

Cathedral Statistics 2020

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Summary

The COVID-19 pandemic had a marked impact on the worshipping activities of Church of England cathedrals in 2020.

The restrictions that were in place for much of 2020 meant that the numbers of people coming to cathedrals, both for services and as visitors, were lower in 2020 than in typical years. The numbers of baptisms and marriages were also lower than in previous years. Numbers of funerals were steady, but with a sizeable shift from funerals held in the cathedral to funerals held on behalf of the cathedral in crematoria and cemeteries.

The majority of cathedrals offered services online, both during the March to July 2020 lockdown, and during October 2020 when in-person services were permitted.

For some aspects of cathedral life, the numbers of people participating remained steady in 2020, including the numbers of cathedral choristers, volunteers, and the number of people on cathedral Community Rolls.

Where comparable information is available, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the worshipping activities of cathedrals was very similar in many ways to its impact on other Church of England churches.

Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic presented a significant challenge for the worshipping activities of Church of England cathedrals in 2020. The restrictions that were in place for much of 2020 meant that many normal cathedral activities could only take place remotely, could only take place in person with reduced numbers, or could not take place at all. The result was a year where patterns of cathedral worship were markedly different from usual; in person attendance was far lower in 2020 than in 2019, and all cathedrals offered “Church at Home” services (services offered online, by post, phone, or email) during the March to July 2020 lockdown and subsequently. Perhaps unsurprisingly, many of the changes we have observed in patterns of cathedral worship in this report broadly resemble those that occurred for Church of England churches, as reported in our 2020 Statistics for Mission report¹.

Due to the challenging circumstances faced by cathedrals at the time, we adapted the questions asked of cathedrals in their annual return; some familiar questions were removed or amended to suit the circumstances; cathedrals were in addition asked about “Church at Home” services run by cathedrals, both during the March to July lockdown and in October 2020 when in person services were permitted. The same “Church at Home” question was asked of other Church of England churches as part of their annual Statistics for Mission return.

We do not consider the 2020 figures to be comparable to those from a “typical” year for cathedrals. For this reason we have not reported data totals in a time series as in previous years’ cathedrals reports. We have instead reported 2019 totals in comparison to imputed totals for 2020, as well as the ratio and percentage change between 2019 and 2020². The imputed 2020 totals were calculated

¹ <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-12/2020StatisticsForMission.pdf>

² To ensure consistency with previous years’ reports, figures from Westminster Abbey do not form part of the 2019 cathedral total figures or the imputed 2020 figures

by estimating missing data for the cathedrals that were unable to submit a return in 2020 and should be treated as indicative only. Please see the methodology section for details on how these imputed totals were calculated.

All data in the tables in this report are rounded to the nearest 10 or 100, where appropriate, while percentage changes are rounded to the nearest whole number. Where data are greater than zero but fewer than 5, “<5” is shown. Totals and percentages are calculated from unrounded data and totals are shown in bold. Data for 2019 may have been updated since earlier reports.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, cathedrals made huge efforts to continue to offer worship in various forms, and to continue to serve their congregations and communities. It is undeniable that the global pandemic has had a negative impact on cathedral life, as it has on many other facets of life; we stress that none of the figures in this report should be treated as a criticism of anything that cathedrals have been doing or not doing. If anything, the fact that cathedrals could still do so much in a year when so much ceased should be celebrated.

In person attendance

Regular (in-person) attendance

Table 1 shows average in-person Sunday, midweek (combined attendance at all services from Monday to Saturday) and total weekly attendance for adults and children for cathedrals in 2019 and 2020.

Unsurprisingly, weekly attendance at cathedral services was much lower in 2020 than in 2019. Total attendance during midweek showed a bigger reduction (75%) than Sunday attendance (52%). The reductions in attendance for adults and children were more or less the same (66% and 63%).

Table 1: In-person Sunday and midweek attendance at Church of England cathedrals, per week, 2019 and 2020 (imputed)³

		2019	2020	ratio	change
Sunday Attendance (per week)	Under 16	2,300	950	41%	-59%
	16 and over	15,300	7,600	50%	-50%
	All ages	17,600	8,600	49%	-51%
Midweek Attendance (per week)	Under 16	4,600	1,400	30%	-70%
	16 and over	15,100	3,600	24%	-76%
	All ages	19,700	5,000	25%	-75%
Total Weekly Attendance (per week)	Under 16	6,900	2,300	34%	-66%
	16 and over	30,300	11,300	37%	-63%
	All ages	37,200	13,600	37%	-63%

³ N.B. In 2019 the question asked about “usual” attendance; while in 2020 it asked about attendance during October, since it would be hard to define what was meant by a “usual” Sunday in 2020. This difference may affect the comparability of the figures between years.

Christmas and Advent

Table 2 shows the imputed total number of people attending Church of England cathedrals on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (in-person). All data include adults, children and young people, clergy and laity, and the attendance figure includes both communicants and those that did not receive communion. Table 2 also shows imputed in-person attendance of services during Advent, i.e. Advent Sunday to 23 December.

The decrease in in-person Christmas attendance in 2020 relative to 2019 figures was smaller in both absolute and relative terms for communicants (a decrease of ~21,800 people, or 68%) than for non-communicants (a decrease of ~89,300 people, or 89%). There were approximately 1.1 non-communicants for every communicant attending Cathedral services in-person on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day in 2020, compared to 3.1 non-communicants for every communicant in 2019.

Overall Christmas attendance in 2020 was down by 84% relative to 2019, while Advent attendance was down by 91%.

Table 2: Christmas communicants & in-person attendance and in-person Advent attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2019 and 2020 (imputed)

		2019	2020	Ratio	change
Christmas	Communicants	32,000	10,200	32%	-68%
	Non-communicants	100,300	11,000	11%	-89%
	Ratio of non-communicants to communicants	3.1	1.1	-	-
	Total attendance	132,300	21,200	16%	-84%
Advent	Total attendance	665,200	62,000	9%	-91%

Occasional Offices

Baptisms and Thanksgivings

During 2020, there were an estimated 90 baptisms and 5 thanksgivings conducted in all Church of England cathedrals. There were 87% fewer baptisms and 33% fewer thanksgivings in 2020 than in 2019.

Table 3: Baptism and Thanksgiving services held at Church of England cathedrals, 2019 and 2020 (imputed)

		2019	2020	Ratio	change
Baptism Services	Infants under one year	220	40	16%	-84%
	Children aged 1 to 4 years	130	30	22%	-78%
	Children aged 5 to 10 years	60	20	26%	-74%
	Youth (Aged 11-17)	80	5	8%	-92%
	Adults (18+)	250	10	3%	-97%
	Total baptisms	740	90	13%	-87%
Thanksgiving Services	Total thanksgiving services	10	5	67%	-33%

Marriage, Funeral and Memorial services

An estimated 60 marriage services took place in Church of England cathedrals in 2020, a decrease of 180, or 73%, from the 2019 figure. Blessings of marriage services were reduced by 20, or 72%. The number of marriage services shown in Table 4 includes couples newly married in the relevant year, whilst blessings of marriage includes those services with prayer and dedication in the cathedral after a civil marriage, and does not include the renewal of vows.

The total number of funeral services, shown in Table 4, is broken down by the number of services held in the cathedral and the number of services conducted on behalf of the cathedral at a crematorium or cemetery (excluding committal or burial of ashes only). In each case, the number of funerals include those conducted on behalf of the cathedral or parish by any minister, including stipendiary, self-supporting and retired clergy.

The estimated total number of funeral services in 2020 was 300, a reduction of 60, or 17%, from the 2019 figure. There was a 49% decrease in the number of funerals held in the cathedral, and a 95% increase in services conducted on behalf of the cathedral at a crematorium or cemetery. It is reasonable to suppose that many of these external funeral services would have ordinarily been held within the cathedral were it not for the COVID-19 restrictions that were in place for much of 2020.

Table 4: Marriage, Funeral and Memorial services held at Church of England cathedrals, 2019 and 2020 (imputed)

		2019	2020	Ratio	change
Marriage Services	Marriages	240	60	27%	-73%
	Blessings of marriage	30	10	28%	-72%
	Total marriage services	270	70	27%	-73%
Funeral Services	In Cathedrals	280	140	51%	-49%
	At Crematoria/ Cemeteries	80	160	195%	95%
	Total funeral services	360	300	83%	-17%
Memorial Services	Memorial Services	166	40	24%	-76%

Education

Cathedral school attendance

Table 5 shows the number of students attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals, broken down by age / year groups. The data relate to schools or academies that are part of a cathedral foundation or have formal links/relationship with a cathedral during the academic year.

In 2020, 30,900 students were imputed to be attending cathedral schools or schools formally associated with cathedrals. This section is based on the 26 cathedrals that reported having students attending their schools in 2020, which is an increase of one from the 25 cathedrals that provided information in 2019.

The largest proportion of those attending cathedral schools in 2020 was at secondary / senior level, which accounted for 57% of all students reported and consistently accounts for the highest proportion of students every year. Primary / prep accounted for the next highest proportion in 2020 (21%), followed by 16-18 year olds (12%), nursery / pre-prep (9%) and 18+ (<1%).

Table 5: Number of children and young people attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals, 2019 and 2020 (imputed)⁴

	2019	2020	ratio	change ⁵
KS1: Nursery / Pre-prep	1,500	2,800	187%	87%
Cathedrals	(18)	(18)		
KS2: Primary / Prep	3,900	6,600	169%	69%
Cathedrals	(23)	(23)		
KS3/4: Secondary / Senior	13,900	17,500	126%	26%
Cathedrals	(21)	(20)		
16 - 18	3,300	3,700	112%	12%
Cathedrals	(12)	(14)		
18 +	60	140	233%	133%
Cathedrals	(1)	(2)		
Total	22,800	30,900	136%	36%

For reference, ages and school groups for Key Stages are as follows:

- Key Stage 1 (KS1): Ages 5-7 / Years 1 and 2
- Key Stage 2 (KS2): Ages 7-11 / Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Key Stage 3 (KS3): Ages 11-14 / Years 7, 8 and 9
- Key Stage 4 (KS4): Ages 14-16 / Years 10 and 11
- 16 – 18: Those in further education such as in sixth form or college, for example Years 12, 13 and 14
- 18+: Those in higher education, for example university

⁴ Not all cathedrals responded to this question; the “Cathedrals” rows show (in brackets) the total number of cathedrals that provided a figure greater than zero

⁵ Some outlier values were excluded from the calculations of imputed values. Please see the methodology section for more details

Visitors

The total number of visitors is shown in Table 6. Visitors are divided into people paying or donating at the point of entry and those who do not pay but possibly donated at alms boxes. The visitors figure excludes those attending services and events mentioned elsewhere in this report.

In 2020, there were an estimated 3.2 million visitors to Church of England cathedrals. This was a 67% drop from the 9.7 million visitors reported in 2019. Paying or donating visitors accounted for 23% of all visitors (720,000 people) to cathedrals in 2020, down from 39% of all visitors in 2019.

Table 6: Visitors at Church of England cathedrals, 2019 and 2020 (imputed)

	2019	2020	Ratio	change
Paying/ Donating	3,779,100	722,100	19%	-81%
Other visitors	5,951,300	2,446,000	41%	-59%
Total number of visitors	9,730,400	3,168,100	33%	-67%

Volunteers and Community Roll

Table 7 shows the total number of people volunteering at Church of England cathedrals (including servers, welcomers, stewards, flower arrangers, committee members and other unpaid posts). The number of people on cathedrals' Community Rolls is also shown in Table 7. Lay members aged 16 years and over, who are baptised and are resident in the cathedral parish or, if not resident, have habitually attended public worship in the cathedral during a period of six months prior to enrolment, are entitled to have their names entered upon the roll of a cathedral.

There were just under 15,000 people estimated to have volunteered in cathedrals during 2020. This is only slightly smaller than the figure for 2019 (only 1,000 people, or 6%, fewer), despite the pandemic.

The figure of 13,500 for Community Roll in 2020 is unchanged from 2019, and so appears unaffected by the pandemic.

Table 7: Volunteers and Community Roll at Church of England cathedrals, 2019 and 2020 (imputed)

	2019	2020	ratio	change
Volunteers	15,700	14,700	94%	-6%
Community Roll (annual figure)	13,500	13,500	100%	-0%

Music in Cathedrals

Regular choristers

Table 8 shows numbers of Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, broken down into youth choirs (boys and girls) and adult choirs (men and women).

In 2020, 1,400 youth choristers and 420 lay clerks / choral scholars (i.e. adults) were imputed as providing choral music for cathedrals. The total number of choristers and choir members across all ages has decreased slightly compared to 2019 (9%).

The decrease in numbers of child choristers (100) was larger in absolute terms than adult choristers (110), but is smaller in relative terms (6% and 17% respectively).

Table 8: Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, 2019 and 2020 (imputed)

		2019	2020	Ratio	change
Child choristers	Boys	730	650	90%	-10%
	Girls	770	750	97%	-3%
	Total children	1,500	1,400	94%	-6%
Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars	Men	430	350	82%	-18%
	Women	80	70	84%	-16%
	Total adults	510	420	83%	-17%
Total choristers	Total choristers	2,000	1,800	91%	-9%

Voluntary choirs

Numbers of choristers in voluntary choirs in Church of England cathedrals are shown in Table 9.

Voluntary choirs in previous cathedrals reports have consistently reported slightly fewer members than in cathedral choirs, with a higher proportion of adults relative to children and women relative to men, and this general pattern is unchanged in the imputed 2020 data. There has been a greater relative decrease in the number of voluntary child choristers (29%), compared to cathedral child choristers (6%), while the relative decreases in adult voluntary and cathedral choristers have been fairly similar (12% and 17% respectively).

Overall the absolute (~300 people) and relative (17%) decrease in voluntary choir membership has been greater than the equivalent change for cathedral choirs (~200 people, or 9%).

Table 9: Number of Voluntary Choir members in Church of England cathedrals, 2019 and 2020 (imputed)

		2019	2020	Ratio	change
Child choristers	Boys	190	130	71%	-29%
	Girls	300	200	70%	-30%
	Total children	480	340	71%	-29%
Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars	Men	480	410	87%	-13%
	Women	800	710	89%	-11%
	Total adults	1,300	1,100	88%	-12%
Total choristers	Total choristers	1,800	1,500	83%	-17%

Numbers of choirs

In 2020, the numbers of male, female and mixed choirs in cathedrals were imputed at 30, 30 and 90 respectively (Table 10). This gives a total of 150 regular choirs, which is a small decrease of 7% against the equivalent figure in 2019.

The number of visiting choirs in 2020 was imputed at 150, an 84% decrease from the 2019 figure.

Table 10: Number of Choirs in Church of England cathedrals, 2019 and 2020 (imputed)

	2019	2020	Ratio	change
Male	38	30	88%	-12%
Female	33	30	86%	-14%
Mixed	92	90	98%	-2%
Total Number of Cathedral Choirs	160	150	93%	-7%
Visiting Choirs	970	150	16%	-84%

Musicians

Table 11 shows the number of musicians in Church of England cathedrals, broken down as regular or occasional. They are also further broken down by age and gender.

In 2020, a total of 170 regular and musicians were imputed as being involved in services at Church of England cathedrals, representing a drop of 41% from the 2019 figure. The largest absolute drop in regular musicians has been in adult male musicians. The large proportionate drops in regular girl and boy musicians are largely attributed to a single cathedral.

The total number of occasional musicians who were recorded as being involved in services at Church of England cathedrals fell from 880 in 2019 to 140 in 2020, an 84% decrease. It would appear that the pandemic had a far greater impact on occasional musicians than on regular musicians.

Table 11: Number of musicians in Church of England cathedrals, 2019 and 2020 (imputed)

		2019	2020	ratio	change ⁶
Regular	Boys	20	<5	6%	-94%
	Girls	30	10	20%	-80%
	Men	200	130	66%	-34%
	Women	40	30	77%	-23%
	Total	290	170	59%	-41%
Occasional	Boys	80	10	14%	-86%
	Girls	100	20	7%	-93%
	Men	420	80	19%	-81%
	Women	270	40	16%	-84%
	Total	880	140	16%	-84%

⁶ Some outlier values were excluded from the calculations of imputed values. Please see the methodology section for more details

Church at Home

In March 2020, in-person collective worship was suspended for the vast majority of the Church of England’s churches, and many churches and cathedrals sought to offer worship in different ways. The 2020 Cathedral Statistics return was therefore adapted to collect information about the “Church at Home” services offered by cathedrals during the March-July 2020 lockdown, and during October 2020.

Church at Home services took a variety of forms, including online services that were live-streamed or pre-recorded; telephone or dial-in services; services that were downloadable from a website or emailed to the congregation; and services that were printed and posted or hand-delivered to the homes of members of congregation. Cathedrals could potentially offer one or multiple types of Church at Home service.

Table 12 and Figure 1 show the percentages of cathedrals who offered each type of Church at Home service during the March-July 2020 lockdown and October 2020. Online services were the most frequently reported type of Church at Home, and were offered by all cathedrals during the March-July 2020 lockdown, and by most cathedrals during October 2020. Emailed or downloadable services were the second most common type of service offered, followed by postal services, then telephone services, and then other types of Church at Home.

Figure 1: Distribution of types of Church at Home services offered during the March-July lockdown 2020 and October 2020

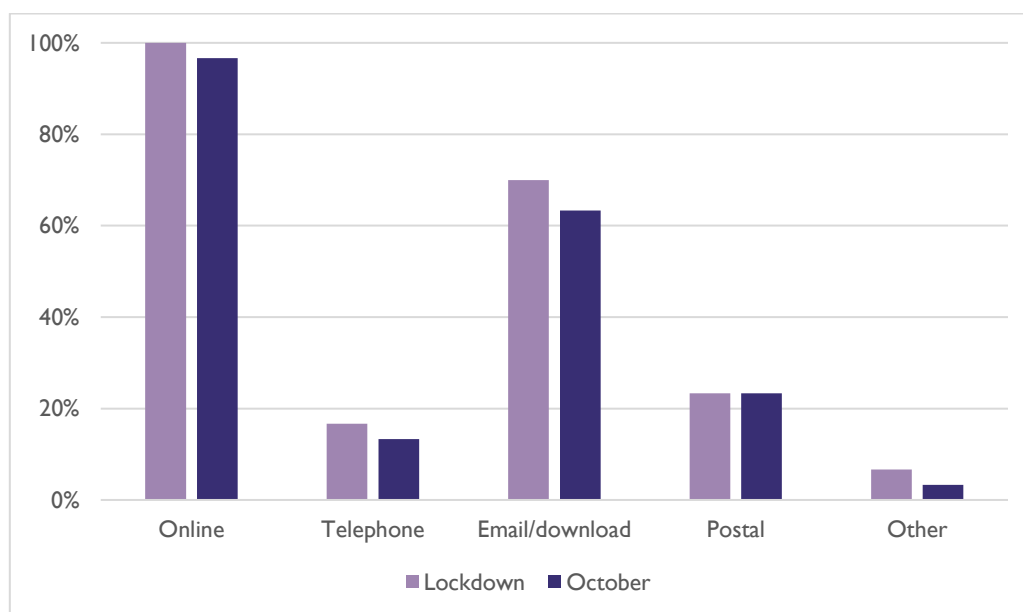


Table 12: Cathedrals offering Church at Home during the March-July 2020 Lockdown and in October 2020

	Online	Telephone	Email/download	Postal	Other
% of cathedrals (Lockdown)	100%	17%	70%	23%	7%
% of cathedrals (October)	97%	13%	63%	23%	3%

Number of weeks Church at Home offered in October 2020

Cathedrals were asked for how many weeks in October 2020 they offered Church at Home services.

As shown in Table 13, most cathedrals (90%) offered Church at Home services for four weeks in October. Of the cathedrals who did not offer Church at Home for four weeks, 3% offered Church at Home for one week, 3% for two weeks and 3% did not offer Church at Home at all in October.

Table 13: Number of weeks Church at Home services offered by Cathedrals in October 2020

	One week	Two weeks	Three weeks	Four weeks	Church at home not offered
% of cathedrals	3%	3%	0%	90%	3%

Every cathedral from which information was received offered in-person services in October 2020.

Comparison with other Church of England churches

Where comparable information is available, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on cathedrals was very similar to its impact on other Church of England churches, as published in detail in Statistics for Mission 2020⁷. The falls in attendance, baptisms, and marriages, and the impact on funeral ministry, seen in churches were similar to those seen in cathedrals.

Likewise, the response of cathedrals in offering “Church at Home” services was matched by the response of other large Church of England churches, as published in detail in Church at Home 2020⁸.

⁷ <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-12/2020StatisticsForMission.pdf>

⁸ <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-09/ChurchAtHome2020.pdf>

Appendix I: Methodology

We requested data from all 42 Church of England cathedrals in mainland England, listed below, along with Westminster Abbey (which is not a cathedral, but a Royal Peculiar). Figure 2 on the next page shows the location of cathedrals from which data were sought (names listed below, with diocese name in brackets if not already in the name of the cathedral).

Wells Cathedral (Bath and Wells diocese)	Leicester Cathedral	St Edmundsbury Cathedral (St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich diocese)
Birmingham Cathedral	Lichfield Cathedral	Salisbury Cathedral
Blackburn Cathedral	Lincoln Cathedral	Sheffield Cathedral
Bradford Cathedral (Leeds diocese)	Liverpool Cathedral	Southwark Cathedral
Bristol Cathedral	St. Paul's Cathedral (London diocese)	Southwell Minster (Southwell & Nottingham diocese)
Canterbury Cathedral	Manchester Cathedral	Truro Cathedral
Carlisle Cathedral	Newcastle Cathedral	Wakefield Cathedral (Leeds diocese)
Chelmsford Cathedral	Norwich Cathedral	Winchester Cathedral
Chester Cathedral	Christ Church Cathedral (Oxford diocese)	Worcester Cathedral
Chichester Cathedral	Peterborough Cathedral	York Minster
Coventry Cathedral	Portsmouth Cathedral	Westminster Abbey (Royal Peculiar, London)
Derby Cathedral	Ripon Cathedral (Leeds diocese)	
Durham Cathedral	Rochester Cathedral	
Ely Cathedral	Cathedral & Abbey Church of Saint Alban (St. Albans diocese)	
Exeter Cathedral		
Gloucester Cathedral		
Guildford Cathedral		
Hereford Cathedral		

Data in this report have been collated from the annual cathedral returns completed each year by Head Vergers/Cathedral Administrators and Deans. The form in Appendix 2 was sent electronically to all Church of England cathedrals, and Westminster Abbey, in December 2020. Data were checked upon the form being returned, and any anomalies or missing data queried directly with the cathedral and amended where necessary. Due to the impact of the pandemic on cathedral attendance, we used a different imputation methodology from previous years where no return was received. This bespoke imputation method is described on page 16.

Figures in this report have been rounded as appropriate, totals and averages were calculated before rounding. Therefore row and column totals will not always agree exactly with the sum of the stated amounts. Where data are smaller than 5 (but greater than zero), <5 is shown in the tables, rather than the actual number.

Response rate

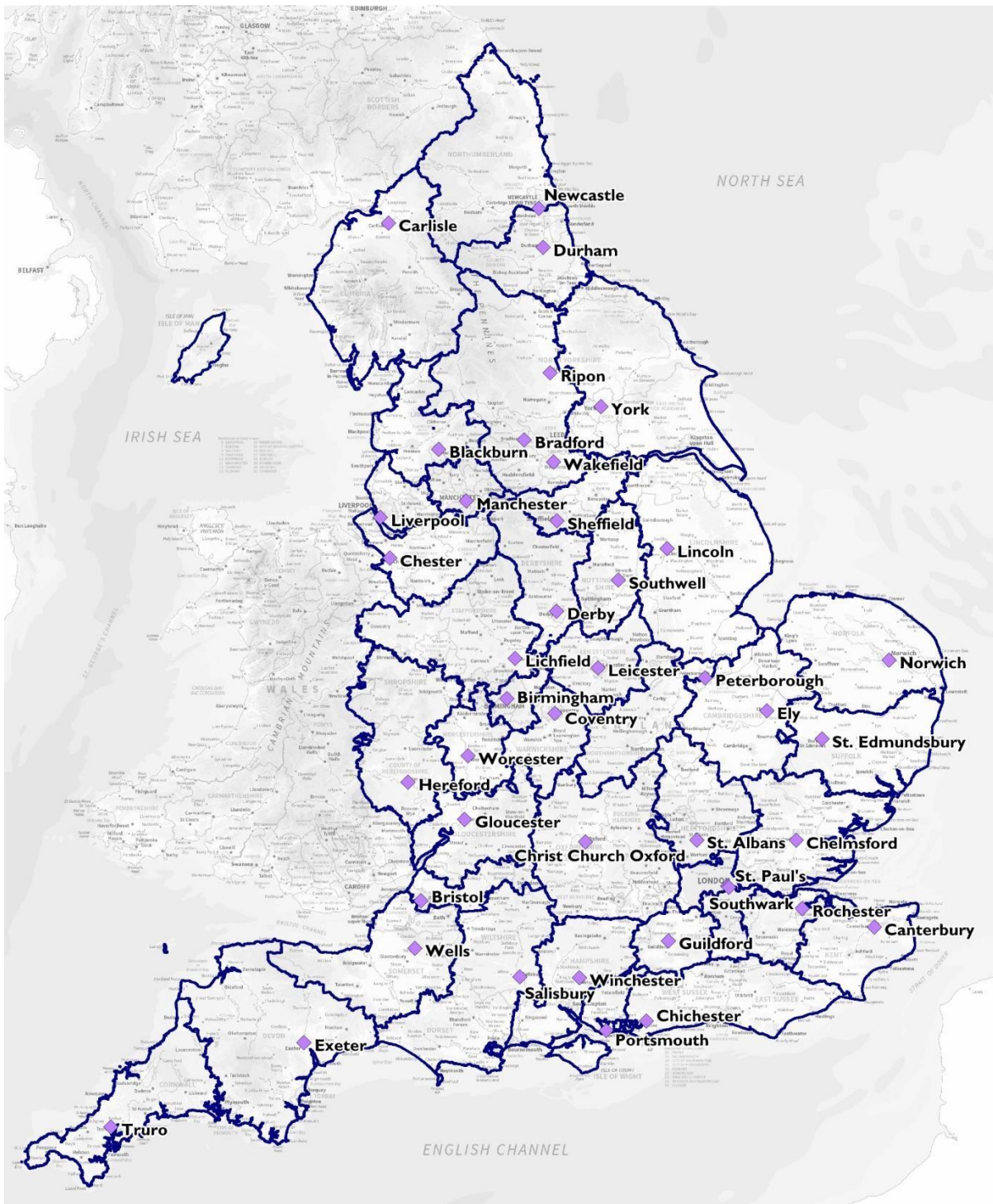
In 2020, 30 cathedrals submitted a return; a response rate of 71%. This was lower than the response rate in 2019 (88%).

Table 14: Response rates of cathedrals in 2019 and 2020⁹

	Cathedrals submitting a return	Percentage	Cathedrals not submitting a return	Percentage	Total
2019	37	88%	5	12%	42
2020	30	71%	12	29%	42

⁹ Excludes Westminster Abbey

Figure 2: Map of Church of England cathedrals



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Imputation methodology

For each variable, an average value was calculated from the 2020 data. An average was also calculated from a subset of the 2019 data that included only those cathedrals for which we held data in both the 2019 and 2020 datasets.

The percentage change between the 2019 and 2020 averages was then calculated for each variable. Each variables' calculated percentage change was then applied to the 2019 data for those cathedrals who had not submitted a return in 2020 in order to calculate imputed values for 2020. The sum totals reported in the tables of this report are the sum of all the reported and imputed values for 2020.

Unless stated otherwise, the percentage changes in the tables of this report are the calculated percentage changes that were used to impute missing values in the 2020 data. However, there are two tables in this report where one or two cathedrals returned an extreme outlier value for a variable and the decision was taken to exclude these values from the calculations used for imputation. Where this has been the case, the percentage change between the 2019 and 2020 totals has been reported in the main tables of this report.

The two tables where this has been the case are table 5 (cathedral schools) and table 11 (musicians). The percentage changes used to impute values in the 2020 data for the variables in these tables are as follows:

	Variable	Percentage change used to impute missing values	Number of cathedrals excluded
Schools	KSI: Nursery / Pre-prep	-19%	2
	KS2: Primary / Prep	22%	2
	KS3/4: Secondary / Senior	40%	2
	16 - 18	40%	2
	18 +	-28%	2
Regular Musicians	Boys	-69%	1
	Girls	89%	1
	Men	-27%	1
	Women	-5%	1
Occasional Musicians	Boys	-84%	1
	Girls	-91%	1
	Men	-77%	1
	Women	-80%	1

Appendix 2: Cathedrals return form, 2020



Cathedral Statistics: January to December 2020

Cathedral name:	Diocese:
Please name any parish, district, mission or fresh expression churches that are included in this return:	

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic many of our cathedral buildings were closed for a large part of 2020. We recognise the huge upheaval that the cathedrals have been through, and the amazing creativity and resilience that has been displayed in continuing to offer worship and pastoral support during this difficult time.

Where possible we've tried to keep this Cathedrals form as close as we can to last year's form. However, we have removed some questions that do not really apply to the situation during 2020, and have included a few new questions about your cathedral's response to the pandemic. We hope that most questions will be simple to answer, but we recognise that other questions might be difficult to answer in your context.

1. Electoral Roll / Cathedral Community Roll

This section refers to the number of people on the Electoral/ Community Roll, as presented to the Annual Parochial Church/ Cathedral Community Roll Meeting in 2020.

Number of people on the Electoral Roll / Cathedral Community Roll:	
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2. Attendance

Attendance on Sundays and Midweek (October 2020)

This section focuses on services which happen each week, for example, Morning and Evening Prayer, Eucharist, and Evensong. If attendance fluctuates, an 'average' should be given, based on those weeks when services take place.

- ✓ Please record separately the number of adults (16 years old and over) and children (under 16 years old) attending Sunday and midweek services, Sunday schools or activities involving worship.
- ✓ Note that midweek count includes Saturday services.
- ✓ All people should be counted, including those leading services.
- ✓ As far as possible, do not count the same person multiple times – if someone attends more than once on a usual Sunday or in a usual week, please only count them once.
- ✓ Include those present for any part of a service or activity involving worship.
- ✓ If your Cathedral was in a location that entered a national tier system which made services unavailable during October 2020, please use another month's figures (post-March 2020) where it is possible to answer this question, or give a best estimate of what numbers would have been.

Please estimate the usual / average number of people per week during October 2020.

	Sunday	Midweek
Number of children and young people (under 16 years old):		
Number of adults (16 years old and over):		

3. Festivals

Christmas (in person)

In this section, Christmas refers to all services that are attended in person on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (indoors or outdoors).

- ✓ In the **communicant** boxes, please record the number of communicants during the relevant period. Clergy and other ministers who received communion should be included.
- ✓ In the **attending worship** boxes, please record the total number of people that attended worship in person over the same periods. Please include communicants and those that did not take communion; adults, children and young people; clergy and laity.

Please record the total number of in person communicants and attendees at services during Christmas.

Number of communicants at service(s) on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:	
Total number of people attending worship (including communicants) at Christmas service(s):	

Advent (in person)

In this section, Advent refers to the period from and including Advent Sunday until the 23rd of December. This should include any carol services, concerts, nativity plays - both those organised by the Cathedral or and when the Cathedral is used as a venue (indoors or outdoors).

Please record the number of people attending in person to all events and services in the Cathedral during Advent.

Total number of people attending events and service(s) during Advent:	
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4. Schools

Cathedral Schools

This section looks at the number of children / students attending schools or academies that are part of Cathedral foundation or had formal links with the Cathedral during the academic year.

If the figure as at 31 December 2020 is unavailable, please state the number registered at the start of the academic year (i.e. September 2020). Age / year groups are as in the previous section.

Please record the total number of students attending schools with formal governance links with the Cathedral during 2020.

Nursery / pre-prep / KSI	Primary / Prep / KS2	Secondary / Senior / KS3-4	16-18 years old	18+ years old

5. Visitors

This section refers to visitors to the Cathedral who have not been counted in the previous sections.

- ✗ Do not include those attending services and events counted elsewhere.
- ✓ In the first box, please record the number of visitors to the building paying to enter or donating at the point of entry.
- ✓ In the second box, please record the number of visitors to the building who do not pay/ donate on entry. Non-paying includes those possibly donating at an alms box after entering.

Please record the total number of visitors to the Cathedral during the year.

Number of visitors paying / donating at point of entry:	
Number of other visitors (i.e. non-paying, excluding any attending services and events covered in previous sections):	

6. Baptisms and thanksgivings for the gift of a child

This section refers to baptisms and thanksgivings for the gift of a child that were held during the year in the Cathedral. If separate baptisms and services of thanksgiving were held for any individual, then both should be recorded.

Please record the total number of people in each age group, baptised during the year, or for whom a birth or adoption thanksgiving service was held and registered.

	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:					

7. Marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriages

This section refers to those married in the Cathedral, or for whom a prayer and dedication service after civil marriage was held in the Cathedral during the year.

- ✗ Do not include the renewal of vows on an anniversary or other occasion.

Please record the total number of couples married in the Cathedral, and for whom a prayer and dedication service after civil marriage was held in the Cathedral, during the year.

Number of couples married in the Cathedral:	
Number of couples for whom a service of prayer and dedication (after civil marriage) was held in the Cathedral:	

8. Funerals and memorial services

This section refers to all funerals conducted in, or on behalf of, the Cathedral by any minister including readers, stipendiary clergy, non-stipendiary clergy and retired clergy.

- ✓ In the first row, please record the number of funeral services held in the Cathedral.
- ✓ In the second row, please record the number of full funeral services conducted on behalf of the Cathedral at a crematorium or cemetery. This should not include committal and/or burial of ashes only.

- ✓ In the third row, please record the number of memorial / thanksgiving services (not including a funeral) held in the Cathedral.

Please record the total number of funeral or memorial services held in, or on behalf of, the Cathedral during the year.

Number of funeral services held in the Cathedral:	
Number of funeral services conducted on behalf of the Cathedral at a crematorium or cemetery:	
Number of memorial services (but not a funeral) conducted:	

9. Music

Choral Music

This section refers to choristers (boys, girls) and adult choir members (men, women).

- ✓ In the first row, please record the total number of choristers (in boy's / girl's choirs) and lay clerks / adult choir members (in men's / women's choirs), as at the end of the year.
- ✓ In the second row, please record the total number of voluntary choir members, both youth (boys, girls) and adults (men, women), as at the end of the year.

Please record the total number of choristers and choir members, as at the end of the year.

	Boys	Girls	Men	Women
Number of choristers and lay clerks in main cathedral choirs:				
Number of voluntary choir members:				

The next question refers to the number of all choirs (not individual members of those choirs) at the year end.

- ✓ Include those in traditional choirs, community choirs and choral outreach programmes.
- ✓ Include each visiting choir just once regardless of the number of times they sing services in Cathedral during the year.
- ✓ If two or more of Cathedral choirs sing together occasionally, count them as separate choirs only.

Please record the total number of choirs (not individual members), as at the end of the year.

	Cathedral male	Cathedral female	Cathedral mixed	Visiting choirs
Number of choirs:				

Number of musicians involved in music for services

This section looks at the number of musicians or instrumentalists playing in the Cathedral, either regularly (when restrictions allowed) or occasionally, throughout the year.

- ✓ Please include organists and any other musicians, such as those in an instrumental group involved in music for services.
- ✗ Do not include musicians who play for concerts only.
- ✗ Do not include singers or choir members – they should be recorded in the section above.

Please record the total number of musicians (not singers) playing at the Cathedral during the year.

	Boys	Girls	Men	Women
Regularly (monthly or more often):				
Occasionally:				

10. Volunteers

This section should include the total number of people volunteering and/or in unpaid posts at the Cathedral.

This could include:

- ✓ Those who assist in welcoming and guiding visitors
- ✓ Those assisting in worship services (e.g. servers, readers, intercessors, stewards)
- ✓ Those in roles such as flower arranging and bell ringing
- ✓ Those who are voluntary committee members, including Chapter members

Wherever possible, those people with multiple volunteer / unpaid roles should only be counted once.

Please record the total number of people volunteering throughout the year.

Number of people volunteering:	
Number of active volunteers at the end of 2020:	

11. Services at Home

Cathedrals have responded in many ways to continue to offer worship and pastoral support through lockdown. For some, this has included offering some kind of services at home. By this we mean “any and all services offered remotely”, including online services (live streamed or pre-recorded), services by telephone, or services that were emailed or posted. These services may be participated in from home or in some cases from another location such as a hospital or whilst on holiday.

What Services at Home did your cathedral offer or refer people to during lockdown (March 2020 –July 2020) and what has your cathedral offered during October 2020?

Were these services that your cathedral **offered**: Please state **Yes or No**

	Offered during lockdown (March-July 2020)	Offered during October 2020
Online services, pre-recorded or live streamed, e.g. using Facebook, YouTube, Zoom		
Telephone or dial in services		
Services downloadable from a website or emailed		
Printed and posted services		
Other, please specify <input style="width: 150px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		

Please use the comment box below if you would like to share anything, aside from services, you have been offering to your congregation remotely.

Services at Home in October 2020

Did your cathedral offer any Services at Home during October 2020? (Please state Yes or No)	
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If yes, in how many weeks during October did your cathedral offer any Services at Home? (Please state 1, 2, 3 or 4 weeks)	
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If yes, what was the usual number of people participating in your Services at Home each week that you offered them in October? <i>(If you do not have exact figures, please give a best estimate; if possible, please count only people who did not also attend the cathedral in person)</i>	
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12. Comments

If there are any other instances of unusual activity at the cathedral beyond the pandemic which may have affected any of the data in this form, please use this space to let us know.

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Contact details

The details you provide below will only be used to query figures that seem unusual when compared to previous years, or for fields that have been left blank.

Name:		Position:	
Email or phone:		Date:	

Thank you for completing this form; your diligence, time, and effort are greatly appreciated. Please take a moment to review your figures. **Please ensure that the Dean has seen the figures before returning the form.**

Please return this form by the end of February 2021

Preferably, due to restrictions, by email: statistics.unit@churchofengland.org

or

by post: Research & Statistics Unit, Church House, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3AZ