1,400	1,400	1,000	1,000
35	Sheffield	Y	14,800	14,400	13,500	13,100	13,200	12,900	100%	12,600	12,300	11,500	11,200	11,200	10,900	100%	800	1,000	1,000	1,100	900	1,000
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,300	1,300	1,300	93%	1,300	1,500	1,200	1,100	1,200	1,200	93%	100	100	-	-	100	100
37	Southwark	C	32,600	32,400	31,300	30,600	30,900	30,600	98%	29,100	28,800	27,700	27,300	26,600	26,300	98%	3,600	1,200	1,200	1,500	1,700	1,600
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	14,000	13,000	12,200	11,900	11,800	11,100	99%	11,700	11,100	10,600	10,300	10,200	9,600	99%	700	500	800	800	700	800
39	Truro	C	10,400	9,900	9,500	9,100	9,000	8,700	94%	8,900	8,300	8,000	7,600	7,400	7,100	95%	400	500	500	600	400	500
41	Winchester	C	20,700	20,900	19,700	19,200	19,000	19,200	93%	18,100	18,100	17,000	16,600	16,400	16,700	92%	900	1,000	1,100	1,100	1,000	700
42	Worcester	C	11,300	10,500	10,500	10,200	10,500	9,700	97%	9,800	9,200	9,000	8,700	8,900	8,200	97%	500	800	700	700	500	1,100
43	York	Y	23,400	23,600	22,700	22,300	22,300	21,100	99%	18,600	18,600	18,200	17,400	17,200	16,400	99%	800	1,200	1,600	1,800	1,700	1,700
44	Europe	C	9,500	9,600	9,600	9,300	9,500	9,200	94%	8,800	8,900	8,900	8,600	8,800	8,600	94%	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Leeds	Y	32,600	33,300	31,000	29,600	30,000	29,100	97%	27,700	27,800	26,300	25,400	25,100	24,300	98%	1,600	1,700	2,600	2,600	2,300	2,600
Church of England			831,300	818,900	790,600	767,300	752,400	734,300	95%	711,200	698,000	671,500	652,700	634,900	613,100	95%	34,500	39,600	42,300	45,600	39,800	41,000

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Table 7: Diocesan average child weekly attendance, child Sunday attendance, and child school service attendance, 2014-2019

			Child average weekly attendance							Child average Sunday attendance							Child average weekly school service attendance					
Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	complete- ness, 2019	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	complete- ness, 2019	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1	Bath & Wells	C	2,900	2,800	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,700	98%	2,000	2,100	1,900	1,900	1,700	1,800	98%	3,100	3,700	4,400	4,600	3,800	3,300
2	Birmingham	C	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,400	2,300	2,000	100%	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,000	1,700	100%	2,400	2,300	2,800	2,500	2,400	3,000
3	Blackburn	Y	4,600	4,200	4,000	3,900	3,500	3,400	91%	4,100	3,800	3,400	3,400	3,000	2,900	92%	2,100	2,400	3,000	3,800	3,200	3,600
5	Bristol	C	2,300	2,300	2,100	1,900	1,800	2,000	100%	1,900	1,900	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,600	100%	1,500	1,800	1,900	2,100	2,300	2,700
6	Canterbury	C	3,500	3,200	3,100	2,800	2,700	2,700	83%	2,900	2,700	2,600	2,300	2,300	2,200	86%	2,800	2,800	3,800	4,800	2,800	2,700
7	Carlisle	Y	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,700	94%	1,200	1,200	1,000	900	900	900	97%	1,200	2,100	1,300	1,900	1,700	1,800
8	Chelmsford	C	5,900	6,200	5,800	5,400	5,100	5,000	92%	5,400	5,400	4,900	4,600	4,200	4,200	92%	3,900	4,500	5,300	5,400	4,200	3,700
9	Chester	Y	4,900	4,800	4,700	4,200	3,600	3,500	97%	4,000	3,900	3,700	3,300	3,000	2,900	98%	3,200	2,700	2,500	2,700	4,000	4,600
10	Chichester	C	4,900	4,700	4,300	4,200	3,900	3,900	100%	4,300	4,000	3,700	3,500	3,200	3,300	100%	4,400	4,700	5,200	5,200	5,500	3,800
11	Coventry	C	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,000	2,000	100%	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,500	1,500	100%	2,700	2,800	2,300	2,800	2,700	2,900
12	Derby	C	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,700	1,700	100%	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,300	1,300	100%	2,400	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,300	2,900
13	Durham	Y	2,700	2,400	2,400	2,200	2,000	1,900	100%	2,100	2,000	1,900	1,700	1,600	1,400	100%	3,200	2,600	3,300	3,400	3,300	3,200
14	Ely	C	3,000	3,000	3,100	2,900	2,900	2,800	99%	2,100	2,000	2,100	1,900	1,800	1,800	100%	2,200	2,200	2,400	2,200	2,500	2,600
15	Exeter	C	2,100	2,000	2,100	2,000	1,900	2,100	96%	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,600	1,600	96%	3,200	3,300	3,300	2,800	3,300	3,100
16	Gloucester	C	2,300	2,400	2,300	2,000	1,800	1,800	100%	1,700	1,900	1,800	1,600	1,400	1,400	100%	2,400	3,600	3,900	3,400	3,500	3,100
17	Guildford	C	4,600	4,300	4,100	3,700	3,400	3,700	98%	4,000	3,700	3,400	3,100	2,800	2,800	97%	2,800	2,800	3,300	3,800	2,500	3,200
18	Hereford	C	1,000	1,000	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,300	100%	600	500	500	600	500	500	100%	700	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,900	2,300
19	Leicester	C	2,200	2,000	1,700	1,800	1,600	1,400	100%	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,100	100%	2,100	2,100	2,200	3,300	3,500	3,100
20	Lichfield	C	4,500	4,200	3,600	3,500	3,300	3,200	98%	3,300	3,000	2,700	2,800	2,500	2,400	100%	7,500	7,200	6,500	7,300	5,800	6,100
21	Lincoln	C	1,600	1,800	1,500	1,600	1,500	1,600	80%	1,200	1,400	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,100	83%	2,500	3,300	3,900	4,200	3,200	2,600
22	Liverpool	Y	4,400	4,300	4,000	3,900	3,500	3,700	90%	3,600	3,600	3,400	3,200	2,900	2,900	90%	2,700	3,200	3,400	3,600	2,400	2,700
23	London	C	11,200	10,900	10,400	10,400	10,100	10,500	100%	9,900	10,000	9,700	9,700	9,100	9,300	100%	9,000	10,000	8,900	9,400	8,600	10,300
24	Manchester	Y	6,100	6,000	5,900	5,700	5,400	5,400	96%	5,500	5,400	5,200	4,900	4,500	4,400	97%	2,300	3,600	4,500	4,800	4,800	5,000
25	Newcastle	Y	1,800	1,900	1,700	1,700	1,500	1,400	95%	1,400	1,400	1,200	1,300	1,000	900	100%	1,700	1,800	1,500	1,300	1,500	2,000
26	Norwich	C	1,600	1,400	1,500	1,700	1,500	1,600	75%	1,200	1,000	1,100	1,200	1,000	1,000	84%	1,500	2,600	2,400	3,500	2,100	2,100
27	Oxford	C	7,900	7,800	7,300	6,800	6,200	6,100	98%	6,900	6,800	6,400	5,900	5,400	5,300	99%	5,000	5,600	6,800	8,000	6,900	6,100
28	Peterborough	C	2,500	2,500	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,000	100%	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,600	100%	2,200	2,700	2,100	2,100	2,300	2,700
29	Portsmouth	C	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,200	1,400	1,200	100%	1,400	1,200	1,200	1,000	1,100	900	100%	1,700	1,900	2,100	2,100	1,500	1,600
31	Rochester	C	4,400	4,400	4,100	4,100	3,900	3,900	100%	3,800	3,900	3,600	3,400	3,100	3,100	100%	2,800	3,100	2,700	4,200	3,400	3,300
32	St. Albans	C	6,300	6,200	5,400	5,300	5,200	5,000	98%	4,000	4,000	3,600	3,600	3,300	3,300	97%	2,900	5,200	4,400	4,500	4,100	4,000
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	1,700	1,500	1,300	1,300	1,100	1,200	96%	1,200	1,300	1,100	1,200	1,000	900	94%	1,300	1,200	2,000	2,500	2,300	1,700
34	Salisbury	C	3,200	2,800	2,800	2,700	2,400	2,500	99%	2,600	2,200	2,100	2,100	1,800	1,900	100%	2,200	3,700	4,800	4,500	3,800	4,400
35	Sheffield	Y	2,700	2,800	2,400	2,500	2,300	2,400	100%	2,300	2,300	2,100	2,000	1,900	2,000	100%	1,800	2,600	2,500	3,000	2,500	2,300
36	Sodor & Man	Y	200	300	200	200	100	100	100%	200	200	100	100	100	100	100%	200	100	100	100	100	100
37	Southwark	C	8,500	8,300	7,900	7,700	7,400	7,600	100%	7,700	7,400	7,000	7,000	6,500	6,500	100%	3,600	4,200	4,200	5,600	6,000	6,500
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	2,100	2,000	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,700	100%	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	100%	2,600	2,600	2,400	2,300	2,000	2,700
39	Truro	C	800	900	900	800	800	800	98%	700	700	600	600	600	500	100%	1,200	1,300	1,200	1,400	1,100	1,900
41	Winchester	C	3,500	3,500	3,200	3,100	3,000	3,000	94%	2,900	2,800	2,600	2,600	2,300	2,300	93%	2,700	3,000	3,600	3,700	3,500	2,600
42	Worcester	C	1,800	1,700	1,400	1,300	1,600	1,400	99%	1,300	1,100	1,000	900	1,000	800	98%	1,500	2,100	2,400	1,800	1,700	2,900
43	York	Y	3,600	3,500	3,000	2,900	2,800	2,500	100%	2,800	2,700	2,300	2,200	2,000	1,900	100%	2,900	3,200	4,300	4,400	4,000	3,800
44	Europe	C	1,100	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,100	99%	1,100	1,100	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,100	99%	-	-	-	-	100	-
46	Leeds	Y	5,500	5,400	5,000	4,800	4,600	4,500	100%	4,500	4,500	4,100	3,900	3,600	3,700	100%	5,200	6,200	7,200	8,600	7,700	8,100
	Church of England		143,900	140,100	131,800	127,400	119,900	120,000	98%	118,700	115,300	108,100	103,800	95,500	94,000	98%	113,300	131,000	139,200	152,300	136,800	141,100

Notes: Attendance data were collected during the first 4 weeks of October, 2019.

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 2014-2019.

Values shown include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned, aside from school service attendance values, which include reported figures only.

Table 8: Diocesan adult and child Usual Sunday attendance, 2014-2019

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	2014			2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			
			Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	Adults	Children	All	complete-ness, 2019
1	Bath & Wells	C	17,200	2,100	19,300	17,000	1,900	18,900	16,400	1,800	18,200	16,100	1,700	17,800	15,700	1,700	17,300	15,300	1,600	16,900	90%
2	Birmingham	C	11,300	2,000	13,300	11,000	1,900	12,900	11,200	2,000	13,200	10,900	1,800	12,700	10,700	1,800	12,400	10,300	1,600	11,900	98%
3	Blackburn	Y	16,200	3,600	19,800	15,900	3,200	19,000	15,200	2,900	18,100	14,700	2,800	17,500	14,300	2,600	16,900	14,000	2,600	16,600	86%
5	Bristol	C	10,000	1,700	11,800	10,400	1,900	12,300	10,000	1,700	11,800	9,800	1,600	11,400	9,800	1,600	11,400	9,600	1,500	11,100	96%
6	Canterbury	C	15,600	2,500	18,100	15,000	2,300	17,300	14,700	2,300	17,000	14,300	2,200	16,500	13,800	2,100	15,900	13,300	2,000	15,300	83%
7	Carlisle	Y	9,200	900	10,100	9,000	800	9,800	8,900	800	9,700	8,700	700	9,400	8,500	700	9,200	8,300	700	9,000	86%
8	Chelmsford	C	25,700	4,900	30,600	25,700	4,800	30,500	24,900	4,500	29,400	24,000	4,300	28,400	23,300	4,100	27,400	23,000	3,900	26,900	89%
9	Chester	Y	21,400	3,300	24,600	21,000	3,300	24,300	20,200	3,000	23,300	19,800	3,000	22,800	19,200	2,800	22,000	18,800	2,600	21,400	95%
10	Chichester	C	27,700	4,100	31,800	27,300	3,800	31,200	26,400	3,600	30,000	26,000	3,500	29,500	25,300	3,300	28,600	25,300	3,200	28,500	99%
11	Coventry	C	10,500	1,700	12,200	10,100	1,700	11,800	9,800	1,600	11,400	9,900	1,500	11,500	9,700	1,400	11,100	9,700	1,500	11,200	97%
12	Derby	C	11,000	1,400	12,400	10,600	1,300	12,000	10,200	1,200	11,400	10,100	1,200	11,400	9,800	1,100	10,900	9,800	1,100	10,900	98%
13	Durham	Y	11,400	1,500	12,900	11,200	1,500	12,600	10,800	1,400	12,200	10,700	1,300	11,900	10,200	1,100	11,300	9,900	1,100	10,900	97%
14	Ely	C	12,500	2,200	14,600	12,100	2,000	14,200	11,500	2,000	13,500	11,600	2,000	13,600	11,800	2,000	13,700	11,800	1,800	13,600	95%
15	Exeter	C	17,600	1,800	19,500	17,700	1,600	19,300	17,600	1,600	19,200	17,500	1,600	19,200	17,000	1,500	18,500	16,900	1,600	18,400	90%
16	Gloucester	C	13,300	1,800	15,100	12,800	1,700	14,400	12,500	1,500	14,000	12,200	1,400	13,600	11,700	1,300	12,900	11,400	1,300	12,700	99%
17	Guildford	C	17,200	3,600	20,800	16,800	3,400	20,200	16,300	3,100	19,500	16,000	2,900	18,900	15,700	2,800	18,400	15,200	2,700	17,900	96%
18	Hereford	C	7,000	600	7,600	7,100	600	7,600	7,200	600	7,800	7,100	500	7,600	7,000	500	7,500	6,800	500	7,300	97%
19	Leicester	C	10,700	1,600	12,200	10,300	1,400	11,600	10,100	1,300	11,300	9,800	1,300	11,100	9,800	1,200	11,100	9,500	1,100	10,600	97%
20	Lichfield	C	22,100	3,000	25,100	21,400	2,700	24,200	21,300	2,600	23,900	20,800	2,400	23,200	19,700	2,300	22,000	19,000	2,200	21,200	94%
21	Lincoln	C	12,300	1,100	13,400	12,800	1,100	13,900	12,300	1,200	13,500	12,200	1,100	13,300	12,000	1,100	13,100	11,900	1,100	13,000	80%
22	Liverpool	Y	14,800	2,700	17,500	14,500	2,700	17,200	14,300	2,700	16,900	14,100	2,600	16,700	13,600	2,400	16,000	13,200	2,400	15,500	87%
23	London	C	46,200	10,400	56,600	46,600	10,200	56,900	46,800	10,300	57,100	45,200	10,200	55,500	44,300	10,200	54,500	43,900	9,700	53,600	98%
24	Manchester	Y	17,300	4,700	22,000	16,600	4,400	21,100	16,100	4,300	20,400	15,900	4,200	20,100	15,100	3,900	19,000	14,600	3,800	18,400	88%
25	Newcastle	Y	9,100	1,100	10,200	8,800	1,100	9,900	8,500	900	9,400	8,100	800	9,000	8,100	900	8,900	8,000	800	8,800	95%
26	Norwich	C	15,100	1,100	16,200	15,100	1,100	16,200	15,200	1,100	16,300	14,800	1,100	15,800	14,300	1,000	15,300	14,100	1,000	15,100	80%
27	Oxford	C	35,000	6,700	41,600	35,200	6,600	41,800	35,000	6,400	41,500	34,800	6,000	40,800	33,800	5,600	39,300	33,000	5,300	38,300	94%
28	Peterborough	C	11,300	1,900	13,200	11,300	1,900	13,200	11,000	1,800	12,800	10,900	1,700	12,600	10,400	1,600	12,000	10,300	1,500	11,700	96%
29	Portsmouth	C	8,700	1,100	9,800	8,500	1,000	9,500	8,600	900	9,500	8,500	900	9,400	8,300	900	9,300	8,100	900	8,900	99%
31	Rochester	C	16,800	3,300	20,200	17,100	3,300	20,400	16,400	3,200	19,700	16,100	3,000	19,000	15,600	3,000	18,600	15,500	2,900	18,400	98%
32	St. Albans	C	19,900	3,600	23,500	19,700	3,500	23,300	19,100	3,300	22,500	19,500	3,200	22,700	19,000	3,000	22,000	18,600	2,900	21,500	95%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	12,000	1,200	13,300	12,000	1,300	13,200	11,600	1,200	12,700	11,100	1,100	12,300	10,800	1,000	11,800	10,900	900	11,700	87%
34	Salisbury	C	18,500	2,100	20,700	17,900	2,000	20,000	18,000	2,100	20,100	18,000	2,000	20,000	17,600	2,000	19,500	17,000	1,900	18,900	91%
35	Sheffield	Y	10,900	1,800	12,800	10,800	1,900	12,700	10,300	1,800	12,100	10,300	1,800	12,100	10,100	1,700	11,900	10,000	1,600	11,700	99%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,200	200	1,400	1,200	100	1,400	1,200	100	1,300	1,100	100	1,200	1,200	100	1,300	1,000	100	1,100	92%
37	Southwark	C	26,600	7,300	33,900	26,700	7,100	33,800	26,400	6,900	33,300	26,000	6,800	32,700	25,600	6,500	32,100	25,100	6,500	31,600	97%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	11,200	1,600	12,800	10,900	1,500	12,300	10,500	1,400	11,900	10,500	1,400	11,900	10,100	1,400	11,600	10,200	1,400	11,500	97%
39	Truro	C	8,100	600	8,700	8,000	600	8,600	7,800	500	8,300	7,700	500	8,300	7,400	500	7,900	7,400	500	7,900	94%
41	Winchester	C	16,700	2,600	19,300	16,900	2,600	19,500	16,700	2,400	19,100	16,300	2,200	18,500	15,900	2,200	18,100	16,000	2,100	18,100	90%
42	Worcester	C	8,700	900	9,600	8,500	800	9,300	8,500	800	9,300	8,400	700	9,200	8,100	700	8,800	8,200	700	8,900	94%
43	York	Y	17,300	2,200	19,400	17,400	2,100	19,500	17,400	1,900	19,300	16,700	1,800	18,500	16,400	1,700	18,100	16,200	1,600	17,800	99%
44	Europe	C	8,600	1,400	10,000	8,800	1,400	10,200	8,900	1,400	10,300	8,900	1,400	10,200	9,200	1,300	10,500	8,800	1,300	10,100	93%
46	Leeds	Y	24,900	3,800	28,800	24,300	3,700	28,000	23,500	3,400	26,900	23,100	3,400	26,500	22,700	3,200	25,900	22,200	3,100	25,200	98%
Church of England			658,900	107,600	766,500	652,100	103,800	755,800	639,700	99,600	739,200	628,200	96,000	724,100	612,300	91,800	704,100	601,700	88,300	690,000	94%

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 9: Diocesan Electoral roll, 2019

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Electoral roll 2019
1	Bath & Wells	C	25,700
2	Birmingham	C	13,600
3	Blackburn	Y	23,200
5	Bristol	C	12,500
6	Canterbury	C	18,000
7	Carlisle	Y	15,400
8	Chelmsford	C	34,300
9	Chester	Y	31,600
10	Chichester	C	39,100
11	Coventry	C	13,500
12	Derby	C	13,200
13	Durham	Y	15,500
14	Ely	C	16,300
15	Exeter	C	23,200
16	Gloucester	C	17,700
17	Guildford	C	22,400
18	Hereford	C	13,000
19	Leicester	C	13,900
20	Lichfield	C	32,500
21	Lincoln	C	19,000
22	Liverpool	Y	19,900
23	London	C	61,300
24	Manchester	Y	22,200
25	Newcastle	Y	11,800
26	Norwich	C	16,900
27	Oxford	C	44,900
28	Peterborough	C	16,000
29	Portsmouth	C	12,000
31	Rochester	C	22,300
32	St. Albans	C	26,000
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	16,800
34	Salisbury	C	29,900
35	Sheffield	Y	13,000
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,600
37	Southwark	C	37,300
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	14,000
39	Truro	C	11,100
41	Winchester	C	23,400
42	Worcester	C	12,000
43	York	Y	24,300
44	Europe	C	9,600
46	Leeds	Y	34,000
Church of England			893,800

Note: The Electoral roll underwent its six-yearly renewal in 2019.

Table 10: Diocesan Easter communicants and attendance, 2014-2019

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Easter communicants						Easter attendance						
			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	complete-ness, 2019
1	Bath & Wells	C	26,100	25,800	24,100	25,400	23,400	22,900	35,600	36,500	34,000	34,800	32,700	30,800	91%
2	Birmingham	C	14,800	14,300	13,600	13,400	13,100	12,200	20,700	20,700	19,200	19,700	19,300	17,700	99%
3	Blackburn	Y	23,200	23,000	21,900	21,400	20,900	21,100	31,800	31,000	29,400	28,600	28,300	27,700	88%
5	Bristol	C	13,400	13,700	12,700	13,300	12,800	12,700	19,500	20,000	18,700	18,500	18,300	17,900	98%
6	Canterbury	C	22,600	22,000	20,700	21,500	20,500	19,100	32,300	31,300	29,100	30,500	28,400	27,300	84%
7	Carlisle	Y	14,700	14,300	13,100	13,000	12,700	12,400	19,800	19,800	18,500	18,400	17,300	17,500	88%
8	Chelmsford	C	35,400	35,600	33,300	34,900	32,600	32,000	51,100	50,200	47,900	49,800	47,400	46,000	89%
9	Chester	Y	27,700	26,900	26,200	26,400	25,200	25,000	39,400	39,100	37,300	37,800	36,300	33,900	95%
10	Chichester	C	40,500	39,500	37,300	38,500	37,100	35,900	56,500	55,400	52,700	54,600	52,400	50,500	99%
11	Coventry	C	13,700	13,800	13,400	13,600	13,600	12,600	19,100	19,600	18,200	18,600	17,900	17,500	98%
12	Derby	C	14,500	14,700	14,500	14,500	13,900	13,200	20,100	19,800	19,400	19,700	19,000	18,000	99%
13	Durham	Y	15,200	15,100	14,100	14,600	13,900	13,500	20,900	20,400	19,800	19,800	19,000	18,300	97%
14	Ely	C	15,400	15,200	14,400	15,400	14,600	14,400	23,100	22,300	21,300	22,800	22,000	21,700	96%
15	Exeter	C	29,000	29,600	27,800	28,800	27,700	26,900	38,000	38,400	36,100	38,900	36,500	35,500	90%
16	Gloucester	C	19,900	18,900	18,600	18,500	17,400	17,800	28,200	27,300	26,700	26,100	23,800	24,400	99%
17	Guildford	C	24,600	23,400	22,100	22,500	21,800	21,600	36,500	34,600	32,200	34,100	32,100	31,500	95%
18	Hereford	C	10,900	11,800	11,000	11,200	11,200	10,300	14,500	15,400	14,400	14,900	14,200	12,900	97%
19	Leicester	C	14,100	13,900	12,500	12,700	12,200	11,700	20,000	19,100	17,400	18,000	18,800	16,100	98%
20	Lichfield	C	29,900	29,900	28,300	28,100	27,400	26,400	40,000	40,200	37,300	38,500	36,900	34,900	94%
21	Lincoln	C	16,000	16,300	15,600	15,500	14,700	14,000	21,000	21,800	20,200	20,900	19,300	18,600	81%
22	Liverpool	Y	21,000	19,700	18,400	17,600	18,100	18,100	27,300	26,100	24,600	24,500	24,200	23,200	81%
23	London	C	56,100	53,900	52,200	56,300	54,400	54,300	88,800	84,900	84,300	88,700	87,200	85,500	97%
24	Manchester	Y	22,800	22,700	21,400	22,200	20,800	20,400	32,000	31,300	29,700	29,900	28,000	27,300	86%
25	Newcastle	Y	11,700	12,200	11,200	11,700	10,900	10,900	17,700	17,400	15,900	16,500	15,700	15,900	95%
26	Norwich	C	20,400	20,100	18,300	19,300	18,500	19,100	27,700	27,400	25,800	26,900	26,300	26,300	78%
27	Oxford	C	49,400	48,000	47,100	48,400	46,300	46,400	72,000	70,200	69,400	71,400	68,400	68,200	94%
28	Peterborough	C	17,300	16,700	16,100	16,800	16,400	15,600	24,000	23,100	22,100	22,600	22,400	20,800	98%
29	Portsmouth	C	14,200	13,800	12,900	12,900	12,400	12,400	19,900	18,500	17,900	18,300	17,300	17,100	99%
31	Rochester	C	22,700	22,200	21,000	22,000	21,100	21,200	34,300	33,700	31,700	32,400	30,700	30,400	99%
32	St. Albans	C	28,400	28,800	27,500	28,900	27,600	27,200	42,100	41,800	39,500	41,600	39,900	37,700	99%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	17,800	17,400	16,100	16,200	15,800	15,800	25,100	23,700	21,600	22,800	21,600	21,800	88%
34	Salisbury	C	29,700	29,400	27,600	28,500	27,800	26,500	41,900	41,100	38,800	38,700	37,300	38,100	93%
35	Sheffield	Y	13,200	12,500	12,200	12,200	11,800	11,600	19,500	19,400	17,600	18,000	17,200	17,000	100%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	2,000	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	2,500	2,500	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	94%
37	Southwark	C	37,400	36,900	36,400	37,200	35,200	35,600	55,800	55,100	53,400	53,600	53,300	54,300	98%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	14,100	14,000	13,300	13,700	12,400	12,300	19,000	19,300	17,800	18,400	17,600	17,000	98%
39	Truro	C	13,800	14,200	12,700	13,000	12,500	12,400	19,000	18,700	17,300	18,000	16,700	16,200	93%
41	Winchester	C	26,500	24,800	23,100	24,700	24,700	24,500	36,400	36,000	33,600	34,600	34,000	33,200	91%
42	Worcester	C	12,300	12,200	11,200	11,400	11,800	11,300	16,700	16,700	15,400	15,700	15,900	15,100	95%
43	York	Y	23,800	23,700	23,100	24,300	22,600	23,000	33,400	33,200	31,800	30,700	30,300	30,500	99%
44	Europe	C	13,300	13,700	13,000	14,000	14,100	13,800	17,100	17,500	17,000	17,700	17,800	17,200	92%
46	Leeds	Y	36,000	35,300	34,400	34,300	33,200	32,100	47,200	47,500	45,400	45,300	44,800	42,700	97%
Church of England			925,200	911,700	866,100	890,600	856,600	841,800	1,307,200	1,287,900	1,223,200	1,253,100	1,208,800	1,176,300	94%

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 11: Diocesan Christmas communicants and attendance, 2014-2019

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Christmas communicants						Christmas attendance						complete- ness, 2019	Advent attendance, 2019	
			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		Congregation & community services	Civic and school services
1	Bath & Wells	C	28,100	28,200	28,600	28,200	24,100	24,200	67,600	71,200	73,300	79,200	70,900	65,000	93%	71,500	67,600
2	Birmingham	C	12,800	12,700	12,900	14,600	11,300	11,400	36,500	38,000	37,900	40,500	35,400	32,100	100%	38,400	54,800
3	Blackburn	Y	18,700	19,100	18,600	19,300	16,100	16,300	43,500	45,000	44,200	48,200	42,800	42,300	88%	46,700	56,000
5	Bristol	C	14,200	14,400	14,800	16,000	13,100	13,600	39,500	41,200	41,700	45,000	39,800	39,000	98%	49,500	48,100
6	Canterbury	C	22,400	22,700	21,600	22,100	18,900	18,300	65,600	69,300	68,400	68,800	62,800	60,000	87%	48,100	70,500
7	Carlisle	Y	13,600	13,000	12,000	12,500	11,200	11,200	32,400	33,000	33,700	34,400	30,900	30,100	89%	33,100	33,400
8	Chelmsford	C	31,200	32,600	32,500	35,000	29,000	27,900	96,000	104,900	105,700	111,900	99,000	93,200	91%	92,900	116,600
9	Chester	Y	26,500	25,800	26,100	26,900	23,700	22,300	78,200	78,600	82,100	83,500	71,900	70,100	95%	80,100	94,300
10	Chichester	C	37,600	39,500	39,600	42,400	36,900	35,000	104,900	110,900	113,700	119,000	109,700	107,500	99%	107,800	103,000
11	Coventry	C	13,900	14,400	14,300	14,600	13,000	12,800	41,000	41,000	41,000	43,600	38,700	36,300	97%	43,200	45,200
12	Derby	C	13,800	13,500	13,100	14,100	11,700	11,700	39,500	41,800	42,400	45,000	38,000	37,400	99%	50,100	55,800
13	Durham	Y	12,700	13,200	13,000	14,300	12,100	11,400	38,100	39,700	40,500	41,500	38,300	34,600	98%	36,700	63,800
14	Ely	C	15,400	16,000	15,400	16,100	14,000	14,400	47,900	51,300	49,300	50,700	45,600	45,400	96%	54,700	60,600
15	Exeter	C	28,300	29,200	28,700	29,000	26,400	25,200	67,800	71,100	74,200	75,300	69,600	64,700	91%	71,900	67,600
16	Gloucester	C	21,100	21,500	21,000	22,600	18,700	18,500	55,900	59,800	61,800	64,800	58,400	55,100	99%	52,900	48,900
17	Guildford	C	24,300	23,800	24,400	26,300	22,800	22,000	81,200	84,600	88,500	89,700	79,700	77,300	96%	69,000	77,100
18	Hereford	C	12,100	12,700	11,900	12,500	10,900	10,500	24,100	28,200	27,200	29,700	26,200	25,000	98%	30,400	26,600
19	Leicester	C	13,700	13,100	13,000	13,500	11,500	11,400	39,400	41,400	41,900	39,400	35,200	37,800	99%	52,200	64,400
20	Lichfield	C	29,600	29,900	29,600	30,500	26,400	25,200	74,900	82,200	84,000	84,800	74,600	72,000	94%	78,100	117,800
21	Lincoln	C	16,000	17,200	16,100	17,600	14,800	14,100	39,200	43,400	46,200	49,300	43,200	41,600	83%	48,400	54,200
22	Liverpool	Y	16,800	17,200	17,100	18,800	15,700	14,800	36,200	37,800	38,300	45,300	37,100	35,100	86%	45,700	44,900
23	London	C	52,900	53,900	51,400	55,100	47,900	47,500	123,400	125,000	128,400	134,100	119,800	116,900	98%	181,600	174,600
24	Manchester	Y	18,200	18,200	18,400	21,100	16,200	16,000	37,100	37,100	39,200	43,800	33,900	34,300	90%	46,200	59,700
25	Newcastle	Y	10,900	10,800	10,700	12,000	10,000	9,500	38,900	38,200	39,600	40,500	35,600	34,300	96%	34,300	48,800
26	Norwich	C	18,600	19,100	19,200	19,600	17,600	16,900	53,000	58,800	60,000	61,400	57,600	53,400	81%	52,500	52,200
27	Oxford	C	52,200	54,000	53,800	54,600	50,400	48,700	150,700	160,400	164,400	166,300	154,200	147,400	95%	146,500	140,900
28	Peterborough	C	17,300	16,900	17,700	17,500	15,100	15,100	47,800	52,500	52,100	53,900	47,900	45,700	98%	49,300	45,100
29	Portsmouth	C	13,600	13,600	13,600	14,400	12,500	12,000	41,100	40,500	41,900	43,000	39,500	35,600	99%	34,000	55,100
31	Rochester	C	19,900	21,100	21,400	21,500	18,800	17,900	66,400	71,000	75,000	74,900	69,000	66,000	99%	76,600	97,300
32	St. Albans	C	29,400	29,100	29,400	31,900	28,900	27,800	93,300	101,300	105,700	112,900	98,400	93,000	99%	74,000	118,400
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	16,700	16,800	16,000	16,200	15,200	15,200	44,000	47,400	49,900	50,700	44,200	44,100	88%	47,300	42,000
34	Salisbury	C	31,900	31,200	30,600	32,000	28,700	26,200	78,000	79,500	78,600	81,200	76,300	71,300	94%	72,800	72,100
35	Sheffield	Y	10,400	10,700	10,500	11,400	9,300	9,400	32,600	34,400	36,000	37,000	33,100	31,500	100%	44,800	47,100
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,600	1,400	3,900	4,100	3,700	4,100	3,800	3,200	94%	6,000	5,000
37	Southwark	C	36,200	36,900	37,600	38,800	33,800	32,800	95,000	103,200	106,800	109,600	103,300	100,000	99%	100,900	123,400
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	12,800	12,700	12,200	13,500	11,000	10,400	37,600	40,100	39,600	41,700	36,100	34,600	99%	42,800	54,100
39	Truro	C	12,500	12,800	12,700	13,000	12,100	11,600	27,800	30,100	31,400	32,600	29,500	28,000	94%	33,600	28,800
41	Winchester	C	27,900	28,000	27,400	28,400	24,400	23,400	72,800	75,400	76,100	77,900	69,200	69,800	97%	67,300	71,200
42	Worcester	C	12,400	12,200	12,100	13,000	11,600	10,500	36,700	37,700	38,000	40,000	36,700	36,500	96%	37,400	53,200
43	York	Y	23,300	23,900	25,000	23,600	22,000	19,900	66,000	68,300	68,500	72,000	65,600	65,700	99%	69,400	87,100
44	Europe	C	10,500	11,700	11,500	12,300	10,900	10,600	16,600	18,300	19,300	20,500	19,100	18,700	92%	32,200	1,900
46	Leeds	Y	32,400	33,100	33,000	35,400	29,300	29,000	95,400	101,900	104,200	102,600	94,500	95,200	98%	96,100	124,100
Church of England			884,700	898,100	890,400	934,100	809,800	783,900	2,407,500	2,539,500	2,594,300	2,690,200	2,414,900	2,327,100	95%	2,546,900	2,873,100

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

Communicants are a subset of those attending.

Values shown for Christmas communicants and attendance include data as reported by churches/parishes and estimates where no report has been returned. Advent attendance values include only data as reported by churches/parishes.

Table 12: Diocesan participation as a percentage of diocesan population and as a percentage of diocesan Christian population, 2019

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	23,500	20,300	16,900	30,800	65,000	2.4%	2.1%	1.7%	3.2%	6.7%	3.9%	3.4%	2.8%	5.1%	10.9%
2	Birmingham	C	19,900	15,100	11,900	17,700	32,100	1.3%	0.9%	0.8%	1.1%	2.0%	2.5%	1.9%	1.5%	2.2%	4.0%
3	Blackburn	Y	25,800	20,600	16,600	27,700	42,300	1.9%	1.5%	1.2%	2.0%	3.1%	2.8%	2.3%	1.8%	3.0%	4.6%
5	Bristol	C	18,400	13,200	11,100	17,900	39,000	1.8%	1.3%	1.1%	1.7%	3.7%	3.3%	2.4%	2.0%	3.2%	7.0%
6	Canterbury	C	24,400	20,300	15,300	27,300	60,000	2.1%	1.8%	1.3%	2.4%	5.2%	3.4%	2.8%	2.1%	3.8%	8.3%
7	Carlisle	Y	15,000	11,900	9,000	17,500	30,100	3.0%	2.4%	1.8%	3.5%	6.0%	4.2%	3.3%	2.5%	4.9%	8.4%
8	Chelmsford	C	41,400	33,100	26,900	46,000	93,200	1.3%	1.0%	0.8%	1.4%	2.9%	2.3%	1.8%	1.5%	2.5%	5.2%
9	Chester	Y	33,900	26,700	21,400	33,900	70,100	2.1%	1.6%	1.3%	2.1%	4.2%	3.0%	2.4%	1.9%	3.0%	6.2%
10	Chichester	C	46,000	34,200	28,500	50,500	107,500	2.7%	2.0%	1.7%	3.0%	6.3%	4.6%	3.4%	2.9%	5.1%	10.8%
11	Coventry	C	16,900	14,000	11,200	17,500	36,300	1.9%	1.5%	1.2%	1.9%	4.0%	3.1%	2.6%	2.1%	3.2%	6.7%
12	Derby	C	17,400	13,800	10,900	18,000	37,400	1.6%	1.3%	1.0%	1.7%	3.5%	2.7%	2.1%	1.7%	2.8%	5.7%
13	Durham	Y	18,300	17,300	10,900	18,300	34,600	1.2%	1.2%	0.7%	1.2%	2.3%	1.7%	1.7%	1.0%	1.7%	3.3%
14	Ely	C	22,900	17,000	13,600	21,700	45,400	3.0%	2.2%	1.8%	2.8%	5.9%	5.1%	3.8%	3.0%	4.8%	10.1%
15	Exeter	C	24,200	21,500	18,400	35,500	64,700	2.0%	1.8%	1.5%	3.0%	5.4%	3.3%	2.9%	2.5%	4.9%	8.9%
16	Gloucester	C	21,700	15,100	12,700	24,400	55,100	3.2%	2.2%	1.9%	3.6%	8.1%	5.0%	3.5%	2.9%	5.7%	12.8%
17	Guildford	C	30,700	22,000	17,900	31,500	77,300	2.9%	2.1%	1.7%	2.9%	7.2%	4.6%	3.3%	2.7%	4.7%	11.6%
18	Hereford	C	13,400	9,200	7,300	12,900	25,000	4.0%	2.8%	2.2%	3.9%	7.5%	6.0%	4.1%	3.2%	5.7%	11.1%
19	Leicester	C	17,100	11,900	10,600	16,100	37,800	1.6%	1.1%	1.0%	1.5%	3.5%	3.1%	2.2%	1.9%	3.0%	6.9%
20	Lichfield	C	41,300	26,700	21,200	34,900	72,000	1.9%	1.2%	1.0%	1.6%	3.3%	3.0%	1.9%	1.5%	2.5%	5.2%
21	Lincoln	C	20,600	14,900	13,000	18,600	41,600	1.9%	1.4%	1.2%	1.7%	3.8%	2.8%	2.0%	1.8%	2.5%	5.7%
22	Liverpool	Y	24,700	21,300	15,500	23,200	35,100	1.5%	1.3%	1.0%	1.4%	2.2%	2.0%	1.7%	1.3%	1.9%	2.9%
23	London	C	86,700	68,300	53,600	85,500	116,900	2.0%	1.6%	1.2%	1.9%	2.7%	4.5%	3.6%	2.8%	4.5%	6.1%
24	Manchester	Y	27,800	24,100	18,400	27,300	34,300	1.3%	1.1%	0.8%	1.2%	1.6%	2.1%	1.8%	1.4%	2.1%	2.6%
25	Newcastle	Y	13,800	12,200	8,800	15,900	34,300	1.7%	1.5%	1.1%	1.9%	4.1%	2.6%	2.3%	1.7%	3.0%	6.5%
26	Norwich	C	21,200	16,500	15,100	26,300	53,400	2.3%	1.8%	1.6%	2.9%	5.8%	3.8%	3.0%	2.7%	4.7%	9.5%
27	Oxford	C	64,500	43,800	38,300	68,200	147,400	2.7%	1.8%	1.6%	2.8%	6.1%	4.6%	3.1%	2.7%	4.9%	10.5%
28	Peterborough	C	20,300	14,100	11,700	20,800	45,700	2.2%	1.5%	1.3%	2.2%	4.9%	3.6%	2.5%	2.1%	3.7%	8.2%
29	Portsmouth	C	14,400	10,700	8,900	17,100	35,600	1.8%	1.4%	1.1%	2.2%	4.5%	3.1%	2.3%	1.9%	3.7%	7.6%
31	Rochester	C	30,200	22,600	18,400	30,400	66,000	2.2%	1.6%	1.3%	2.2%	4.8%	3.6%	2.7%	2.2%	3.6%	7.8%
32	St. Albans	C	34,800	29,300	21,500	37,700	93,000	1.8%	1.5%	1.1%	1.9%	4.8%	3.1%	2.6%	1.9%	3.4%	8.4%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	20,500	12,800	11,700	21,800	44,100	3.0%	1.9%	1.7%	3.2%	6.5%	4.9%	3.1%	2.8%	5.3%	10.6%
34	Salisbury	C	29,700	21,700	18,900	38,100	71,300	3.1%	2.2%	2.0%	4.0%	7.4%	4.9%	3.5%	3.1%	6.2%	11.6%
35	Sheffield	Y	19,600	15,300	11,700	17,000	31,500	1.5%	1.2%	0.9%	1.3%	2.4%	2.5%	1.9%	1.5%	2.2%	4.0%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,700	1,500	1,100	2,100	3,200	1.9%	1.6%	1.2%	2.3%	3.5%	-	-	-	-	-
37	Southwark	C	55,800	38,200	31,600	54,300	100,000	1.9%	1.3%	1.1%	1.9%	3.4%	3.5%	2.4%	2.0%	3.4%	6.3%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	18,700	12,900	11,500	17,000	34,600	1.6%	1.1%	1.0%	1.5%	3.0%	2.8%	2.0%	1.8%	2.6%	5.3%
39	Truro	C	11,500	9,500	7,900	16,200	28,000	2.0%	1.7%	1.4%	2.8%	4.9%	3.4%	2.8%	2.3%	4.7%	8.2%
41	Winchester	C	26,700	22,100	18,100	33,200	69,800	2.1%	1.8%	1.5%	2.7%	5.6%	3.6%	3.0%	2.4%	4.4%	9.3%
42	Worcester	C	12,900	11,100	8,900	15,100	36,500	1.4%	1.2%	1.0%	1.7%	4.1%	2.2%	1.9%	1.5%	2.5%	6.1%
43	York	Y	28,300	23,600	17,800	30,500	65,700	1.9%	1.6%	1.2%	2.1%	4.5%	3.0%	2.5%	1.9%	3.3%	7.0%
44	Europe	C	15,500	10,300	10,100	17,200	18,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Leeds	Y	40,300	33,600	25,200	42,700	95,200	1.5%	1.2%	0.9%	1.5%	3.4%	2.6%	2.1%	1.6%	2.7%	6.1%
Church of England			1,112,900	854,300	690,000	1,176,300	2,327,100	1.9%	1.5%	1.2%	2.0%	4.1%	3.3%	2.5%	2.0%	3.5%	6.9%

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 13: Diocesan baptisms and thanksgivings, 2014-2019

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Infant and child baptisms						Infant baptisms		Child baptisms		Mature baptisms						Thanksgivings		
			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019	complete-ness, 2019	2019	complete-ness, 2019	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
1 Bath & Wells	C		2,340	2,070	1,990	1,920	1,710	1,610	1,130	90%	490	93%	150	140	120	130	140	140	80	60	50
2 Birmingham	C		1,960	1,960	1,890	1,660	1,560	1,340	810	100%	530	100%	230	230	220	200	150	180	60	50	50
3 Blackburn	Y		3,910	3,620	3,310	2,930	2,810	2,610	1,740	90%	870	92%	220	180	170	200	150	210	30	50	40
5 Bristol	C		1,500	1,470	1,330	1,160	1,050	970	630	95%	340	94%	160	140	120	120	100	130	90	50	40
6 Canterbury	C		2,810	2,630	2,370	2,060	2,050	1,840	1,200	80%	640	84%	260	220	220	210	180	210	60	80	60
7 Carlisle	Y		2,040	1,880	1,780	1,770	1,590	1,500	1,200	90%	300	88%	90	80	70	90	80	80	30	30	50
8 Chelmsford	C		4,340	4,040	3,590	3,510	3,170	2,880	1,630	84%	1,250	86%	670	650	510	480	450	510	140	140	100
9 Chester	Y		4,140	3,820	3,700	3,350	2,940	2,590	1,690	94%	900	93%	250	270	200	200	190	200	340	230	190
10 Chichester	C		2,980	2,900	2,580	2,390	2,290	2,020	1,230	98%	790	99%	230	250	220	190	200	260	120	120	90
11 Coventry	C		1,590	1,580	1,470	1,310	1,170	1,060	650	97%	410	97%	150	140	150	100	110	100	80	70	50
12 Derby	C		2,010	2,050	1,840	1,720	1,670	1,400	910	99%	480	99%	150	150	130	110	130	160	70	90	90
13 Durham	Y		4,670	4,450	4,350	3,960	3,510	3,320	2,310	97%	1,000	94%	370	320	490	370	280	350	80	50	70
14 Ely	C		1,700	1,580	1,480	1,420	1,270	1,100	730	93%	360	94%	180	130	180	130	120	130	50	50	50
15 Exeter	C		2,430	2,210	2,190	1,880	1,880	1,570	1,040	86%	530	81%	190	210	190	200	180	170	50	60	40
16 Gloucester	C		1,820	1,850	1,790	1,640	1,500	1,280	870	98%	410	99%	210	180	180	170	140	110	30	30	20
17 Guildford	C		2,500	2,460	2,170	1,900	1,780	1,550	940	94%	610	92%	190	210	200	150	170	180	80	90	60
18 Hereford	C		1,140	1,140	1,120	1,020	960	840	590	96%	250	99%	60	80	50	60	60	50	10	-	10
19 Leicester	C		1,530	1,490	1,330	1,190	1,220	1,040	650	98%	400	99%	150	170	130	150	100	170	30	30	30
20 Lichfield	C		5,190	4,910	4,490	4,140	3,800	3,510	2,220	93%	1,290	89%	420	400	370	400	330	330	180	200	190
21 Lincoln	C		3,390	3,440	3,180	2,790	2,540	2,270	1,700	78%	570	82%	180	190	230	190	170	180	30	30	70
22 Liverpool	Y		4,070	3,830	3,660	3,370	3,170	2,770	1,540	78%	1,240	76%	300	390	370	350	300	290	90	70	40
23 London	C		3,870	3,610	3,570	3,280	3,180	2,850	1,470	97%	1,380	96%	710	630	590	630	640	720	150	130	100
24 Manchester	Y		4,660	4,430	4,110	3,800	3,340	3,090	1,590	86%	1,500	84%	480	410	390	410	330	460	140	120	80
25 Newcastle	Y		2,190	2,180	1,930	1,710	1,600	1,520	1,060	94%	460	97%	150	170	200	190	170	190	20	20	40
26 Norwich	C		1,910	1,730	1,600	1,560	1,460	1,370	920	74%	440	75%	190	190	170	160	190	140	80	50	70
27 Oxford	C		4,950	4,670	4,470	3,960	3,810	3,350	2,170	93%	1,180	91%	430	360	340	320	310	350	170	180	140
28 Peterborough	C		1,770	1,670	1,510	1,420	1,230	1,110	730	96%	390	96%	180	150	120	110	110	160	70	30	40
29 Portsmouth	C		1,640	1,580	1,360	1,310	1,110	950	590	99%	360	99%	130	110	130	120	90	100	40	50	40
31 Rochester	C		2,730	2,670	2,360	2,250	2,070	1,880	1,050	98%	820	98%	290	220	230	220	220	240	120	100	90
32 St. Albans	C		3,230	3,070	2,950	2,550	2,400	2,160	1,250	99%	910	99%	320	310	290	270	210	220	130	130	90
33 St. Edms & Ipswich	C		1,290	1,290	1,150	1,120	1,030	880	570	90%	310	85%	90	100	110	120	90	100	30	30	20
34 Salisbury	C		2,540	2,360	2,130	2,010	1,830	1,660	1,140	92%	520	92%	230	190	160	170	120	130	60	40	50
35 Sheffield	Y		2,850	2,700	2,580	2,370	2,110	1,940	1,340	99%	600	98%	330	310	280	330	290	270	210	170	120
36 Sodor & Man	Y		250	180	160	180	120	150	100	95%	60	89%	20	10	10	20	20	10	-	-	-
37 Southwark	C		3,660	3,500	3,370	2,980	2,850	2,530	1,390	98%	1,140	96%	370	310	360	270	320	320	130	110	110
38 Southwell & Nottingham	Y		1,960	1,780	1,770	1,560	1,400	1,090	700	96%	390	96%	300	230	210	200	210	210	90	70	60
39 Truro	C		1,380	1,440	1,200	1,200	1,060	930	660	90%	260	95%	110	90	100	80	80	80	30	20	10
41 Winchester	C		2,860	2,630	2,420	2,160	1,940	1,920	1,230	91%	700	88%	210	170	180	150	140	150	120	80	100
42 Worcester	C		2,230	2,060	1,940	1,830	1,680	1,470	960	94%	510	96%	140	170	170	160	110	100	100	120	70
43 York	Y		3,990	3,760	3,590	3,310	2,970	2,930	2,080	97%	850	99%	280	290	220	240	250	290	90	90	60
44 Europe	C		350	400	350	350	340	350	200	94%	150	80%	100	120	110	110	130	120	40	30	30
46 Leeds	Y		5,380	5,210	4,880	4,550	4,120	3,870	2,570	97%	1,300	96%	600	650	690	810	580	690	300	180	210
Church of England			113,750	108,290	101,030	92,540	85,260	77,030	49,170	92%	27,860	92%	10,450	9,900	9,560	9,270	8,290	9,170	3,820	3,290	2,890

Notes: Here, infants are those aged under 1 year. From 2019, children are those aged 1-10 years (previously, 1-12 years). From 2019, mature baptisms are those aged 11 years and over (previously, those aged 13 years and over). This slight change in age groups explains the apparent rise in mature baptisms in 2019.

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

Table 14: Diocesan marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages, 2014-2019

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Marriages							Services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages						
			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	complete-ness, 2019	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	complete-ness, 2019
1 Bath & Wells	C		1,350	1,380	1,310	1,180	1,040	840	90%	50	70	50	60	50	30	89%
2 Birmingham	C		840	770	690	610	560	500	100%	50	60	40	50	40	40	100%
3 Blackburn	Y		1,040	970	900	830	720	610	87%	40	50	40	50	30	30	97%
5 Bristol	C		700	650	590	480	430	400	97%	30	40	40	40	30	10	92%
6 Canterbury	C		1,330	1,260	1,110	1,070	920	780	83%	80	70	60	70	80	90	48%
7 Carlisle	Y		810	740	720	650	610	520	82%	40	40	50	40	40	30	77%
8 Chelmsford	C		1,790	1,730	1,730	1,450	1,290	1,040	87%	100	120	100	100	100	70	77%
9 Chester	Y		1,550	1,450	1,370	1,260	1,110	880	96%	50	60	60	50	50	30	88%
10 Chichester	C		1,580	1,510	1,490	1,310	1,150	1,030	97%	100	100	100	100	80	70	96%
11 Coventry	C		830	770	670	640	600	500	95%	40	40	40	50	40	40	97%
12 Derby	C		1,030	1,000	920	870	790	610	100%	40	50	70	50	50	30	100%
13 Durham	Y		1,100	1,010	970	850	760	600	97%	50	50	40	40	40	30	85%
14 Ely	C		860	830	800	700	630	510	94%	40	50	30	30	40	30	100%
15 Exeter	C		1,460	1,400	1,320	1,260	1,090	950	85%	70	70	70	90	70	60	84%
16 Gloucester	C		1,080	1,170	1,090	1,010	920	750	96%	60	50	60	70	70	90	99%
17 Guildford	C		990	970	900	810	730	610	94%	60	40	60	50	20	40	100%
18 Hereford	C		600	620	600	610	530	490	98%	30	50	50	30	30	30	96%
19 Leicester	C		890	780	780	750	640	560	96%	50	40	40	50	40	50	88%
20 Lichfield	C		1,960	1,860	1,800	1,610	1,480	1,250	94%	80	80	70	90	60	60	97%
21 Lincoln	C		1,160	1,130	1,140	1,100	1,040	880	76%	60	60	60	50	50	50	56%
22 Liverpool	Y		880	820	810	660	590	520	78%	60	50	40	50	40	40	80%
23 London	C		1,180	1,100	980	920	880	740	96%	130	130	120	150	120	120	98%
24 Manchester	Y		990	930	920	810	670	580	83%	70	60	50	40	40	30	80%
25 Newcastle	Y		620	530	540	510	440	390	95%	30	40	30	40	30	40	98%
26 Norwich	C		1,180	1,030	1,080	980	910	800	70%	50	50	40	50	50	40	76%
27 Oxford	C		2,400	2,310	2,260	2,030	1,930	1,610	91%	130	170	150	140	130	100	89%
28 Peterborough	C		1,010	980	890	800	670	610	97%	50	60	50	40	40	40	91%
29 Portsmouth	C		820	740	670	640	610	500	99%	50	50	60	40	40	40	100%
31 Rochester	C		1,020	950	850	730	680	580	99%	90	70	60	60	50	40	100%
32 St. Albans	C		1,410	1,410	1,360	1,150	1,000	840	98%	60	80	70	70	70	50	98%
33 St. Edms & Ipswich	C		870	810	740	710	670	550	84%	70	50	50	40	40	30	91%
34 Salisbury	C		1,330	1,240	1,160	1,090	980	870	89%	70	60	60	60	50	40	94%
35 Sheffield	Y		920	830	830	760	640	560	99%	30	40	40	30	30	20	100%
36 Sodor & Man	Y		90	100	100	100	80	70	94%	10	10	10	10	10	-	100%
37 Southwark	C		1,090	910	850	750	680	590	97%	80	70	70	80	70	40	98%
38 Southwell & Nottingham	Y		1,000	940	910	820	710	600	95%	60	40	60	40	40	40	100%
39 Truro	C		970	930	890	740	730	600	93%	40	30	40	50	50	30	91%
41 Winchester	C		1,300	1,230	1,150	1,020	1,060	860	89%	70	70	60	70	50	50	84%
42 Worcester	C		940	880	880	800	720	620	94%	40	40	50	50	40	30	81%
43 York	Y		1,610	1,600	1,520	1,370	1,250	1,100	99%	70	60	70	60	60	50	100%
44 Europe	C		100	80	140	120	130	90	100%	230	250	280	320	320	310	92%
46 Leeds	Y		2,100	1,970	1,920	1,730	1,500	1,320	98%	70	90	70	90	80	70	96%
Church of England			46,730	44,290	42,320	38,250	34,550	29,280	92%	2,680	2,730	2,630	2,720	2,410	2,150	90%

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

Table 15: Diocesan funeral services held in church and at crematoria/cemeteries, 2014-2019

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Funerals in church							Funerals at crematoria/cemeteries						
			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	complete- ness, 2019	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	complete- ness, 2019
1	Bath & Wells	C	2,050	2,180	2,100	2,060	1,960	1,910	92%	1,350	1,460	1,380	1,420	1,260	1,030	84%
2	Birmingham	C	1,130	1,230	1,160	1,180	1,140	960	99%	2,360	2,270	2,130	1,830	1,660	1,340	98%
3	Blackburn	Y	2,040	2,090	1,930	1,890	1,770	1,810	91%	1,650	1,640	1,340	1,210	1,110	960	89%
5	Bristol	C	840	940	900	910	850	740	96%	850	770	770	710	530	500	96%
6	Canterbury	C	1,520	1,510	1,470	1,510	1,460	1,350	82%	1,770	1,710	1,540	1,370	1,300	1,090	81%
7	Carlisle	Y	1,740	1,810	1,670	1,690	1,510	1,420	87%	930	910	720	750	690	640	96%
8	Chelmsford	C	2,730	2,690	2,640	2,570	2,540	2,360	88%	2,890	3,020	2,830	2,660	2,430	2,110	84%
9	Chester	Y	3,150	3,210	2,990	2,860	2,920	2,740	93%	2,300	2,220	2,020	1,840	1,700	1,360	95%
10	Chichester	C	2,010	2,210	2,110	2,090	2,140	1,940	98%	1,960	2,060	2,120	1,830	1,710	1,470	99%
11	Coventry	C	1,470	1,570	1,370	1,330	1,370	1,260	98%	810	750	690	600	570	570	99%
12	Derby	C	2,180	2,270	2,200	2,080	2,020	1,860	99%	980	1,040	980	890	800	670	98%
13	Durham	Y	3,120	3,150	2,980	2,890	2,740	2,520	96%	1,810	1,830	1,710	1,530	1,360	1,220	96%
14	Ely	C	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,480	1,460	1,380	94%	850	890	770	740	810	680	95%
15	Exeter	C	2,560	2,570	2,540	2,510	2,490	2,400	84%	1,140	1,110	1,080	1,000	940	760	85%
16	Gloucester	C	1,820	1,850	1,830	1,820	1,740	1,610	97%	1,050	1,090	1,090	990	890	800	100%
17	Guildford	C	1,280	1,340	1,230	1,240	1,180	1,100	97%	1,300	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,160	950	97%
18	Hereford	C	1,180	1,340	1,260	1,290	1,320	1,140	97%	580	660	690	560	580	450	99%
19	Leicester	C	1,480	1,480	1,430	1,360	1,300	1,240	97%	890	820	770	760	720	540	94%
20	Lichfield	C	4,420	4,900	4,610	4,480	4,470	4,020	95%	3,440	3,350	3,190	3,150	3,060	2,550	90%
21	Lincoln	C	2,070	2,300	2,210	2,150	2,180	1,910	79%	1,410	1,620	1,520	1,390	1,350	1,240	76%
22	Liverpool	Y	3,100	3,120	2,930	2,820	2,760	2,600	74%	1,850	1,700	1,550	1,370	1,270	1,060	70%
23	London	C	1,430	1,520	1,410	1,490	1,520	1,380	98%	1,800	1,830	1,490	1,520	1,350	1,180	99%
24	Manchester	Y	2,040	2,080	1,930	1,910	1,850	1,710	89%	1,960	1,930	1,670	1,450	1,430	1,230	84%
25	Newcastle	Y	1,190	1,240	1,200	1,260	1,180	1,100	95%	1,290	1,290	1,070	870	940	800	86%
26	Norwich	C	2,220	2,290	2,160	2,200	2,210	2,000	76%	2,200	2,240	1,970	1,820	1,580	1,400	76%
27	Oxford	C	3,340	3,260	3,280	3,380	3,170	3,040	92%	2,410	2,430	2,290	2,260	2,050	1,740	89%
28	Peterborough	C	1,410	1,460	1,400	1,410	1,450	1,240	95%	840	780	720	650	660	570	97%
29	Portsmouth	C	1,060	1,090	1,050	1,030	1,010	990	99%	1,280	1,230	1,110	1,060	890	820	100%
31	Rochester	C	1,330	1,370	1,240	1,230	1,330	1,220	99%	2,560	2,530	2,140	1,990	1,860	1,550	98%
32	St. Albans	C	2,170	2,380	2,240	2,180	2,240	2,050	98%	2,170	2,120	1,890	1,600	1,540	1,350	99%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	1,640	1,660	1,620	1,600	1,610	1,520	89%	920	870	750	770	830	740	88%
34	Salisbury	C	2,100	2,240	2,160	1,970	2,010	1,750	90%	1,270	1,290	1,200	1,180	1,150	960	94%
35	Sheffield	Y	2,140	2,130	2,030	1,950	1,870	1,800	100%	1,580	1,370	1,150	1,040	860	800	100%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	250	300	260	220	260	200	91%	140	140	190	170	120	110	98%
37	Southwark	C	1,190	1,190	1,180	1,240	1,180	1,180	96%	2,220	2,130	2,020	1,660	1,540	1,270	99%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	2,110	2,080	1,960	1,960	1,870	1,660	97%	1,630	1,440	1,180	1,190	940	890	92%
39	Truro	C	1,320	1,420	1,360	1,370	1,350	1,190	94%	630	570	580	650	600	620	92%
41	Winchester	C	1,750	1,830	1,610	1,670	1,670	1,480	94%	1,440	1,450	1,160	1,130	990	870	91%
42	Worcester	C	1,590	1,650	1,490	1,430	1,510	1,350	94%	1,470	1,270	1,390	1,260	1,170	1,090	95%
43	York	Y	2,740	2,920	2,760	2,660	2,710	2,370	99%	1,850	1,760	1,680	1,600	1,600	1,290	94%
44	Europe	C	240	200	200	200	260	200	94%	440	460	420	420	360	360	95%
46	Leeds	Y	3,970	4,010	3,660	3,700	3,590	3,390	95%	2,890	2,880	2,440	2,120	1,780	1,540	95%
Church of England			80,600	83,580	79,160	78,240	77,180	71,080	92%	65,180	64,280	58,750	54,360	50,130	43,120	92%

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.

In addition to the church and crematorium/cemetery funerals shown in Table 15, churches reported 19,000 committals or burials of ashes in 2019, the first time this information has been collected.

Table 16: Diocesan infant baptisms and funerals as a percentage of births and deaths, 2019

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Births	Infant baptisms & thanksgivings	%	Deaths	Funerals in churches, crematoria, & cemeteries	%
1	Bath & Wells	C	8,860	1,160	13%	9,860	2,940	30%
2	Birmingham	C	20,700	840	4%	12,420	2,300	18%
3	Blackburn	Y	14,660	1,770	12%	14,050	2,770	20%
5	Bristol	C	12,040	660	5%	7,910	1,240	16%
6	Canterbury	C	11,420	1,250	11%	11,490	2,440	21%
7	Carlisle	Y	4,380	1,230	28%	5,340	2,060	39%
8	Chelmsford	C	41,860	1,690	4%	25,120	4,460	18%
9	Chester	Y	16,640	1,820	11%	16,520	4,100	25%
10	Chichester	C	15,610	1,280	8%	17,500	3,410	19%
11	Coventry	C	9,780	680	7%	7,750	1,830	24%
12	Derby	C	10,600	970	9%	10,600	2,530	24%
13	Durham	Y	14,610	2,360	16%	15,660	3,740	24%
14	Ely	C	7,950	770	10%	6,480	2,060	32%
15	Exeter	C	10,660	1,080	10%	13,080	3,150	24%
16	Gloucester	C	6,700	880	13%	6,530	2,410	37%
17	Guildford	C	11,090	970	9%	8,420	2,050	24%
18	Hereford	C	2,860	600	21%	3,530	1,590	45%
19	Leicester	C	11,410	660	6%	8,640	1,780	21%
20	Lichfield	C	23,770	2,360	10%	20,960	6,570	31%
21	Lincoln	C	10,110	1,760	17%	11,930	3,150	26%
22	Liverpool	Y	17,380	1,550	9%	16,160	3,660	23%
23	London	C	56,360	1,530	3%	22,520	2,560	11%
24	Manchester	Y	27,820	1,660	6%	18,030	2,940	16%
25	Newcastle	Y	8,100	1,080	13%	8,180	1,890	23%
26	Norwich	C	8,270	970	12%	10,070	3,400	34%
27	Oxford	C	27,070	2,260	8%	17,700	4,780	27%
28	Peterborough	C	10,830	750	7%	7,650	1,810	24%
29	Portsmouth	C	7,330	620	8%	7,860	1,810	23%
31	Rochester	C	16,340	1,110	7%	11,410	2,770	24%
32	St. Albans	C	23,350	1,300	6%	15,120	3,400	23%
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	6,630	580	9%	6,800	2,260	33%
34	Salisbury	C	8,290	1,170	14%	9,910	2,710	27%
35	Sheffield	Y	13,780	1,430	10%	12,510	2,600	21%
36	Sodor & Man	Y	1,040	100	9%	900	300	34%
37	Southwark	C	38,050	1,460	4%	16,560	2,440	15%
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	11,960	740	6%	10,450	2,550	24%
39	Truro	C	4,900	670	14%	6,230	1,810	29%
41	Winchester	C	12,430	1,280	10%	11,160	2,340	21%
42	Worcester	C	9,150	1,010	11%	9,040	2,440	27%
43	York	Y	14,100	2,120	15%	14,650	3,670	25%
46	Leeds	Y	31,820	2,720	9%	24,850	4,930	20%
Church of England			620,720	50,880	8%	491,540	113,640	23%

Table 16 shows the percentage of live births for which there was an infant baptism/thanksgiving in 2019 and the percentage of deaths for which there was a funeral. Whilst Table 16 shows figures for infant baptisms and thanksgivings, as has already been shown (Table 13) 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.

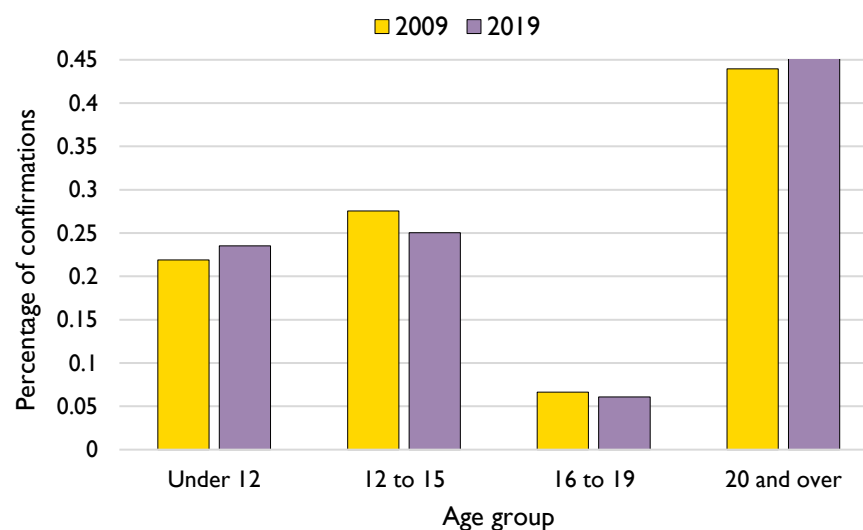
Table 17: Diocesan confirmations by gender, 2019

Ref. no.	Diocese	Province	Confirmations			Number of services
			Male	Female	Total	
1	Bath & Wells	C	65	75	140	17
2	Birmingham	C	95	125	225	20
3	Blackburn	Y	245	355	605	71
5	Bristol	C	80	115	195	17
6	Canterbury	C	85	130	220	22
7	Carlisle	Y	45	90	130	28
8	Chelmsford	C	295	460	755	56
9	Chester	Y	175	230	405	68
10	Chichester	C	110	160	270	27
11	Coventry	C	95	110	205	18
12	Derby	C	50	80	130	46
13	Durham	Y	95	170	265	22
14	Ely	C	100	85	185	29
15	Exeter	C	80	135	215	36
16	Gloucester	C	40	95	140	15
17	Guildford	C	140	195	335	29
18	Hereford	C	50	60	110	24
19	Leicester	C	60	105	165	20
20	Lichfield	C	245	380	625	81
21	Lincoln	C	90	120	210	25
22	Liverpool	Y	250	310	560	40
23	London	C	415	505	915	130
24	Manchester	Y	320	390	710	58
25	Newcastle	Y	80	75	155	30
26	Norwich	C	85	120	210	40
27	Oxford	C	430	415	845	100
28	Peterborough	C	140	185	325	52
29	Portsmouth	C	70	60	135	10
31	Rochester	C	175	230	405	41
32	St. Albans	C	200	285	480	52
33	St. Edms & Ipswich	C	55	60	115	22
34	Salisbury	C	200	340	540	34
35	Sheffield	Y	100	120	220	21
36	Sodor & Man	Y	5	10	15	3
37	Southwark	C	185	315	500	59
38	Southwell & Nottingham	Y	80	120	200	17
39	Truro	C	35	50	85	13
41	Winchester	C	70	130	200	45
42	Worcester	C	25	35	60	7
43	York	Y	140	225	365	69
44	Europe	C	90	100	190	24
46	Leeds	Y	255	330	590	83
Church of England			5,645	7,710	13,355	1,621

13,400 people were confirmed in 2019, at 1,600 confirmation services.

Of those people confirmed in 2019, 58% were female. Since 2009, the annual number of confirmations has fallen from 25,000 to 13,400. The age distribution of those being confirmed in 2019 was similar to that of those being confirmed in 2009 (Figure 17).

Figure 17: Age distribution of confirmations, 2009 and 2019

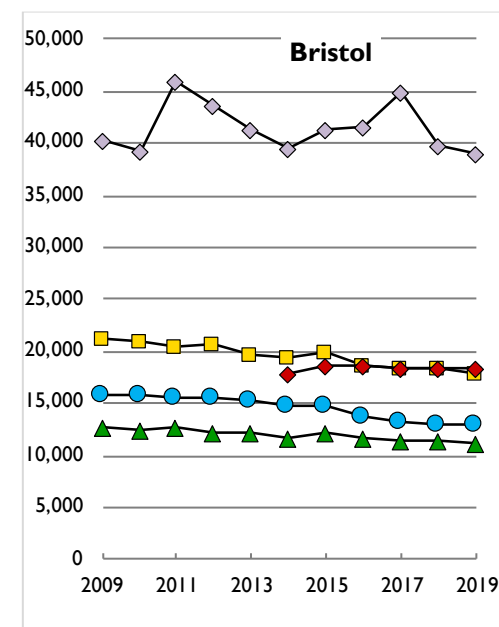
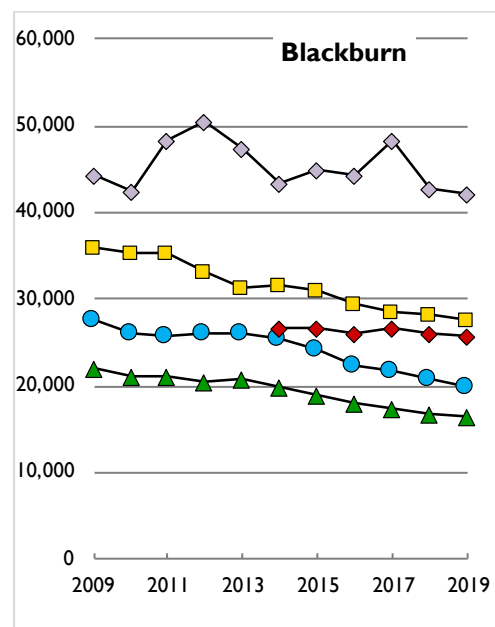
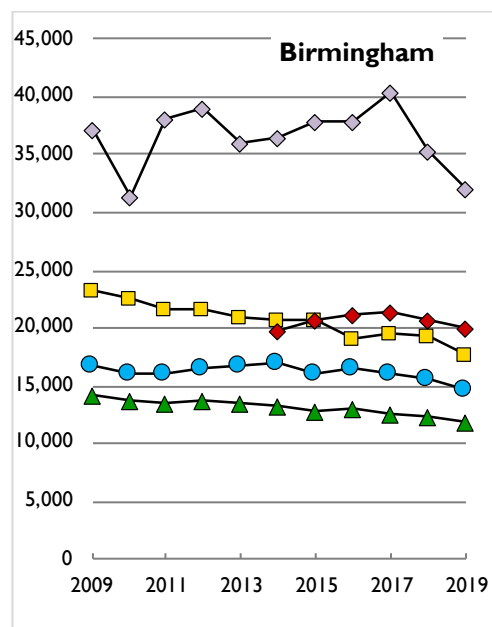
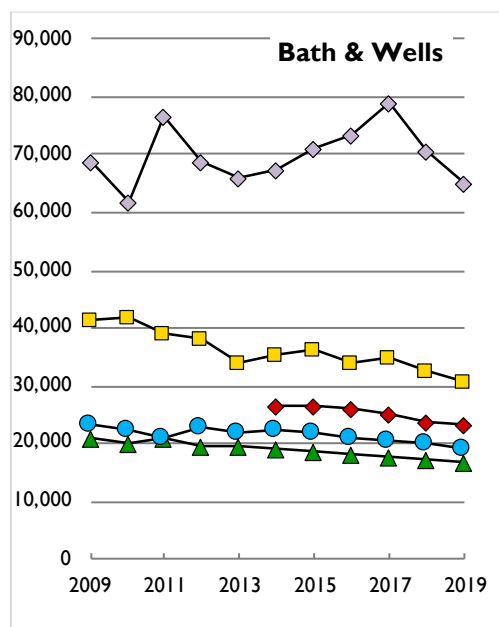


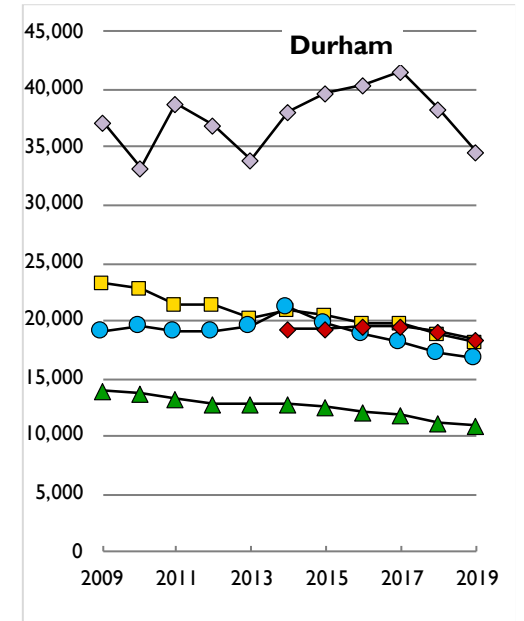
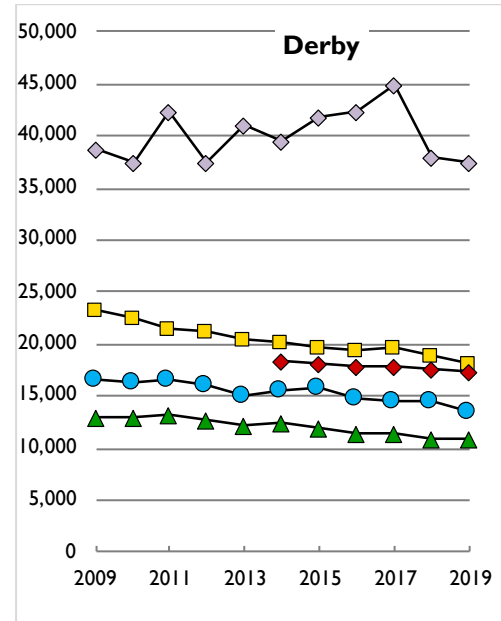
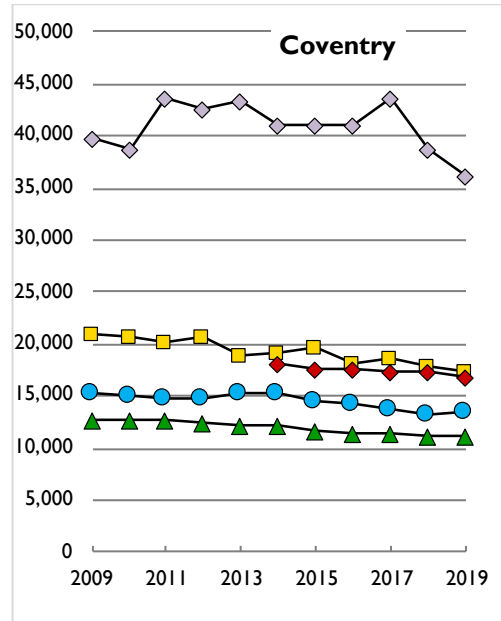
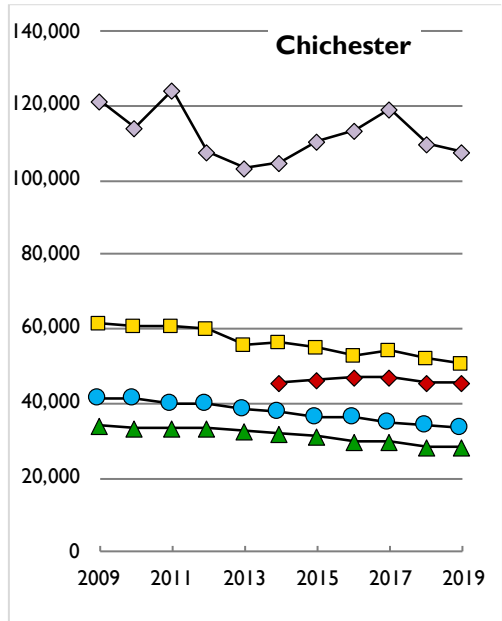
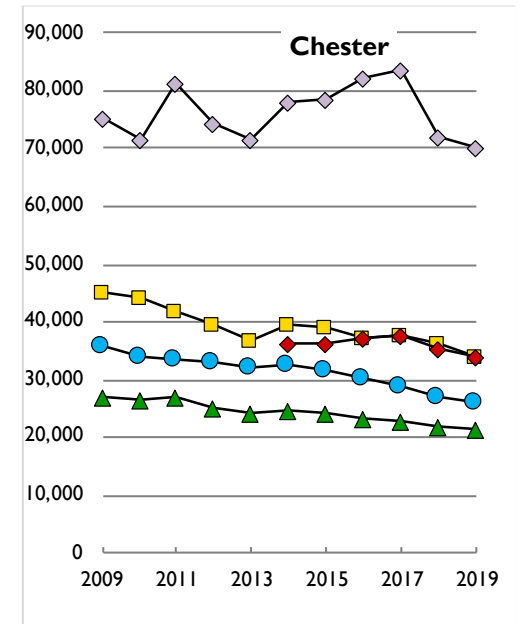
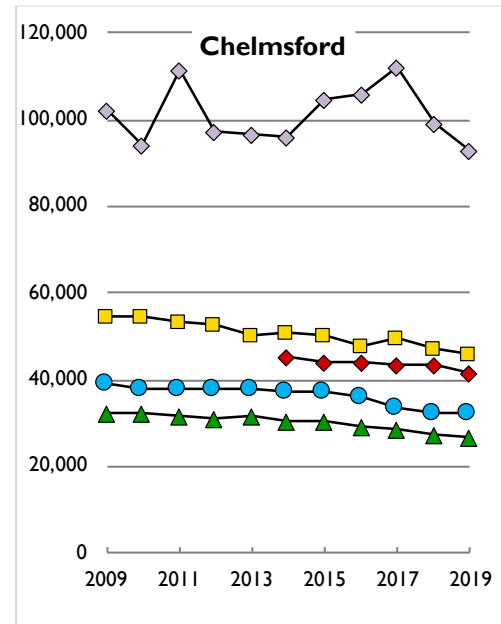
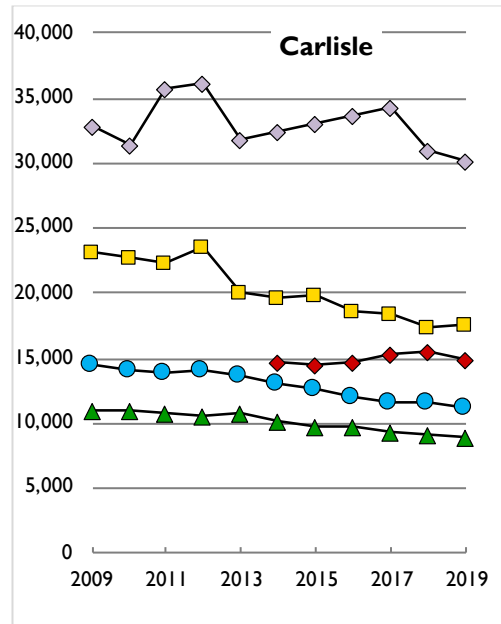
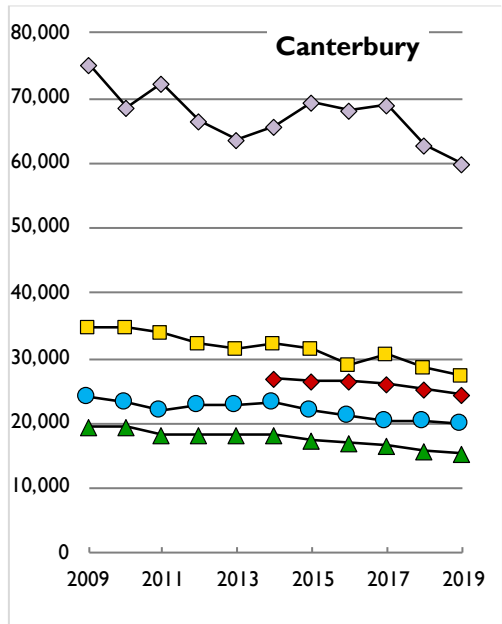
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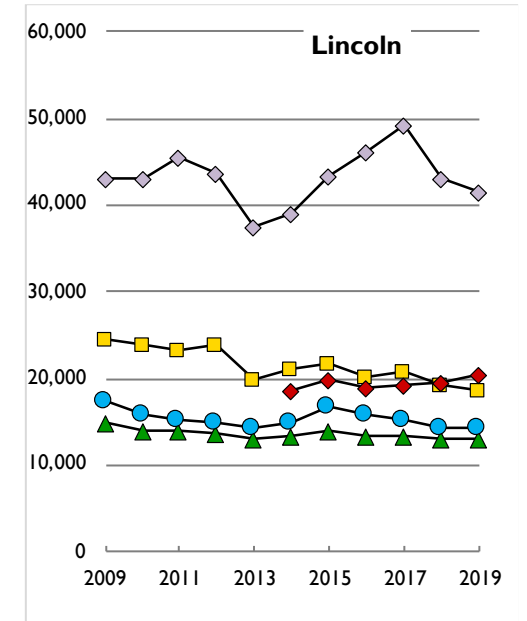
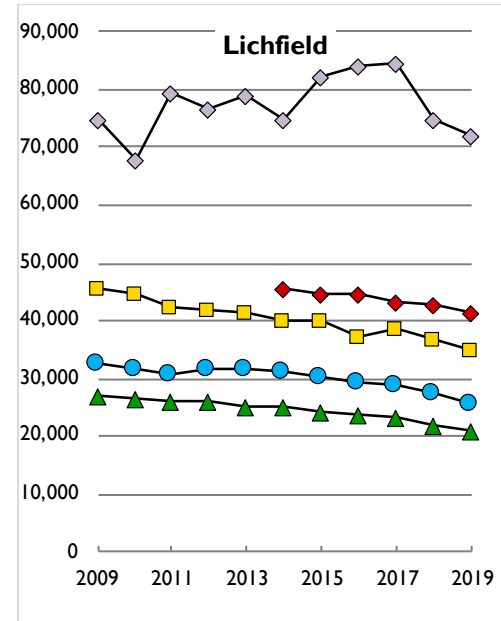
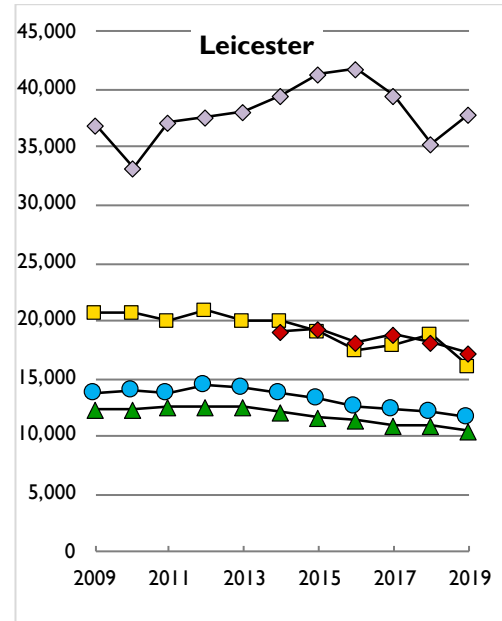
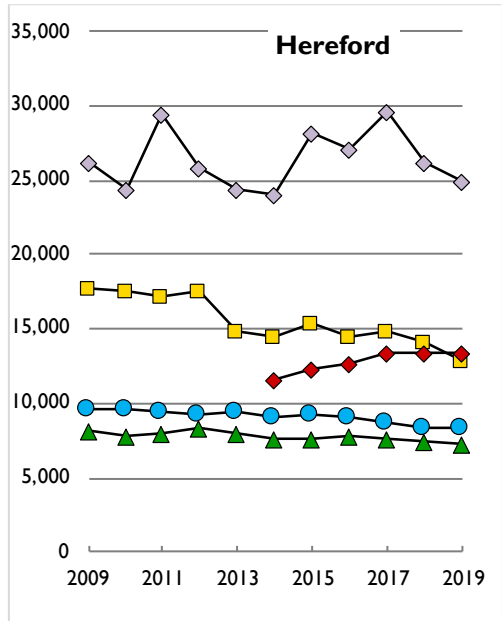
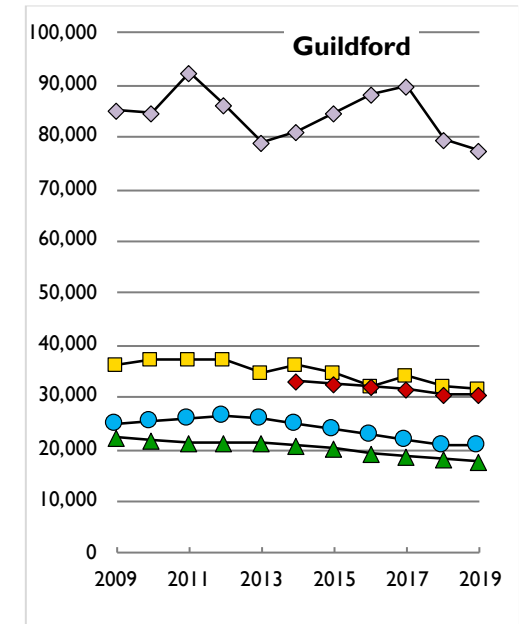
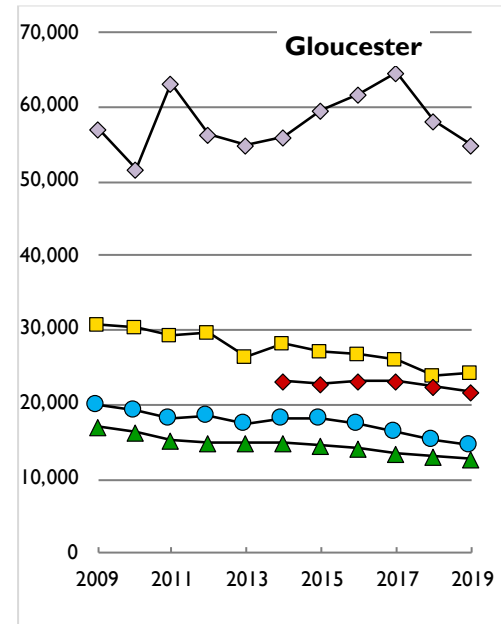
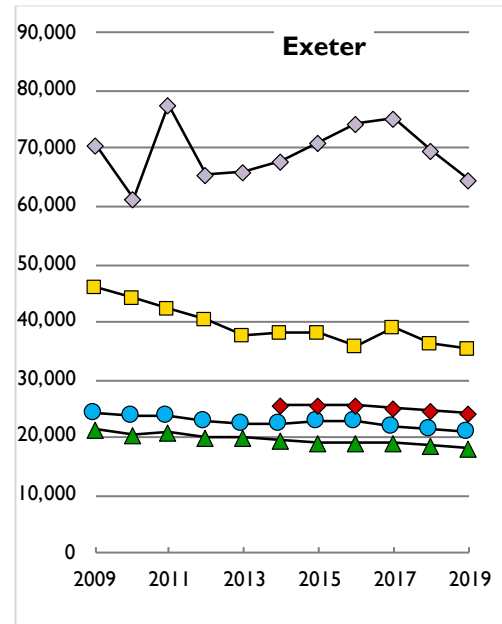
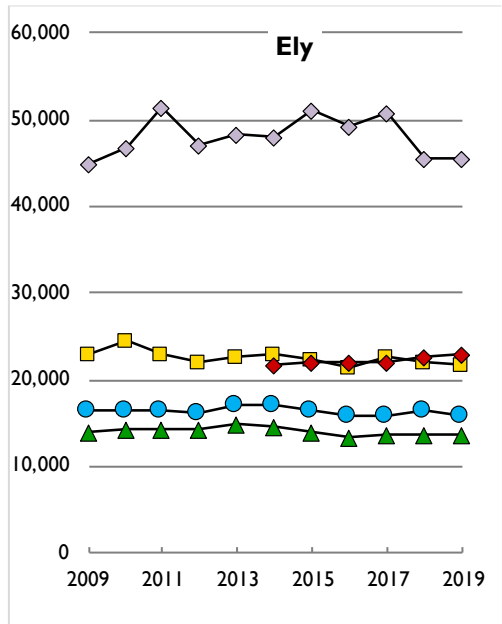
Diocesan summary of participation, 2009-2019

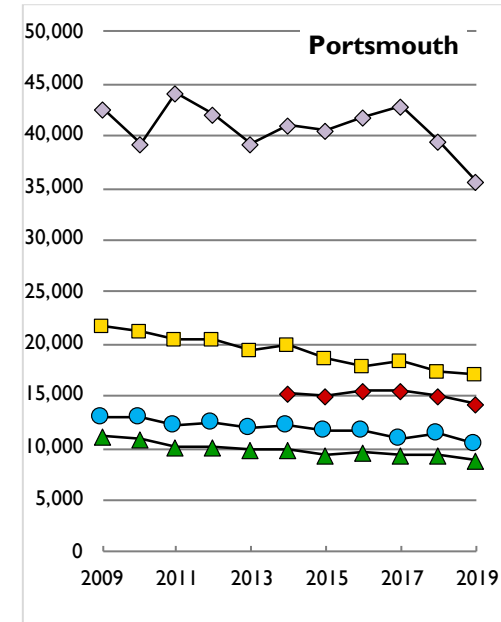
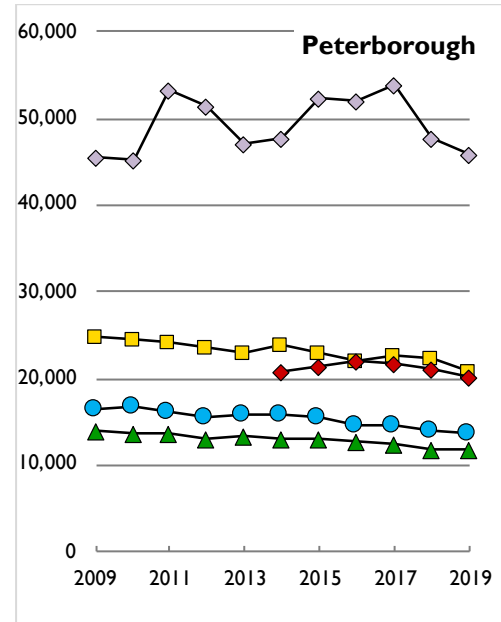
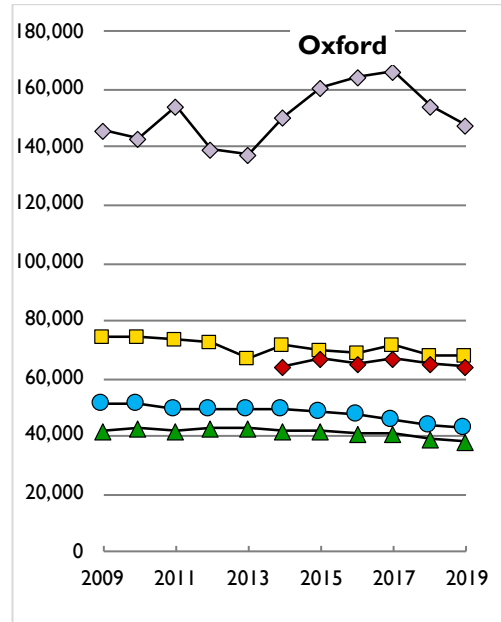
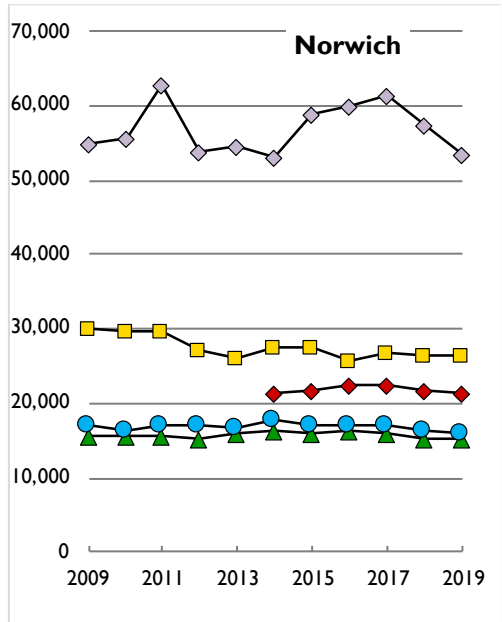
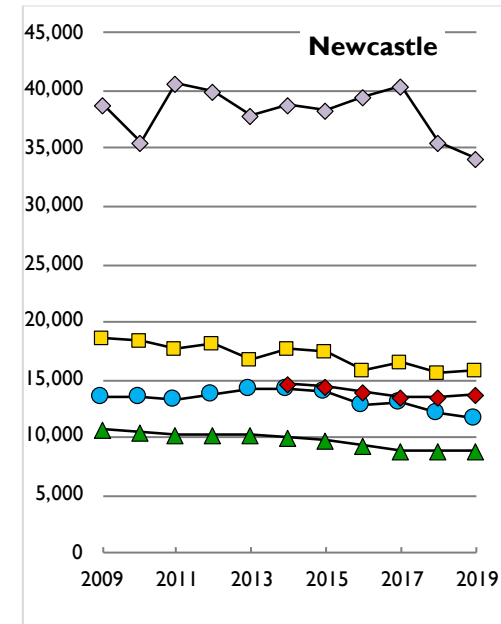
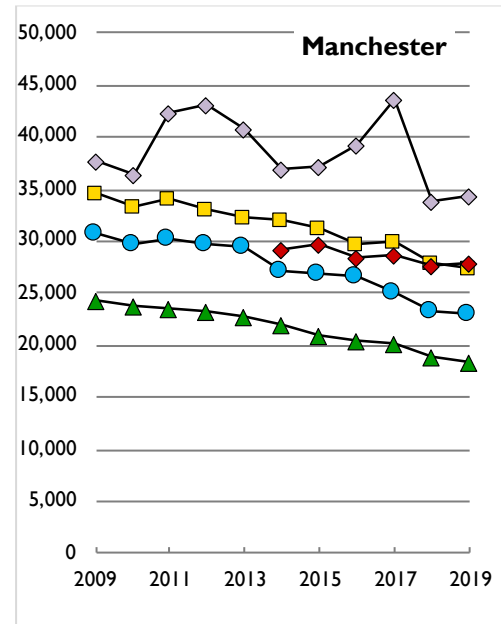
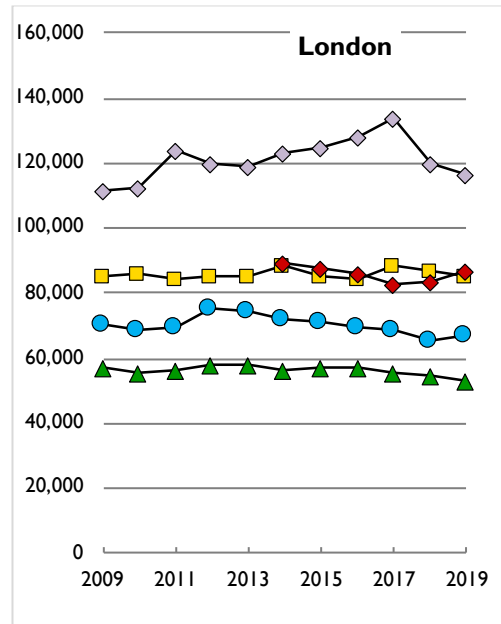
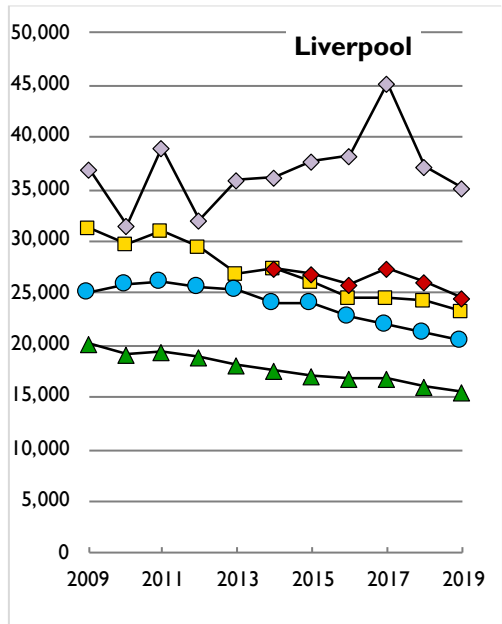
The graphs below show the levels of participation within each diocese from 2009-2019 as measured by Adult average weekly attendance plus Child average Sunday attendance (based on the October count); Usual Sunday attendance; Christmas attendance; and Easter attendance. Worshipping Community figures are shown from 2014-2019. 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.

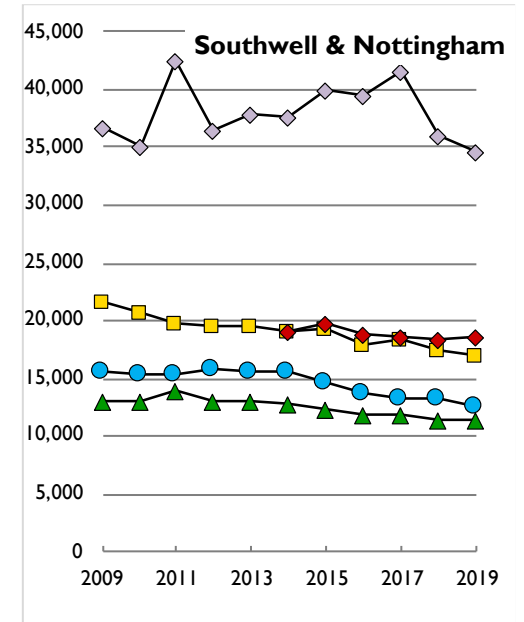
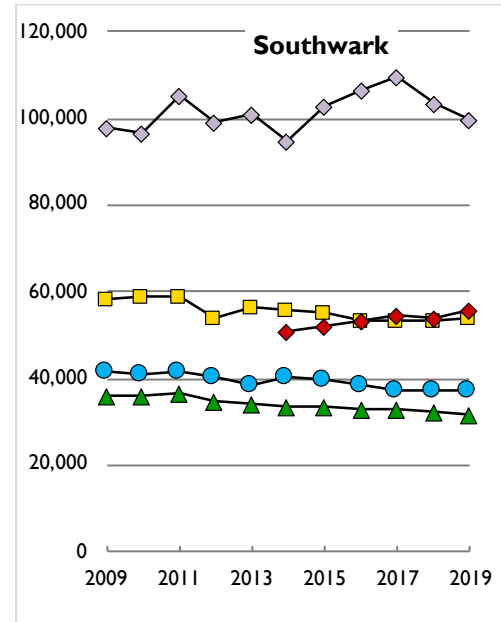
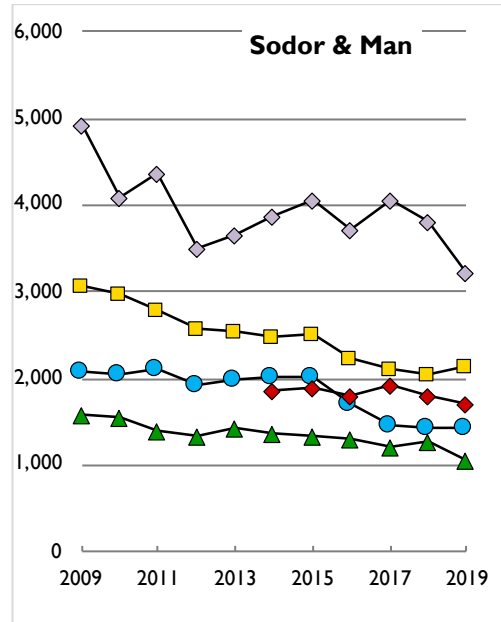
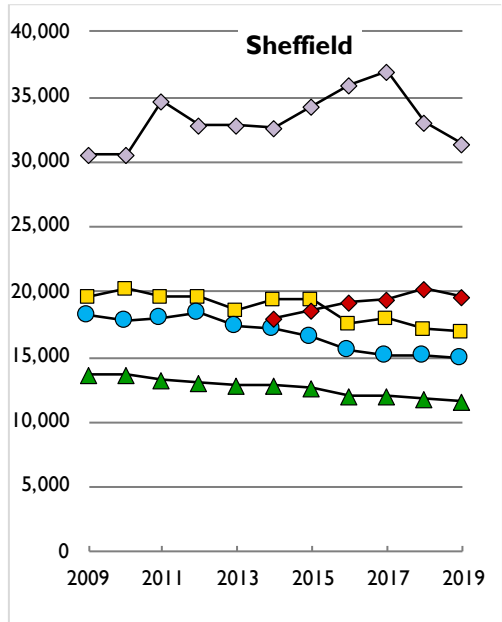
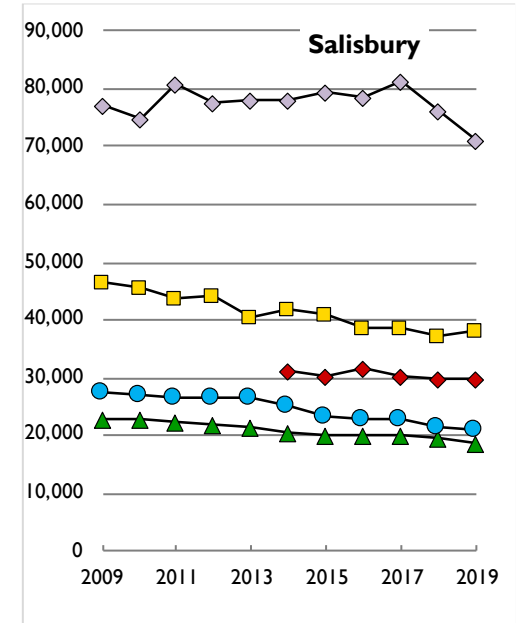
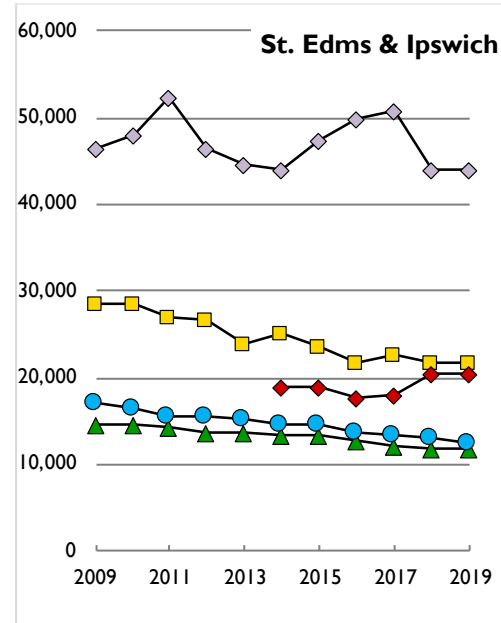
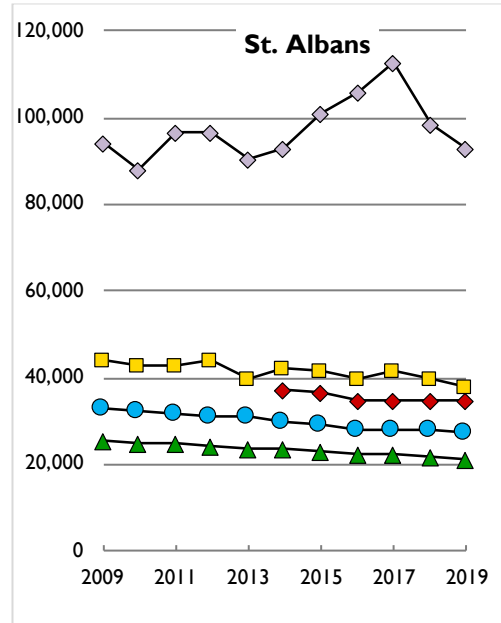
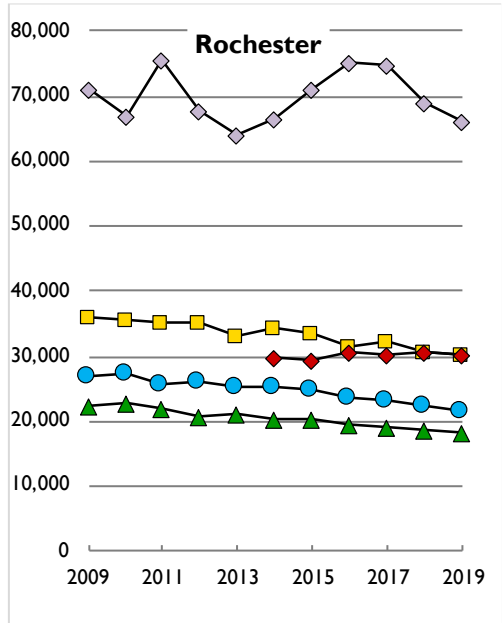
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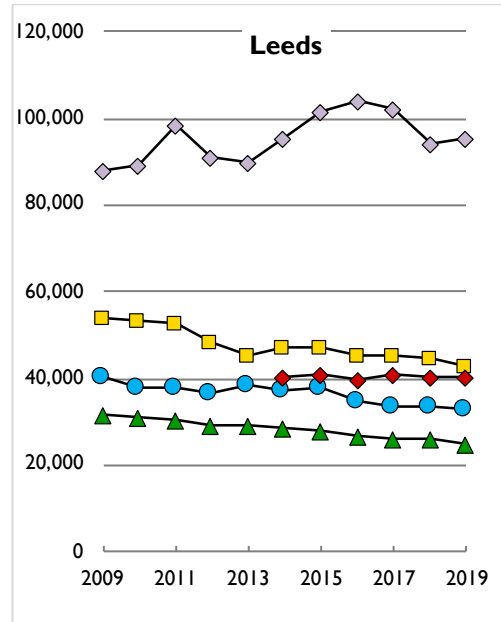
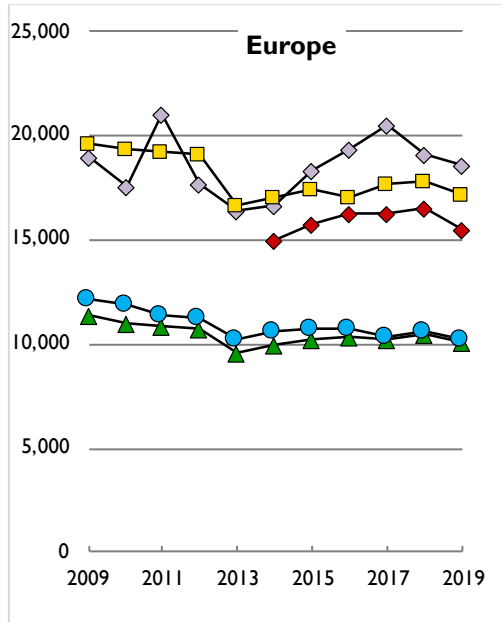
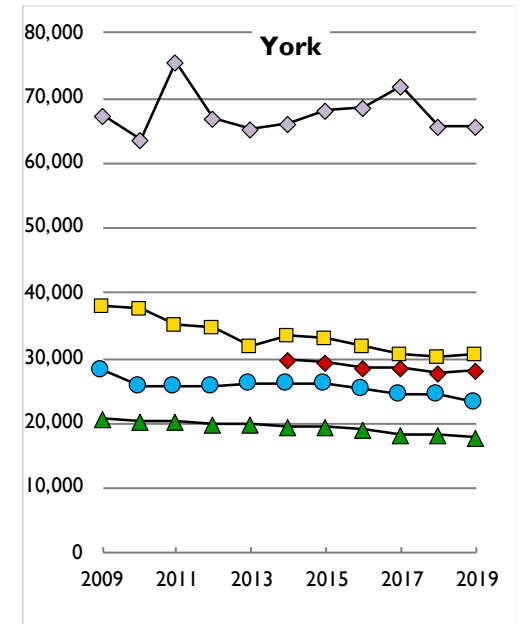
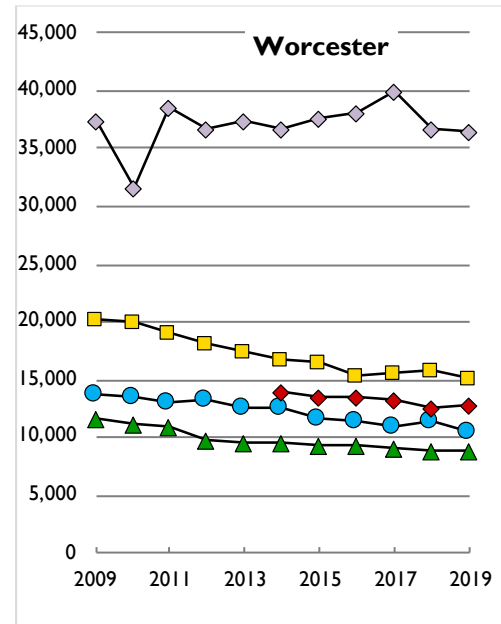
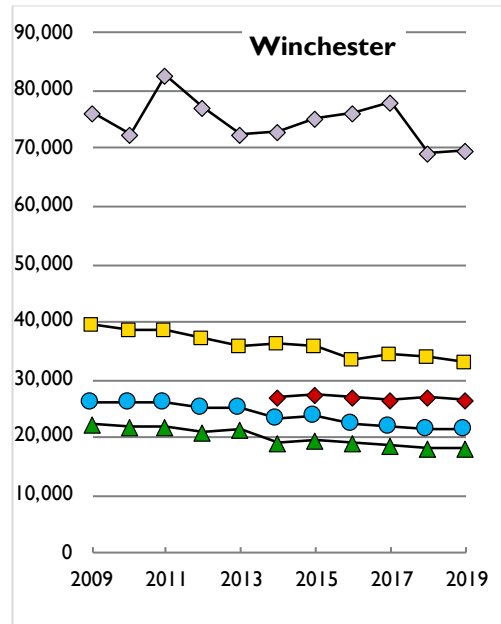
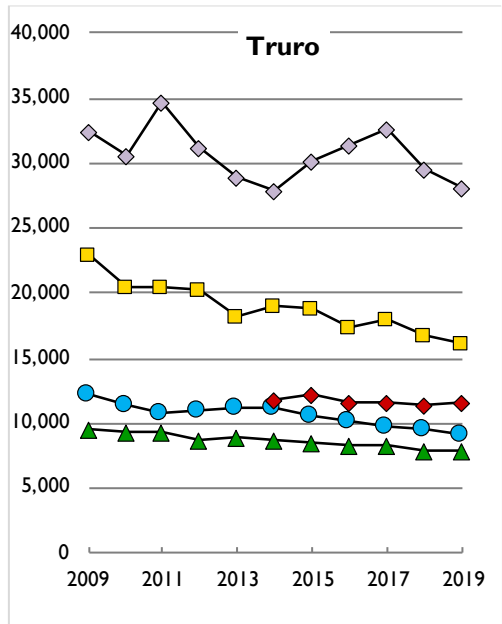












Methodology

This report uses data submitted through annual Statistics for Mission returns from churches, and from government statistics. The majority (89%) of the Church of England's almost 16,000 churches submitted complete data (down from 90% in 2018). 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 2019 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 several 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 2019, 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 2019, as 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 June 2020, 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 2020. 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 2019. 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 2019 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 2018, 2019 submissions were used to improve previously-published estimates. Late returns from 2018, received after Statistics for Mission 2018 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 2015-2018 were used to estimate missing 2019 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 4.0.2.

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 89% of all Church of England churches in 2019. 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 and young people (aged under 16).
- Worshipping Community age groups are 0-10; 11-17; 18-69, and 70+, while leavers and joiners are categorised as adults (aged 18+) and children and young people (aged under 18).
- Baptisms and thanksgivings are categorised as infants (aged <1 year); children aged 1-4 years; children aged 5-10 years; young people aged 11-17, and adults (aged 18+); this is a slight change from the age groups used in previous years, when there was a group for children aged 5-12 and young people/adults aged 13 and over were grouped together.

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. While changes may provide useful information, they 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. This clarification resulted in a more logical question, but 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. 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 midweek fresh expressions of Church.

Parish-level trends

Figures for all churches within a parish were aggregated to produce parish-level attendance figures from 2009-2019. 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 2009 or 2010 and in 2018 or 2019 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 2009 of 400 people whose reported attendance increased by one person each year until 2019 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 1st January 2019 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.

As in recent years, figures for the Channel Islands are included in the Diocese of Canterbury. To allow meaningful assessment of trends, Channel Island figures are likewise included in the Diocese of Canterbury for previous years.

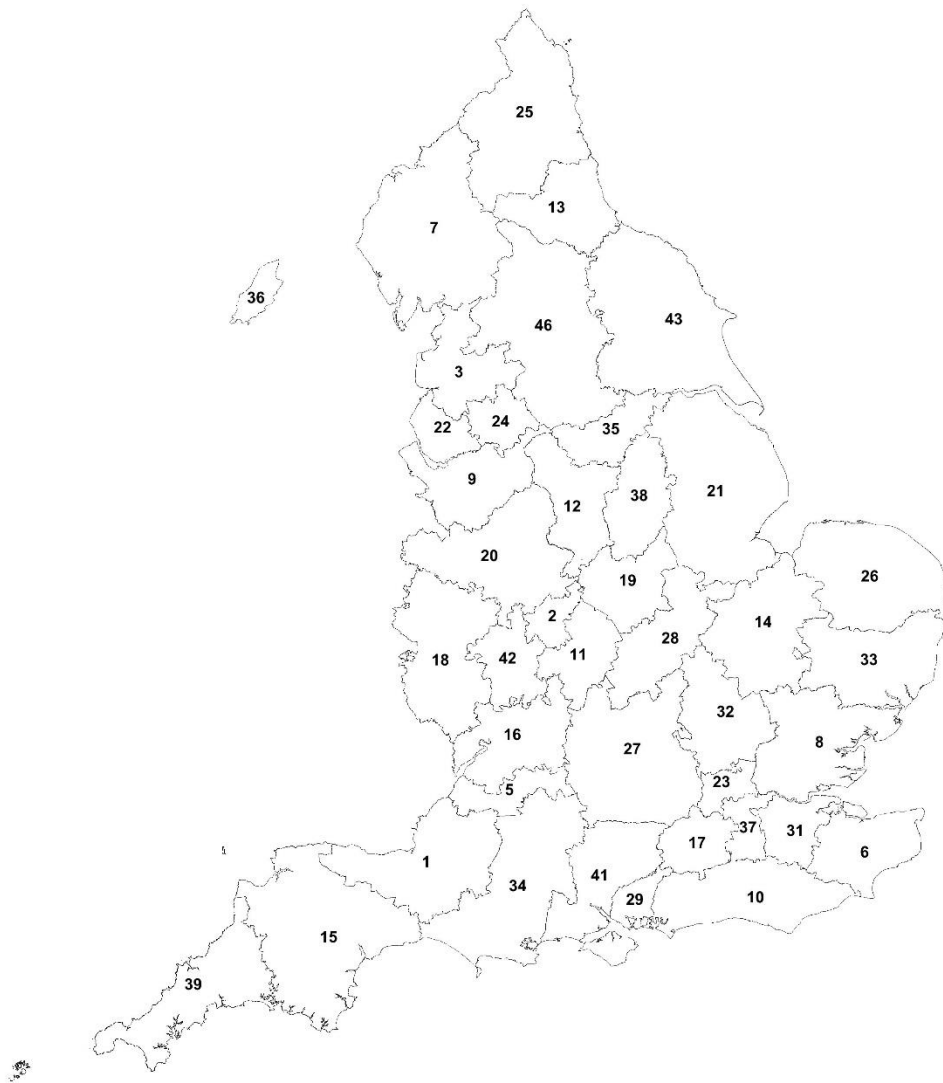
Population data

Diocesan population statistics were 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 were used wherever possible; population estimates and numbers of births and deaths are from mid-2019; 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; data for the Channel Islands have been taken from http://countrymeters.info/en/Channel_Islands (both accessed 27th August 2020). 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, 2019



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 1st January 2019 to match the structure on which data have been collected.



Statistics for Mission: January to December 2019

Church name:	Parish name:
Deanery:	Diocese:

Reminder: please complete this form online if possible

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

The online returns system includes existing information about your church. 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 or conducting funeral services at crematoria - are shared between several churches then please ensure, where possible, 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 have submitted a separate return. For help in identifying fresh expressions of Church please use the "Choice tree" at the end of this form or visit <https://freshexpressions.org.uk/about/what-is-a-fresh-expression/>
- ✓ 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 several 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*):

* N.B. church codes are not needed if you are planning to submit this return online.

1a. How many people were on the ecclesiastical Electoral Roll for your parish, as reported at your Annual Parochial Church meeting in 2019?

✓ 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 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 23rd 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 2019?

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 2019?

- ✓ Include attendance at special services – e.g. nativities, carol services, carols on the green, crib services - run by your church from Advent Sunday until 23rd December

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	

5. How many people came to your church at Christmas 2019?

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).

You are asked to enter a count for each of the first 4 weeks of October 2019. 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 **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 use the "Choice tree" at the end of this form or visit <https://freshexpressions.org.uk/about/what-is-a-fresh-expression/>
- ✓ 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 2019?

- ✓ 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 2019, 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 6 th October							
Weekdays 7 th -12 th							

2.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 13 th October							
Weekdays 14 th - 19 th							

3.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 20 th October							
Weekdays 21 st -26 th							

4.	Number of services	Adult			Children and young people		
		Church	Fresh expressions	School service	Church	Fresh expressions	School service
Sunday 27 th October							
Weekdays 28 th -2 nd Nov							

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: ☐

The following questions are about your “worshipping community”. Think about your regular worshipping community at the end of 2019. For more information about worshipping communities, please refer to <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 2019

8. How many people were in your “worshipping community” at the end of 2019?

- ✓ Please complete all 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 2019?

- ✓ 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”

9a. How many adults and children joined your worshipping community during 2019?

	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 2019?

	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 use the “Choice tree” at the end of this form or visit <https://freshexpressions.org.uk/about/what-is-a-fresh-expression/>. If you remain unsure about whether an activity or service meets the definition of a fresh expression, please DO include it here
- ✓ If you have more than three fresh expressions of Church, 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 2019 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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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+
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11. How many baptisms and thanksgivings for the gift of a child were held in your church during 2019?

✓ 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 (5-10 years)	Young people (11-17 years)	Adults (18+)
Number of persons baptised					
Number of persons for whom a birth or adoption thanksgiving service was held					

12. How many marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriage were held in your church during 2019?

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

13. How many funeral services were held at or on behalf of your church during 2019?

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

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, cemetery, or other non-church location, excluding committal only & burial of ashes only	
Number of deceased for whom a committal only or a burial of ashes only was conducted by a member of your ministry team	

Looking back across 2019, 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?

14. Finally, there is a special focus question about social action. Churches' engagement with their communities and responses 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

Please tick all that apply to your church Please tick as many columns as apply for each activity	Our church is responsible for running this activity	Our church hosts this activity in its own building(s)	Our church does this activity in partnership with others (e.g. a church, charity, community group, faith group)	Our church supports this activity in other ways e.g. volunteers, donations
Community cafe				
Food bank				
Holiday/ Breakfast/ After-school clubs for children				
Lunch club, coffee morning, or similar hospitality for older people				
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). Blank answers may be queried with you later.

Please record below the contact details for the person who has completed this form.

Name:

Position:

Email address:

Date of completion:

Identifying fresh expressions of Church: fresh expression choice tree

