



# Cathedral Statistics 2021

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## Introduction

This report presents information about worship and other activities taking place in Church of England cathedrals from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. Data are collected from all 42 mainland Church of England cathedrals and from Westminster Abbey, through an annual cathedral statistics survey. Among other things, the survey asks about attendance at Sunday and midweek services; Easter and Christmas services; school visits; baptisms, marriages, and funerals; musical activities and volunteering. For reference, the survey form and guidance notes can be found in Appendix 2.

As was the case in 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic presented a significant challenge for the worshipping activities of Church of England cathedrals. The lockdown restrictions in place at the beginning of the year were less prohibitive than those in place for much of 2020, but nonetheless they had a significant impact on the activities that cathedrals were able to carry out, and the behaviour of cathedral congregations. While these restrictions were gradually lifted through the former part of the year, concern around the potential for a resurgence of the virus remained in the latter part of the year. This was most notable in December, when the identification of the Omicron variant of the virus as a variant of concern, leading to the curtailment of some activities that might have otherwise taken place. Thus, while it would be reasonable to expect this report to show some increase from the 2020 figures in many of the areas relevant to cathedral life, it is unrealistic to expect a return to pre-Covid figures so soon.

In this context, the figures published in this report should be seen as affirming huge efforts cathedrals have made to continue to offer worship in various forms, and to continue to serve their congregations and communities, both during the pandemic and afterwards. 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 life has begun to recover from the pandemic should be celebrated.

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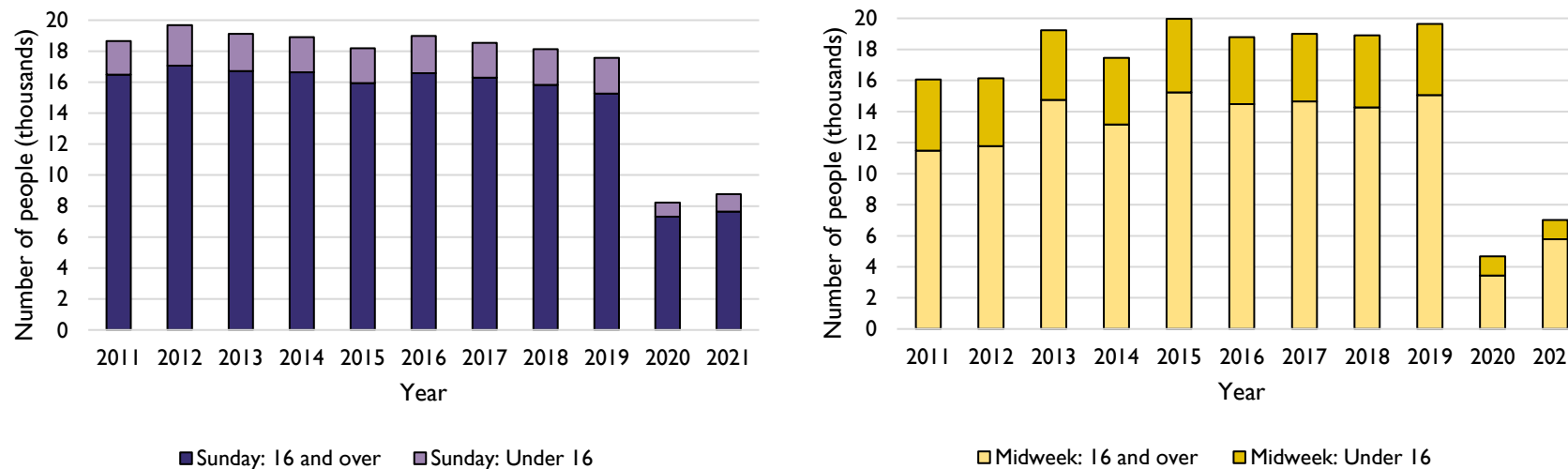
## Regular Attendance

### Usual Sunday and Midweek Attendance

Figure 1 and Figure 2 show the total number of people reported, per week, at all 42 Church of England mainland cathedrals at services on the weekly calendar in a ‘normal’ week. For data from 2019 and prior, a ‘normal’ week refers to those weeks that are not major festivals or contained in a peak holiday period, and that do not include special events or services; while in 2020 and 2021 it asked about attendance during October, since it would be hard to define what was meant by a “usual” Sunday in these years. This difference may affect the comparability of the figures between years.

Data are separated into Sunday and midweek attendance, where the midweek count only includes services held Monday to Saturday and excludes Sunday services. People attending more than one service on the same day or in the same week were, wherever possible, only counted once no matter how many services they attended.

Figure 1: Sunday and Midweek attendance (per week) at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021



In 2021, a weekly total of 15,800 people (of whom 85% were adults and 15% were children) were reported at cathedral services. This is a 22% more than the equivalent figure from 2020, and a 58% decrease on the 2019 figure.

Figure 2: Usual Sunday and midweek attendance (per week) at Church of England cathedrals, 1995-2021<sup>1</sup>

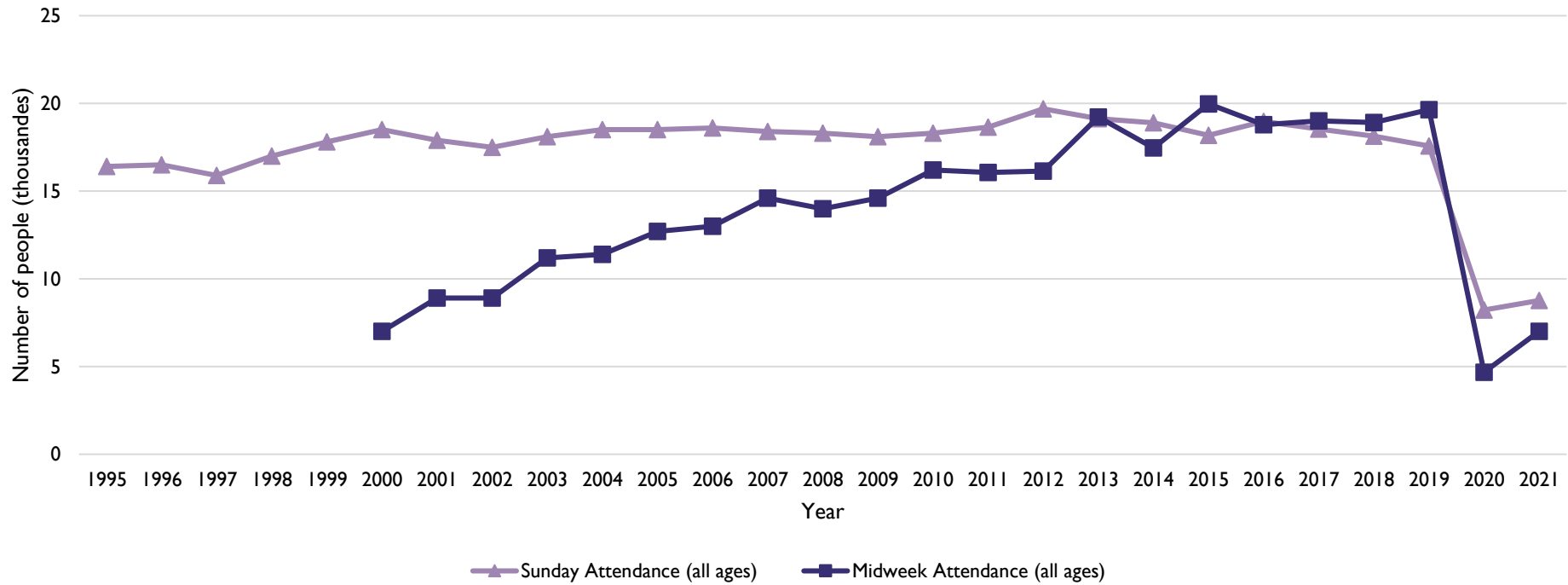


Figure 2 shows usual weekly attendance at Sunday and midweek services over a longer timeframe, illustrating the rise in attendance at midweek services from 7,000 in 2000 (when first reported) to a peak of 19,900 in 2015, since when it has remained basically stable until 2020. While not yet fully recovered to 2019 levels midweek services attendance showed a sharper drop-off in 2020 and recovery in 2021 than Sunday services

<sup>1</sup> Midweek attendance figures first reported in the year 2000.



### Additional Regular Services

Figure 3 shows the total reported annual attendance for 2019 at ‘regular’ services. These refer to additional services that happen at least once a month but not necessarily weekly and are not part of the weekly pattern of services (i.e. those included in Figure 1).

Data are shown in three categories – regular fresh expressions of Church (and other community services), regular services for schools, and all other regular services. 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. Further information about identifying fresh expressions of Church is available here: <http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk>. Data for fresh expressions of Church are also shown in Figure 3b, to show the change between years more clearly.

Figure 3a: Total annual attendance at regular services at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2021<sup>2</sup>

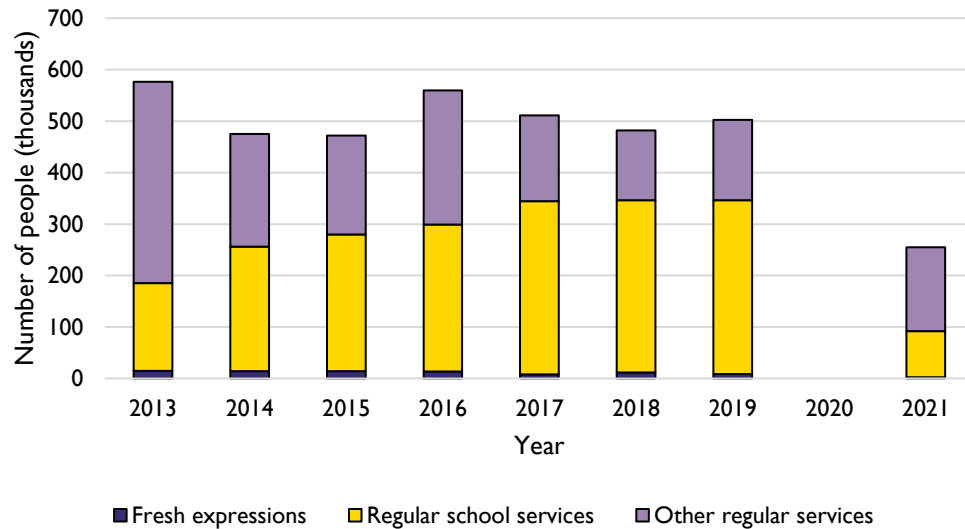
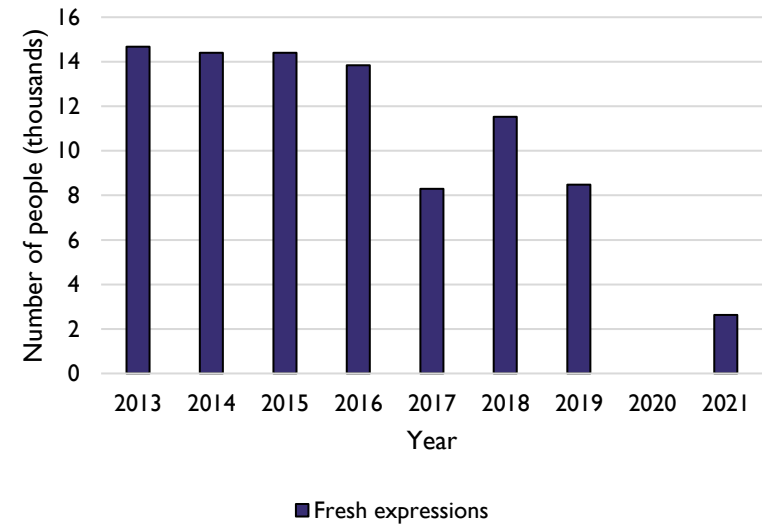


Figure 3b: Total annual attendance at Fresh expressions of Church, 2013-2021



Throughout 2021, 254,800 people were reported to have attended regular services conducted at least once a month (including fresh expressions of Church and school services), as shown in Figure 3. This is a 49% decrease on the equivalent figure from 2019.

The number reported at fresh expressions of Church in 2021 was 2,600 people; 31% of the equivalent figure from 2019 (8,500).

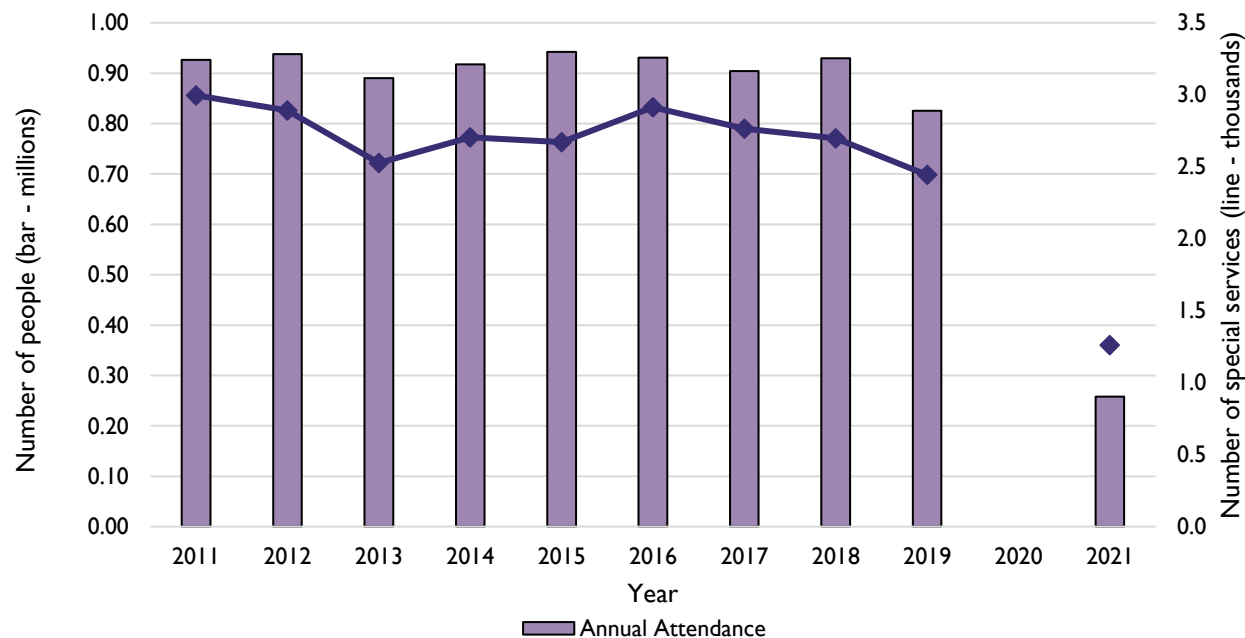
<sup>2</sup> The wording of the question asking about regular services was changed in 2013 to ensure the weekly pattern of services was not included. This resulted in a reduced total, hence only data for 2013 onwards are shown in Figure 3. Data related to fresh expressions and additional regular services was not collected in 2020.

## Special Event Attendance

Specially arranged services are not included in average weekly attendance, shown in Figure 1, or the total annual attendance for regular services, shown in Figure 3, as they are not part of the regular pattern of services and therefore they are included separately in this section.

Figure 4 shows the total number of people reported annually at ‘specially arranged services’, which includes diocesan or episcopal services (such as annual festivals / diocesan services), irregular services for schools (for example, an end of term / year service), other special services (excluding memorials) and services away from the cathedral building.

Figure 4: Annual number of and total annual attendance at specially arranged services at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021<sup>3</sup>



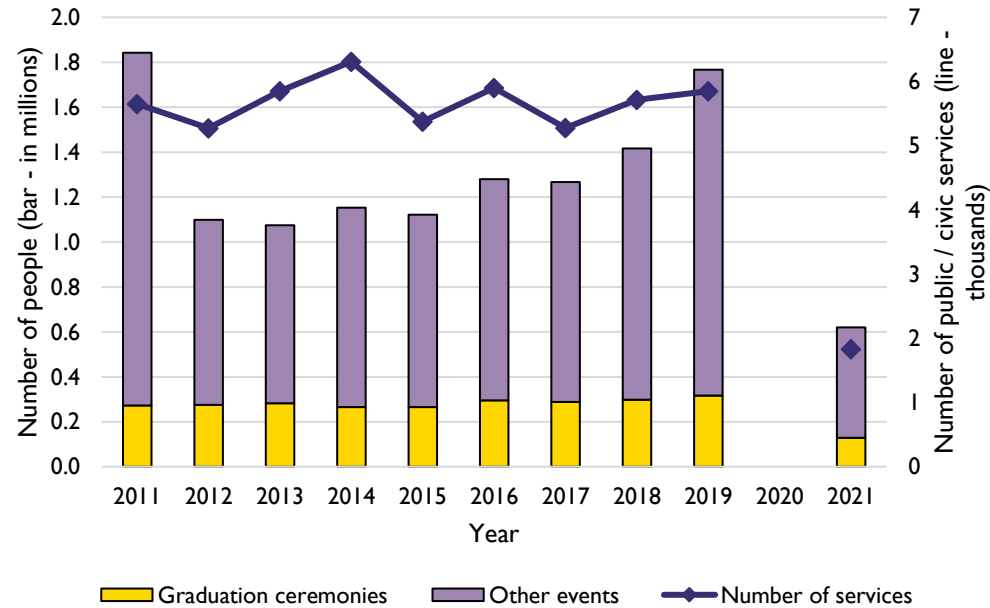
The total number of people reported at specially arranged services at Church of England cathedrals in 2021 was 257,800 people; 31% of the equivalent figure in 2019. The number of special services held was 1,260; 52% of the equivalent figure in 2019.

Attendance at specially arranged services in 2021 is broken down as follows: 44,500 people at 340 diocesan or episcopal services; 89,800 people at 190 specially arranged school services; 109,600 people at 1,200 other special services; 13,800 people at 120 services held away from the cathedral. Full breakdown of data for all special services over the last ten years (where recorded) can be found in Appendix I

<sup>3</sup> Before 2010, a total figure was provided for number and total attendance at special services. From 2010, school services and other special services were reported separately; from 2012 diocesan or episcopal services were reported separately; from 2014, data were collected on services held away from the cathedral buildings.

Figure 5 shows the total number of people reported attending public or civic events, which includes graduation ceremonies, conferences, concerts and meetings. From 2010 onwards, data reported were broken down into graduation ceremonies and other events, whereas prior to 2010 only a total figure was reported.

Figure 5: Annual number of and total annual attendance at public / civic events at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021<sup>4</sup>



The total reported number of annual public / civic events in cathedrals in 2021 was 1,800, with a total attendance at these events of 620,000 people, as shown in Figure 5. These are broken down as follows: 128,400 people at 210 graduation ceremonies; 492,400 people at 1,800 other public / civic events. A full breakdown from 2010 can be found in Appendix 1.

<sup>4</sup> This data was not collected in 2020

## Easter and Holy Week Attendance

Figure 6a shows the total number of people reported as attending services at Church of England cathedrals over Easter (including vigil services on Easter Eve). 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. Figure 6b shows attendance during Holy Week specified, since 2014, as the period from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. This information was first recorded in 2010 but without this clarification. Therefore extra data may have been included in Holy Week prior to 2014; thus only data from 2014 onwards are shown. Note that no in-person Easter services were permitted to take place in 2020 due to the lockdown restrictions that were in place at the time.

Figure 6a: Easter attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

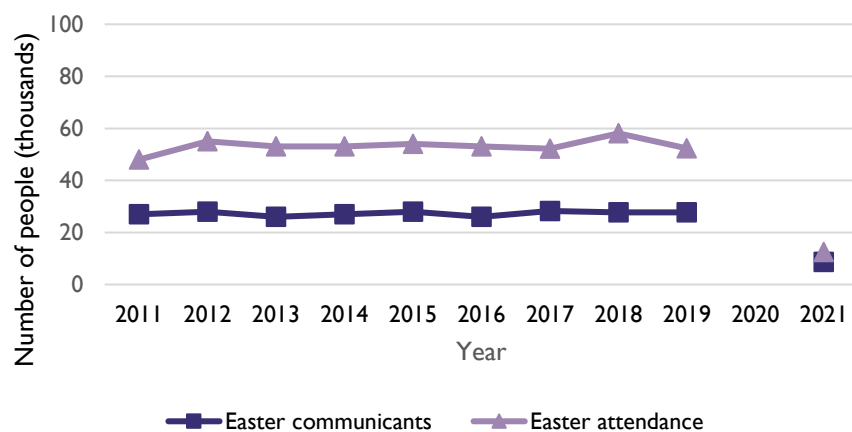
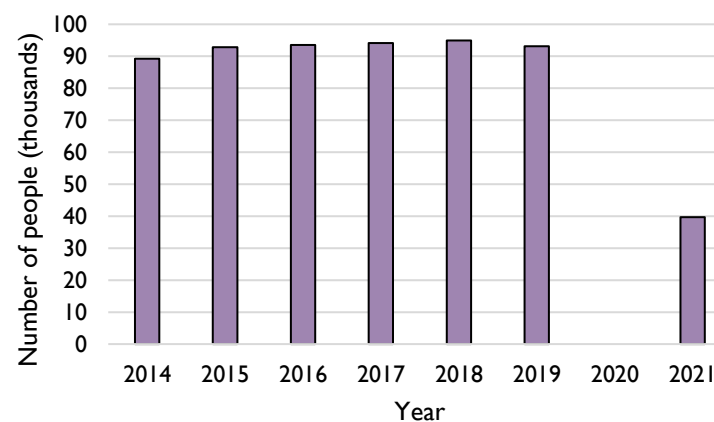


Figure 6b: Holy Week attendance 2014-2021<sup>5</sup>



In 2021, total reported attendance at Easter services was 12,400 people compared with 52,000 in 2019. Of those who came to the cathedral in Easter 2021, 8,600 received communion, making up 69% of those who attended. Comparing this to the average ratio of communicants to non-communicants in pre-covid years (around 50%), it would appear that those who wished to receive communion on Easter day were more likely to attend than those who do not receive communion

The total reported attendance during Holy Week in 2021 was 39,000, which is around 42% of the equivalent figure from 2019.

<sup>5</sup> Reported consistently since 2014.

## Christmas and Advent Attendance

Figure 7a shows the total number of people reported attending Church of England cathedrals on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. 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. Figure 7b shows attendance during Advent which, since 2014, was specified as the period from Advent Sunday to 23 December. Prior to 2014 the definitions varied slightly from year to year meaning data may not be comparable; thus, only data from 2014 onwards are shown.

Figure 7a: Christmas attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

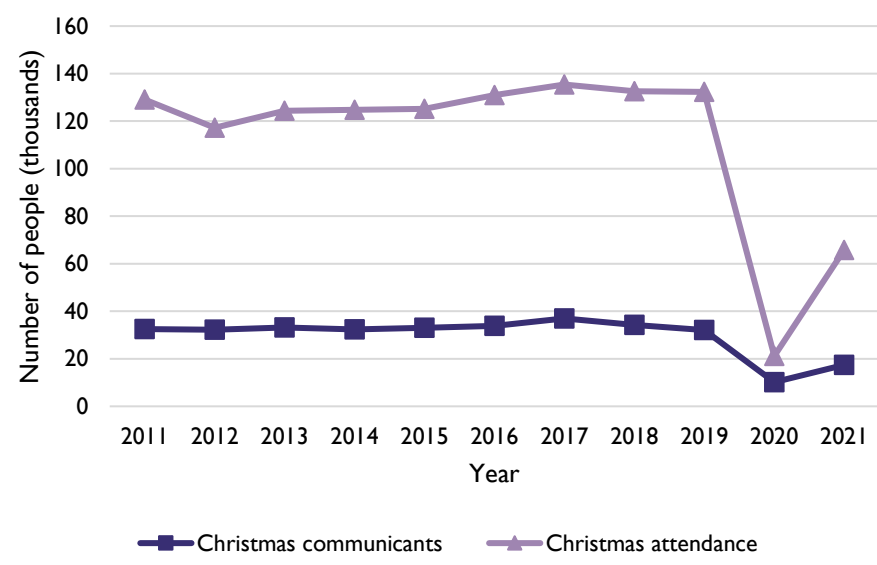
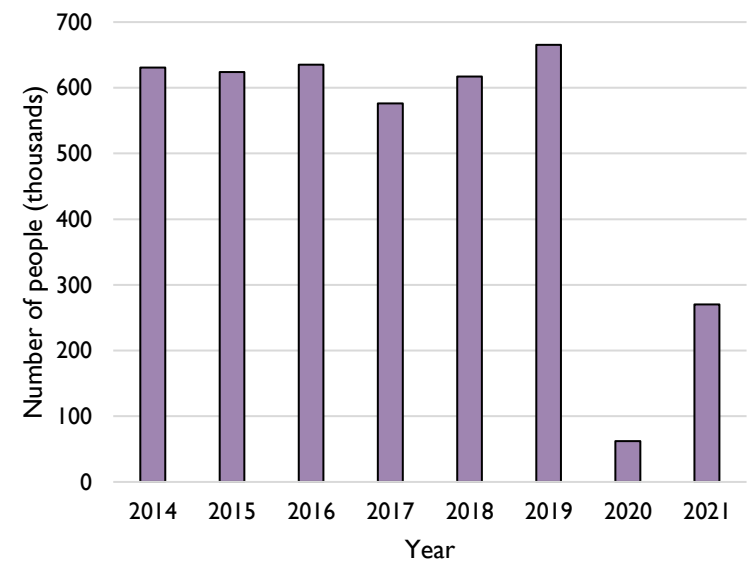


Figure 7b: Advent attendance 2014-2021<sup>6</sup>



In 2021, total Christmas attendance reported was 65,800, with 17,400 communicants. While this is only 50% of the total attendance in 2019, it also represents a 211% increase on total Christmas attendance from 2020, when only 21,200 people were able to attend.

Services during Advent, i.e. Advent Sunday to 23 December, reported a total attendance of 270,400 in 2021; 41% of the figure from 2019 (which was an all time high), but an increase of 336% compared to 2020.

<sup>6</sup> Reported consistently since 2014.

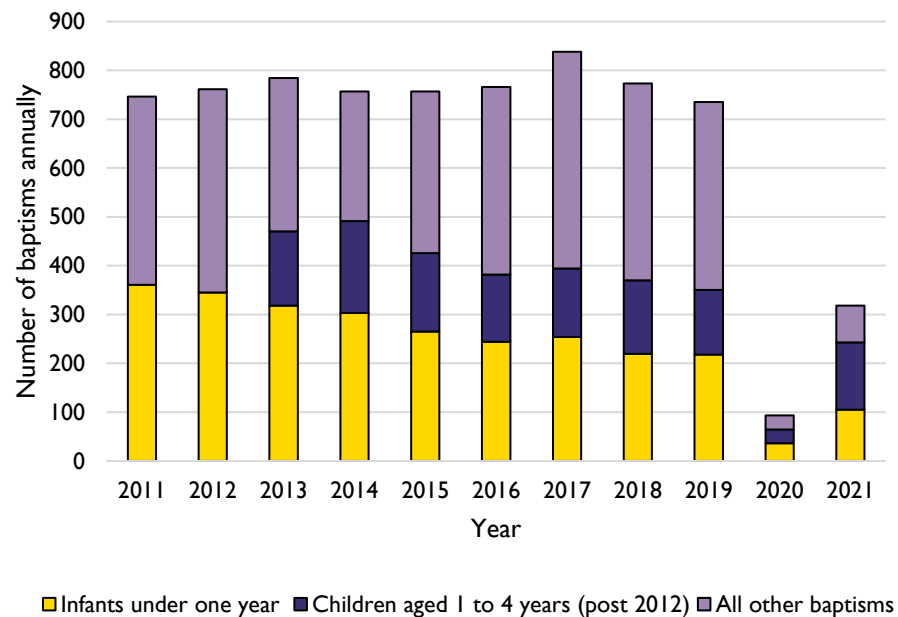
## Occasional Offices

### Baptisms and Thanksgiving services

During 2021, there were a total of 320 baptisms conducted in all Church of England cathedrals. No thanksgiving services took place at all in 2021. This is 43% of the equivalent figure in 2019, but a 242% increase on the total number of baptisms that took place in cathedrals in 2020.

From 2019 onwards, baptisms have been recorded in five categories: infants under one year, children aged 1 to 4 years, children aged 5-10 years (previously 5-12 years), young people aged 11-17 years and 18+ years adults (previously youth/adult/13+ years). For baptisms that took place in 2021, 33% (105) were for infants under one year, 43% (138) were for children aged 1 to 4 years, 2% (8) were for children aged 11-17 years, and 7% (22) were for adults aged 18+. No baptisms for children aged 5-10 took place in cathedrals in 2021.

Figure 8: Baptisms at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021



## Marriage, Funeral and Memorial services

230 marriages were conducted in cathedrals during 2021, which is 93% of the equivalent figure from 2019, and an increase of 250% from the total number of marriages that were able to take place in 2020. An additional 15 blessings of marriage were conducted in cathedrals in 2021. The number of marriage services, shown in Figure 9, 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.

Figure 9: Marriage services at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

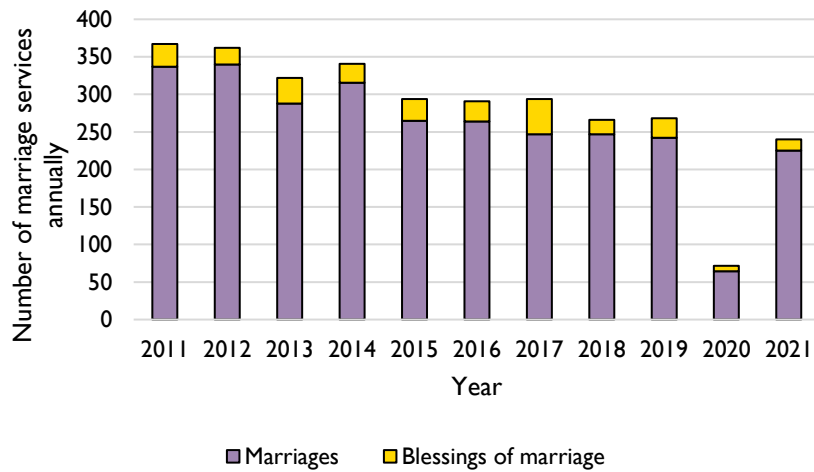
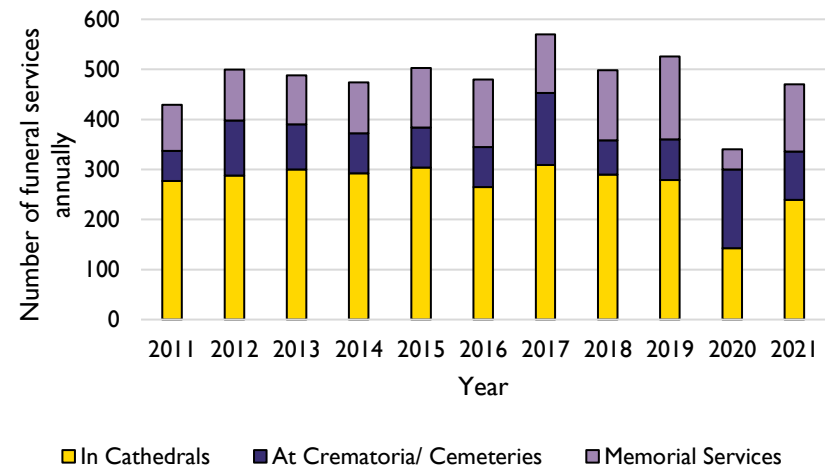


Figure 10: Funeral and memorial services at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021



The total number of funeral services, shown in Figure 10, 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. 340 funerals took place in or on behalf of cathedrals in 2021, which is 93% of the equivalent figure in 2019, and a 12% increase on the equivalent figure from 2020.

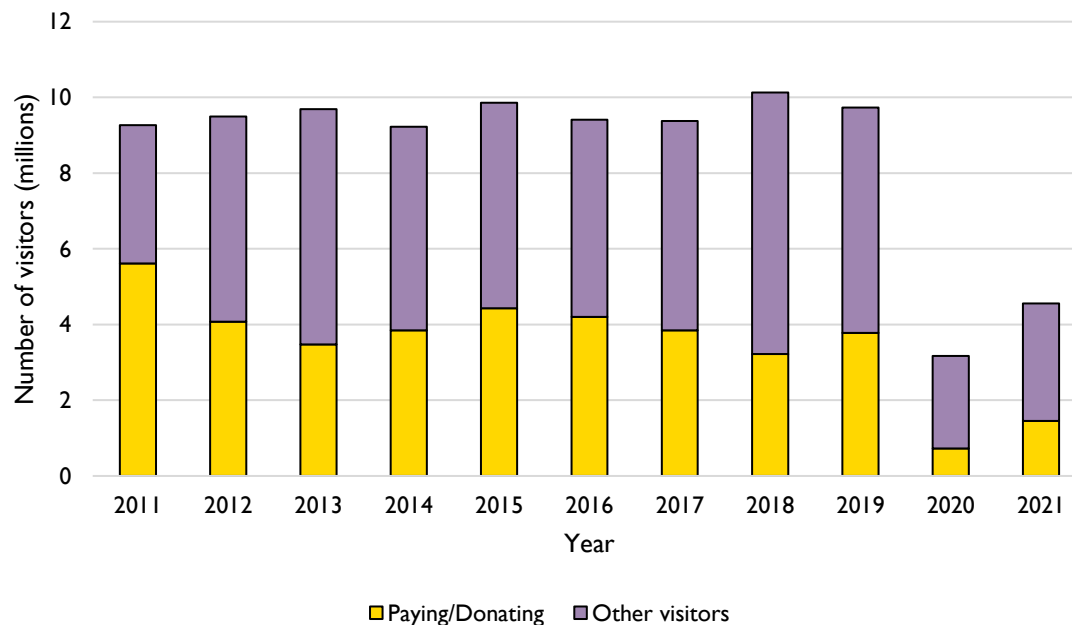
## Visitors

The total number of visitors is shown in Figure 11. Visitors are defined as either people paying or donating at the point of entry or those who do not pay but possibly donate at alms box (excluding those who attend services and events). Prior to 2010, only the total number of visitors was reported. Visitors are recorded in two categories - those paying (either by donation or paying at point of entry) and those that did not pay (and excluding those attending services and events mentioned elsewhere in this report).

In 2021, there were 4.6 million visitors reported by cathedrals. This is 47% of the equivalent figure from 2019, and a 44% increase from the equivalent figure in 2020.

Despite only a few cathedrals charging for entry, paying or donating visitors accounted for 32% of all visitors (1 million people) to cathedrals in 2021.

Figure 11: Visitors to Church of England cathedrals (annually) 2011–2021





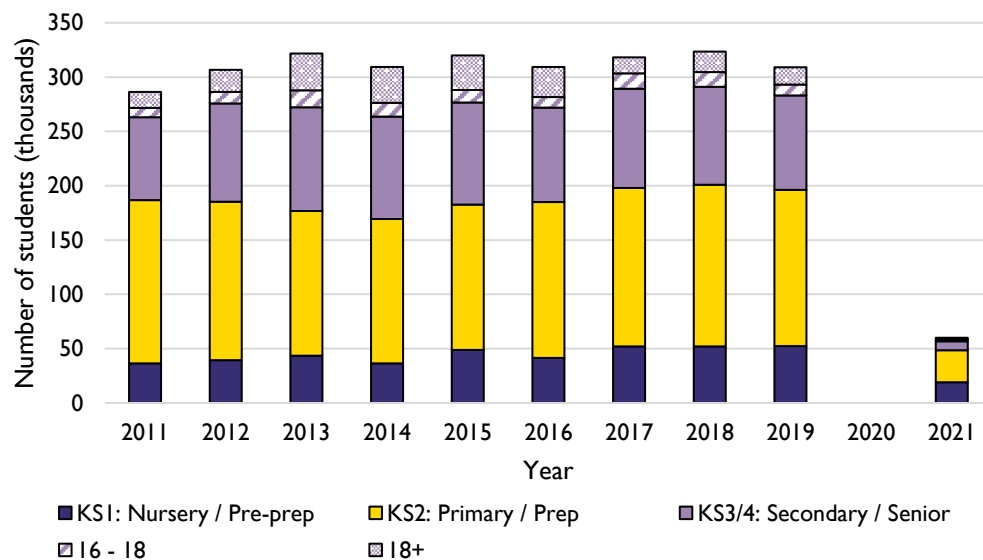
# Education

## Educational events

Figure 12 shows the number of children/students attending organised educational events during the year, which took place either in the Cathedral or were organised by the Cathedral and took place elsewhere, broken down by age / year groups<sup>7</sup>.

The total number of children and young people attending organised educational events in cathedrals in 2021 was 60,000, which is 19% of the equivalent figure in 2019. Figures for educational events 2020 were not collected or reported, but would most likely have been minimal given the pandemic and lockdown that was in place for much of that year.

Figure 12: Children and young people attending educational events at Church of England 2011-2021<sup>8</sup>



<sup>7</sup> 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

<sup>8</sup> No data relating to educational events were collected in 2020

## Cathedral schools

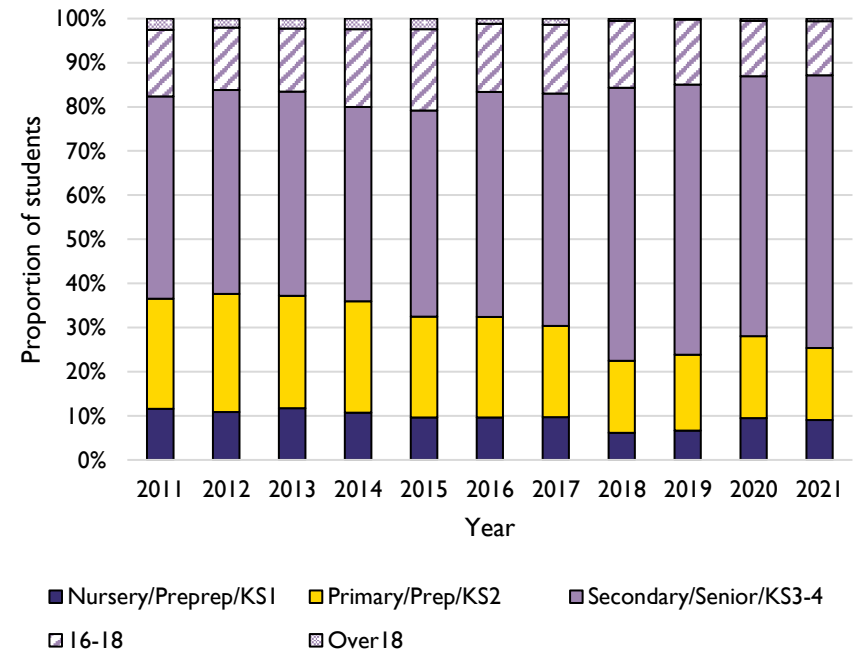
Figure 13 shows the proportion of students attending schools associated Church of with Church of England cathedrals, broken down by age / year groups. Due to the differing number of cathedrals reporting each year, proportions rather than actual figures are shown, to allow for year-on-year comparison; actual data are however available in Appendix I.

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. From 2015, question wording was changed to clarify that this meant formal governance links.

As with Figure 13, until 2009 the Secondary/Senior category included ages 16-18 and 18+, from which point these age groups were reported separately. It should be noted that a larger number of cathedrals reported these data from 2015 onwards.

In 2021, 26,900 students were reported attending cathedral schools or schools formally associated with cathedrals. This section is based on the 24 cathedrals that reported having students attending their schools in 2021. The largest proportion of those attending cathedral schools in 2021 was at secondary / senior level, which accounted for 62% of all students reported and consistently accounts for the highest proportion of students every year. Primary / prep accounted for the next highest proportion in 2021 (16%), followed by 16-18 year olds (12%), nursery / pre-prep (9%) and 18+ (<1%).

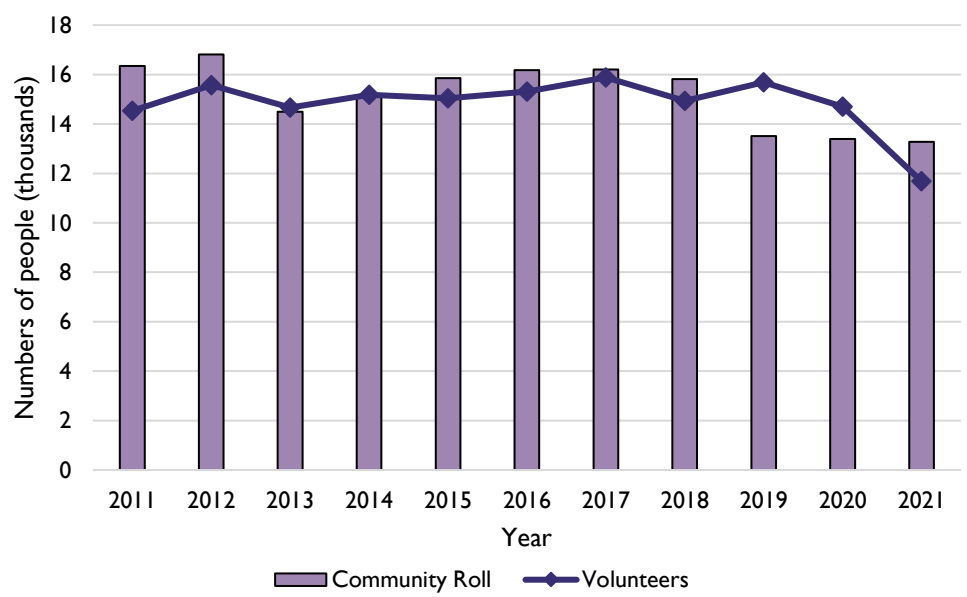
Figure 13: Proportions of children and young people attending schools associated with England cathedrals, 2011-2021



## Volunteers and Community Roll

Figure 15 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 the cathedral Community Rolls are also shown in Figure 15 for comparison. 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. The Community Roll was last renewed in 2019, which may account for the notable change from 2018 and lack of change in 2020 and 2021.

Figure 15: Numbers of Volunteers and the Community Roll at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021



There were 11,700 people reported as volunteers in cathedrals during 2021. While the decline in numbers of volunteers in 2020 was smaller than many other aspects of cathedral life, with a decrease of only 6% compared to 2019, volunteering has been one of the few areas of cathedral life that has not shown signs of recovery in 2021. The number of people volunteering in cathedrals has decreased by a further 21% from the 2020 figure.

The figure of 13,300 for community roll in 2021 is a 16% decrease from the figure of 15,800 reported in 2018 (the figure immediately prior to the renewal of these figures in 2019) and an 19% decrease over the decade (16,300 in 2011).

## Music in Cathedrals

### Choristers and voluntary choir members

Figure 16 shows numbers of Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, broken down by youth choirs (boys and girls) and adult choirs (men and women). Prior to 2013, only the total adult Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars figures were recorded, and from 2013 split into men and women.

Figure 17 shows numbers of members of voluntary choirs at Church of England cathedrals and again is broken down by youth (boy and girls) and adult (men and women) choirs.

Figure 16: Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021<sup>10</sup>

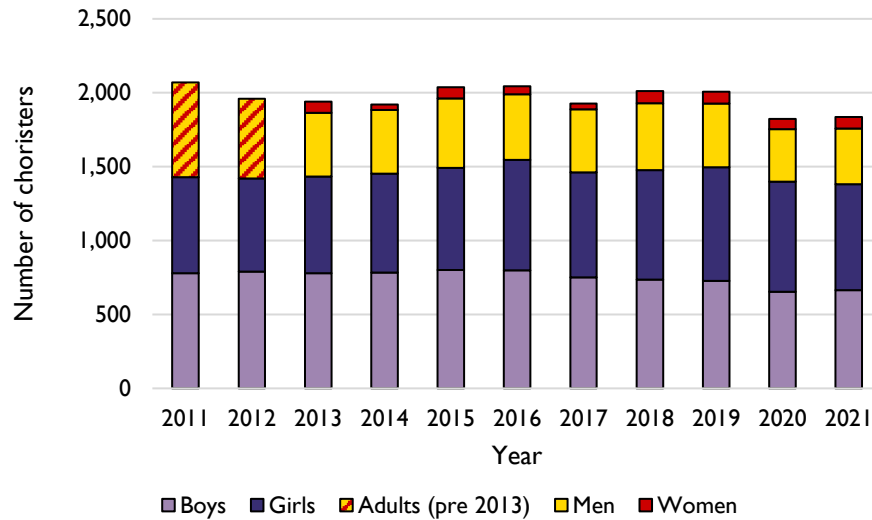
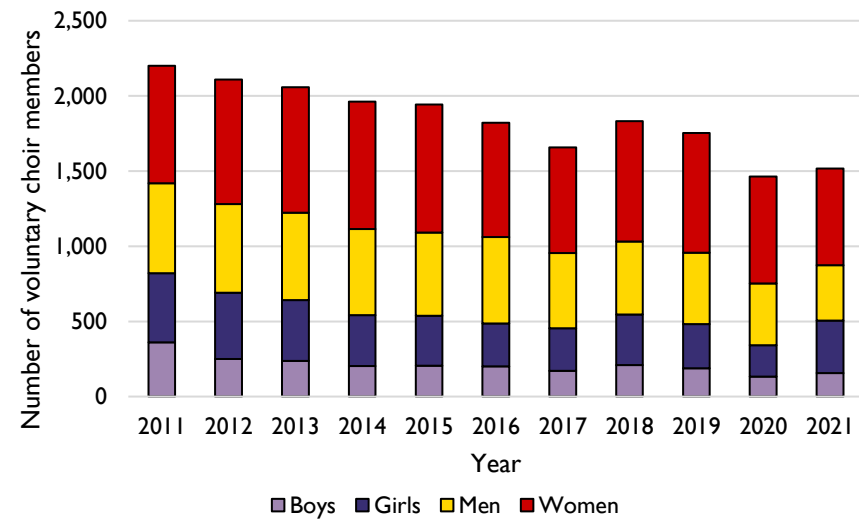


Figure 17: Voluntary Choir members, 2011-2021



<sup>10</sup> Prior to 2013, only the total adult Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars figures were recorded; from 2013 this was split into men and women.

In 2021, 1,400 total youth choristers and 540 lay clerks / choral scholars (i.e. adults) were reported as providing choral music for cathedrals. The total number of choristers and choir members across all ages is the same as it was in 2020 (around 1,800), with the 2021 figure being around 93% of the equivalent figure from 2019.

Voluntary choirs in 2021 reported 1,500 members in total, showing a greater reduction in membership during the pandemic than in cathedral choirs, with volunteer choirs having 13% smaller memberships in 2021 when compared to 2019. As has been the case since we began collecting these statistics, and a higher proportion of volunteer choir members are adults (66%) compared with cathedral choirs (24%) and volunteer choirs are made up of more women than cathedral choirs; 42% of all members in volunteer choirs were women in 2021, compared to just 4% in cathedral

### Number of choirs

In 2021, the numbers of male, female and mixed choirs in cathedrals were reported at 40, 30 and 90 respectively. This means that the numbers of cathedral choirs was more or less the same in 2021 as in 2019. The number of visiting choirs in 2021 was reported at 280. This represents an 84% increase on the number of visiting choirs who were able to visit cathedrals in 2020, but is only 28% of the equivalent figure that visited cathedrals in 2019.

Figure 18a: Number of Choirs in Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2021<sup>11</sup>

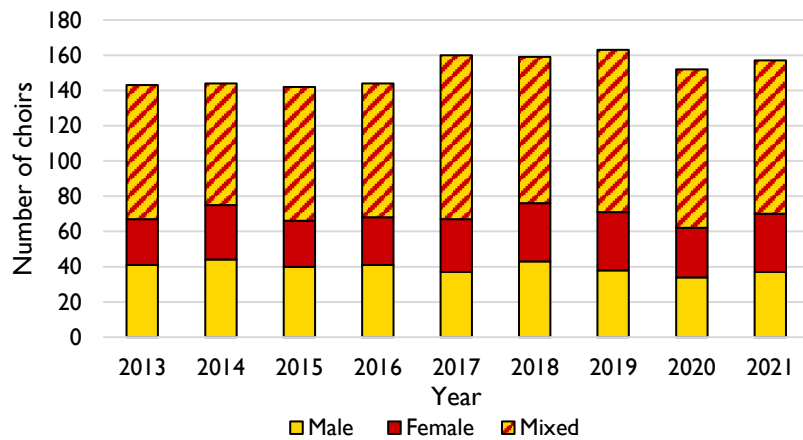
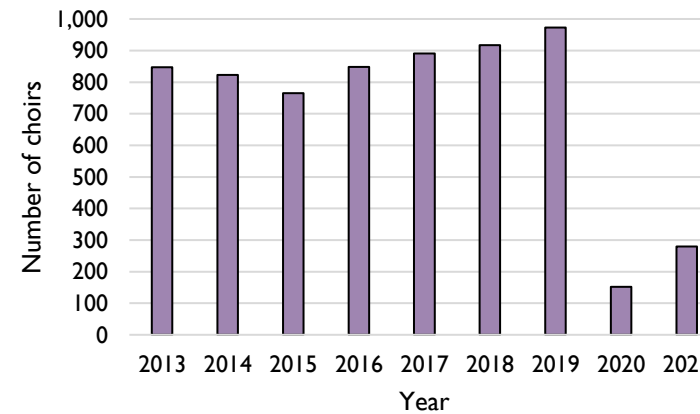


Figure 18b: Number of choirs visiting, 2013-2021<sup>12</sup>



<sup>11</sup> First recorded in 2012 but, due to data quality issues, data are shown from 2013 onwards.

<sup>12</sup> First recorded in 2013

## Musicians

Table 1 shows the number of musicians in Church of England cathedrals, broken down by whether they are regular or occasional. They are also further broken down by age and gender. The data were first reported in 2013 but split into two categories from 2014 onwards (regular and occasional).

Comparison with previous years' musicians data is not advised due to potential data quality issues; however the 2018 data collection form was amended and clarified to address this issue for the future.

Table 1: Number of musicians in Church of England cathedrals, 2018-2021

		2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Regular</b>	Boys	20	20	<10	0
	Girls	20	30	<10	0
	Male	150	200	130	110
	Female	30	40	30	30
	<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>Occasional</b>	Boys	180	80	10	40
	Girls	180	110	10	10
	Male	660	420	80	230
	Female	440	270	40	130
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>410</b>

Westminster Abbey 2019: <5 adult (male) regular musicians; <5 occasional (female) musicians.

In 2021, a total of 140 regular and 410 occasional musicians were reported as being involved in services at Church of England cathedrals. This is 48% and 47% respectively of the equivalent figures from 2019. However, numbers of occasional musicians have shown a 193% increase on the number of occasional musicians who were able to visit cathedrals in 2020.

## Church at Home

In March 2020, in-person collective worship was suspended for the vast majority of the Church of England’s cathedrals. 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. By October 2021, all restrictions on social contact had been lifted, but the global Covid-19 pandemic was still considered to be ongoing. In this context, we wished to ascertain to what extent cathedrals were still offering Church at Home services.

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

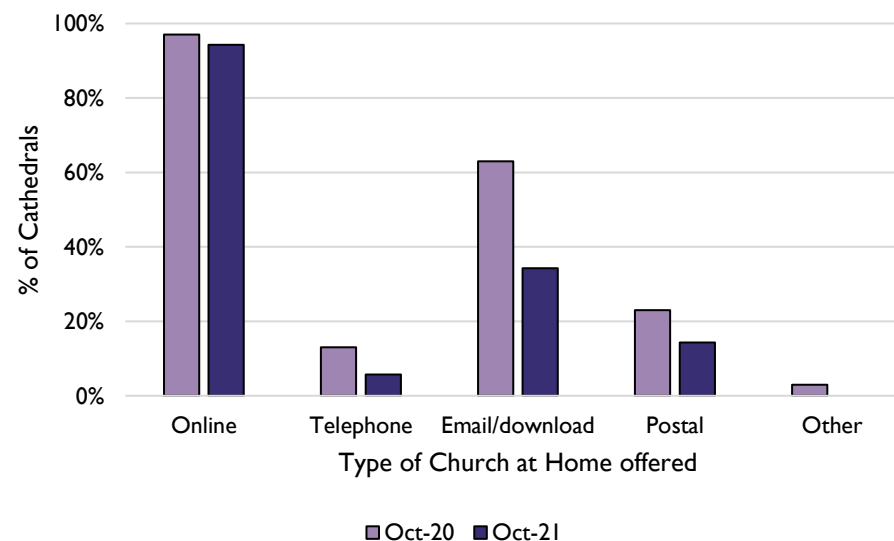
Table 2 and figure 19 show the percentages of cathedrals who offered each type of service at home during October 2020 and 2021. Online services were the most frequently reported type of Church at Home, and the percentage of cathedrals offering this type of service only decreased slightly between the two years. Other types of Church at Home were less common, and were universally offered less frequently in 2021 than in 2020.

Table 2: Cathedrals offering Church at Home during October 2020 and October 2021<sup>13</sup>:

	Online	Telephone	Email/download	Postal	Other
% of cathedrals (October 2020)	97% (29)	13% (4)	63% (19)	23% (7)	3% (1)
% of cathedrals (October 2021)	94% (33)	6% (2)	34% (12)	14% (5)	0% (0)

<sup>13</sup> Percentages are the percentage of all cathedrals who submitted a return in the given year. Numbers in brackets indicate the number of cathedrals who indicated that they provided a given type of service. Note that the two years did not have the same response rates, hence some categories may show higher percentages but lower numbers in 2020.

Figure 19: Distribution of types of Church at Home services offered during October 2020 and October 2021:



## Appendices

### Appendix I: Data Tables

All data are rounded to the nearest 10 or 100, where appropriate. Where data are greater than zero but fewer than 5, “<5” is shown. Totals are calculated from unrounded data and are shown in bold. Data for previous years may have been updated since earlier reports, due to re-estimation. Data for Westminster Abbey are not included in tabular totals but disclosed by way of footnotes.

Table 3: Sunday and midweek attendance at Church of England cathedrals, per week, 2011-2021

Year	Sunday Attendance (per week)			Midweek Attendance (per week)			Total Weekly Attendance (per week)		
	Under 16	16 and over	All ages	Under 16	16 and over	All ages	Under 16	16 and over	All ages
2011	2,200	16,500	18,700	4,600	11,500	16,100	<b>6,800</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>34,800</b>
2012	2,600	17,100	19,700	4,400	11,800	16,200	<b>7,000</b>	<b>28,900</b>	<b>35,900</b>
2013	2,400	16,700	19,100	4,500	14,800	19,300	<b>6,900</b>	<b>31,500</b>	<b>38,400</b>
2014	2,300	16,600	18,900	4,300	13,200	17,500	<b>6,600</b>	<b>29,800</b>	<b>36,400</b>
2015	2,300	15,900	18,200	4,700	15,200	19,900	<b>7,000</b>	<b>31,100</b>	<b>38,100</b>
2016	2,400	16,600	19,000	4,300	14,500	18,800	<b>6,700</b>	<b>31,100</b>	<b>37,800</b>
2017	2,300	16,300	18,600	4,300	14,700	19,000	<b>6,600</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>37,600</b>
2018	2,300	15,800	18,100	4,700	14,300	19,000	<b>7,000</b>	<b>30,100</b>	<b>37,100</b>
2019	2,300	15,300	17,600	4,600	15,100	19,700	<b>6,900</b>	<b>30,400</b>	<b>37,300</b>
2020	900	7,300	8,200	1,200	3,400	4,700	<b>2,200</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>12,900</b>
2021	1,100	7,600	8,800	1,200	5,800	7,000	<b>2,400</b>	<b>13,400</b>	<b>15,800</b>

Westminster Abbey 2021: Midweek attendance – 440 adults and 20 children; Sunday attendance – 270 adults and 10 children.

Average weekly attendance at normal services held by cathedrals either on Sunday or midweek. Includes attendance at services that are not major festivals or contained in a peak holiday period. Persons attending more than one service on the same day were, wherever possible, counted only once no matter how many services they attended.

Midweek count includes services held Monday – Saturday.



Table 4: Total annual attendance at regular services at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2021

Year	Fresh expressions	Regular schools' services	Other regular services	Total regular attendance
2013	14,700	170,700	391,000	<b>576,400</b>
2014	14,400	241,500	219,000	<b>474,900</b>
2015	14,400	265,400	191,900	<b>471,700</b>
2016	13,800	285,300	260,800	<b>559,900</b>
2017	8,300	336,100	167,100	<b>511,500</b>
2018	11,500	334,600	135,700	<b>481,800</b>
2019	8,500	337,900	156,400	<b>502,800</b>
2020	-	-	-	-
2021	2,600	89,200	163,000	<b>254,800</b>

Westminster Abbey 2021: no regular schools' services, no fresh expressions of Church and no other regular services attendance.

Numbers in attendance at regular services are not included in average weekly attendance figures in 2, as they are not part of the weekly calendar of services.

The wording of the question asking about regular services was changed in 2013 to ensure the weekly pattern of services was not included. This resulted in a reduced total, hence only data for 2013 onwards are shown in Table 3.

This data was not collected in 2020.

Table 5: Annual number of and total attendance at specially arranged services at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

Year	Diocesan or Episcopal services		Special services arranged for schools		Other special services (excluding memorials)		Services outside Cathedral building		Total Specially Arranged Services	
	Number of services	Annual Attendance	Number of services	Annual Attendance	Number of services	Annual Attendance	Number of services	Annual Attendance	Number of services	Annual Attendance
2011	-	-	100	51,000	2,900	876,000	-	-	3,000	927,000
2012	480	122,000	420	208,000	2,000	608,000	-	-	2,900	938,000
2013	480	108,000	490	296,000	1,600	486,000	-	-	2,600	890,000
2014	540	179,000	520	286,000	1,600	423,000	50	30,000	2,700	918,000
2015	470	163,000	520	302,000	1,600	452,000	70	26,000	2,700	943,000
2016	520	176,000	540	317,000	1,600	420,000	210	17,000	2,900	930,000
2017	470	166,000	520	312,000	1,600	411,000	210	16,000	2,800	905,000
2018	490	176,000	520	315,000	1,400	413,000	260	26,000	2,700	930,000
2019	490	158,000	490	296,000	1,200	350,000	250	22,000	2,400	826,000
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	340	44,500	610	109,600	190	89,800	120	13,800	1,300	257,800

Westminster Abbey 2019: total 155,500 people at 60 specially arranged services, broken down as follows: 2,400 attendance at 10 special schools services; 13,100 attendance at 60 other special services; no Diocesan or Episcopal services and no services outside the building.

Diocesan or Episcopal services first reported separately in 2012.

Special services arranged for schools first reported separately in 2010.

Services outside Cathedral building first reported separately in 2014.

This data was not collected in 2020.

Table 6: Number of and attendance at public / civic services at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

Year	Graduation ceremonies		Other events		Total Public/civic events	
	Number of services	Attendance	Number of services	Attendance	Number of services	Attendance (in millions)
2011	260	273,000	5,400	1,570,000	<b>5,700</b>	<b>1.84</b>
2012	280	275,000	5,000	823,000	<b>5,300</b>	<b>1.10</b>
2013	290	282,000	5,600	792,000	<b>5,900</b>	<b>1.07</b>
2014	290	266,000	6,000	888,000	<b>6,300</b>	<b>1.15</b>
2015	280	266,000	5,100	856,000	<b>5,400</b>	<b>1.12</b>
2016	280	295,000	5,600	985,000	<b>5,900</b>	<b>1.28</b>
2017	290	289,000	5,000	978,000	<b>5,300</b>	<b>1.27</b>
2018	320	299,000	5,400	1,118,000	<b>5,700</b>	<b>1.42</b>
2019	330	317,000	5,500	1,451,000	<b>5,800</b>	<b>1.77</b>
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	210	128,400	1,600	492,400	<b>1,800</b>	<b>0.62</b>

Westminster Abbey 2021: total 3,300 people reported at 30 public / civic events, all of which were 'other' events (with no graduation ceremonies).

This data was not collected in 2020.

Table 7: Easter communicants & attendance and Holy Week attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

Year	Easter		Holy Week
	Communicants	Total attendance	Total attendance
2011	27,000	48,000	-
2012	28,000	55,000	-
2013	26,000	53,000	-
2014	27,000	53,000	89,000
2015	28,000	54,000	93,000
2016	26,000	53,000	94,000
2017	28,000	52,000	94,000
2018	28,000	58,000	95,000
2019	28,000	52,000	93,000
2020	-	-	-
2021	8,600	12,400	39,700

Westminster Abbey 2021: 210 Easter communicants; 290 Easter attendance; 840 attendance during Holy Week.

Easter includes vigil services on Easter Eve and all services on Easter Day.

Holy Week data were first collected in 2010 but in 2014 specified to be the period from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. Data before 2014 therefore may include extra figures and hence only 2014 onwards are shown.

Total attendance includes the total number of people reported to have attended worship, both communicants and those that did not take communion, adults, children and young people, clergy and laity.

Data on Easter and Holy Week attendance was not collected in 2020 due to lockdowns.

Table 8: Christmas communicants & attendance and Advent attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

Year	Christmas		Advent
	Communicants	Total attendance	Total attendance
2011	33,000	129,000	-
2012	32,000	117,000	-
2013	33,000	124,000	-
2014	32,000	125,000	631,000
2015	33,000	125,000	624,000
2016	34,000	131,000	635,000
2017	37,000	135,000	576,000
2018	34,000	133,000	617,000
2019	32,000	132,000	665,000
2020	10,200	21,200	62,000
2021	17,400	65,800	270,400

Westminster Abbey 2021: 700 Christmas communicants; 2,500 Christmas attendance; 10,000 attendance during Advent.

Christmas includes all services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

From 2014 onwards, Advent was specified to be the period from Advent Sunday to 23rd December. Data before 2014 therefore may include extra figures and hence only 2014 onwards are shown.

Total attendance includes the total number of people reported to have attended worship, both communicants and those that did not take communion, adults, children and young people, clergy and laity.

Table 9: Baptism and Thanksgiving services held at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

Year	Baptism Services									Thanksgiving Services
	Infants under one year	Children aged 1 to 4 years	Children aged 5 to 12 years	Children aged 5 to 10 years	Children aged 1 to 12 years	Youth / adults (13+)	Youth (Aged 11-17)	Adults (18+)	Total baptisms	Total thanksgiving services
2011	360	-	-	-	220	160	-	-	750	10
2012	350	-	-	-	250	160	-	-	760	10
2013	320	150	100	-	250	220	-	-	780	10
2014	300	190	50	-	240	210	-	-	760	20
2015	270	160	70	-	230	260	-	-	760	10
2016	240	140	90	-	220	300	-	-	770	10
2017	250	140	110	-	250	340	-	-	840	10
2018	220	150	110	-	260	300	-	-	770	10
2019	220	130	-	60	-	-	80	250	740	10
2020	40	30	-	20	-	-	10	10	90	<5
2021	110	140	-	10	-	-	20	50	320	0

Westminster Abbey 2021: Baptisms - <5 infants (under 1 year); 10 children aged 1-4; 0 children aged 5-10; 0 young people (aged 11-17), 0 adults (18+). No Thanksgivings were reported.

Prior to 2013, baptisms were reported in 3 categories: infants under 1 year, children aged 1-12 years and mature aged 13+. From 2013-2018, children's baptisms were split into those aged 1-4 years and 5-12 years; the total for children aged 1-12 years is given in Table 8 for comparison with years prior to 2013. For 2019, children's baptisms were split into those aged 1-4 years, 5-10 years, with added categories for young people (aged 11-17 years) and adults (18+).

Table 10: Marriage, Funeral and Memorial services held at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

Year	Marriage Services			Funeral Services			Memorial Services
	Marriages	Blessings of marriage	Total marriage services	In Cathedrals	At Crematoria/ Cemeteries	Total funeral services	
2011	340	30	<b>370</b>	280	60	<b>340</b>	90
2012	340	20	<b>360</b>	290	110	<b>400</b>	100
2013	290	30	<b>320</b>	300	90	<b>390</b>	100
2014	320	20	<b>340</b>	290	80	<b>370</b>	100
2015	270	30	<b>300</b>	300	80	<b>380</b>	120
2016	260	30	<b>290</b>	270	80	<b>350</b>	140
2017	250	50	<b>300</b>	310	140	<b>450</b>	120
2018	250	20	<b>270</b>	290	70	<b>360</b>	140
2019	240	30	<b>270</b>	280	80	<b>360</b>	170
2020	70	10	<b>70</b>	140	60	<b>300</b>	40
2021	230	20	<b>240</b>	240	100	<b>340</b>	130

Westminster Abbey 2019: 10 marriage services; ; 10 memorial services; no marriage blessings, funeral services or funerals at crematoria / cemeteries

Marriages: couples newly married only.

Service of blessing immediately after marriage does not include renewal of vows.

Memorial Services first reported in 2010.

Table 11: Number of children and young people attending educational events at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

	<b>KS1: Nursery / Pre-prep</b>	<b>KS2: Primary / Prep</b>	<b>KS3/4: Secondary / Senior</b>	<b>16 - 18</b>	<b>18 +</b>	<b>Total</b>
2011	36,500	150,300	76,300	8,500	15,000	<b>286,000</b>
2012	39,300	145,900	90,500	10,500	20,400	<b>307,000</b>
2013	43,500	133,300	95,500	15,600	33,900	<b>322,000</b>
2014	36,600	132,800	94,300	12,700	33,000	<b>309,000</b>
2015	48,900	133,700	94,100	11,500	31,800	<b>320,000</b>
2016	41,300	143,700	86,800	9,800	27,800	<b>309,000</b>
2017	52,000	145,900	91,400	14,100	14,700	<b>318,000</b>
2018	52,100	148,900	90,100	13,400	19,100	<b>324,000</b>
2019	52,300	143,900	86,900	9,900	15,900	<b>309,000</b>
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	19,200	29,400	8,200	1,800	1,600	<b>60,100</b>

Westminster Abbey 2021: KS1:190; KS2: 2,600; KS3/4 600; 16 – 18: 780; 18+: 60

Educational events include those events which took place either in the Cathedral or organised by the Cathedral and took place elsewhere.

This data was not collected in 2020 due to lockdown restrictions.

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



Table 12: Number of children and young people attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

Year	KS1: Nursery / Preprep		KS2: Primary / Prep		KS3/4: Secondary / Senior		16 – 18		18 +		Total	
	Count of students	Cath' rals	Count of students	Cath' rals	Count of students	Cath' rals	Count of students	Cath' rals	Count of students	Cath' rals	Count of students	Cath' rals
2011	1,360	(16)	2,950	(19)	5,420	(15)	1,780	-	310	-	11,800	(22)
2012	1,330	(16)	3,290	(19)	5,680	(15)	1,740	(10)	250	(2)	12,300	(22)
2013	1,500	(16)	2,950	(20)	5,510	(16)	1,710	(11)	270	(6)	11,900	(22)
2014	1,270	(16)	2,990	(20)	5,210	(16)	2,050	(11)	240	(6)	11,800	(22)
2015	1,290	(16)	3,080	(20)	6,290	(16)	2,480	(11)	320	(6)	13,500	(22)
2016	1,580	(17)	3,730	(20)	8,360	(16)	2,540	(11)	190	(6)	16,400	(22)
2017	1,610	(17)	2,960	(20)	8,850	(17)	2,590	(12)	230	(5)	16,200	(23)
2018	1,250	(17)	3,330	(21)	12,610	(22)	3,090	(11)	110	(3)	20,400	(20)
2019	1,520	(18)	3,910	(23)	13,910	(21)	3,350	(12)	60	(2)	22,800	(26)
2020	2,500	(17)	4,900	(22)	15,600	(19)	3,300	(13)	140	(2)	26,400	(25)
2021	2,400	(15)	4,400	(20)	16,600	(19)	3,300	(11)	160	(2)	26,900	(24)

Westminster Abbey 2019: KS1: 40; KS2: 460; KS3/4: 2,200; 16-18: 1,300 18+: 0.

Not all cathedrals responded to this question, and so the “Cath’rals” columns report (in brackets) the total number of cathedrals that provided a figure greater than zero.

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

Table 13: Visitors at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

Year	Visitors (in millions)		
	Paying/ Donating	Other visitors	Total number of visitors
2011	5.62 (34)	3.65	<b>9.26</b>
2012	4.08 (34)	5.42	<b>9.50</b>
2013	3.48 (26)	6.21	<b>9.69</b>
2014	3.84 (26)	5.38	<b>9.23</b>
2015	4.43 (26)	5.43	<b>9.86</b>
2016	4.20 (25)	5.21	<b>9.41</b>
2017	3.85 (24)	5.53	<b>9.38</b>
2018	3.22 (20)	6.91	<b>10.13</b>
2019	3.78 (22)	5.95	<b>9.73</b>
2020	0.72 (18)	2.45	<b>3.17</b>
2021	1.45 (19)	3.11	<b>4.56</b>

Westminster Abbey 2021: 120,000 visitors, 97% of these reported paying for entry

Community Roll was renewed in 2013 and 2019.

The numbers in parentheses in the “Paying/Donating” column are the number of Cathedrals that provided visitor data split into paying/non-paying categories.

Table 14: Volunteers and Community Roll at Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

Year	Volunteers	Community Roll (annual figure)
2011	15,000	16,300
2012	15,000	16,800
2013	15,000	14,500
2014	16,000	15,100
2015	15,000	15,900
2016	15,000	16,200
2017	15,000	16,200
2018	15,000	15,800
2019	16,000	13,500
2020	14,700	13,400
2021	11,700	13,300

Westminster Abbey 2021: 50 volunteers; no Community Roll

Table 15: Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

Year	Child choristers			Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars			Total choristers
	Boys	Girls	Total children	Men	Women	Total adults	
2011	780	650	<b>1,400</b>	-	-	<b>640</b>	<b>2,100</b>
2012	790	630	<b>1,400</b>	-	-	<b>540</b>	<b>2,000</b>
2013	780	650	<b>1,400</b>	430	80	<b>510</b>	<b>1,900</b>
2014	780	670	<b>1,500</b>	430	40	<b>470</b>	<b>1,900</b>
2015	800	690	<b>1,500</b>	470	80	<b>550</b>	<b>2,000</b>
2016	800	750	<b>1,500</b>	440	50	<b>500</b>	<b>2,000</b>
2017	750	710	<b>1,500</b>	430	40	<b>460</b>	<b>1,900</b>
2018	740	740	<b>1,500</b>	450	80	<b>540</b>	<b>2,000</b>
2019	730	770	<b>1,500</b>	430	80	<b>510</b>	<b>2,000</b>
2020	650	750	<b>1,400</b>	350	70	<b>420</b>	<b>1,800</b>
2021	660	720	<b>1,400</b>	380	80	<b>450</b>	<b>1,900</b>

Westminster Abbey 2019: 30 boy choristers; 30 girl choristers; 10 men; <5 women. Note that the men and women reported at Westminster Abbey are paid professionals.

Since 2013, Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars figures have been split into men and women. Prior to 2013 only the total was reported.

Table 16: Number of Voluntary Choir members in Church of England cathedrals, 2011-2021

Year	Child choristers			y Clerks / Chor Scholars			Total choristers
	Boys	Girls	Total children	Men	Women	Total adults	
2012	250	440	<b>690</b>	590	830	<b>1,400</b>	<b>2,100</b>
2013	240	400	<b>640</b>	580	830	<b>1,400</b>	<b>2,100</b>
2014	200	340	<b>540</b>	570	850	<b>1,400</b>	<b>2,000</b>
2015	210	330	<b>540</b>	560	850	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,900</b>
2016	200	290	<b>490</b>	580	760	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,800</b>
2017	170	280	<b>450</b>	500	700	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,700</b>
2018	210	340	<b>550</b>	480	800	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,800</b>
2019	190	300	<b>490</b>	480	800	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,800</b>
2020	130	210	340	410	710	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,500</b>
2021	160	350	500	370	700	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,500</b>

Westminster Abbey 2021: No voluntary choir members were reported.

Number of Voluntary Choir members first reported in 2010.

Table 17: Number of Choirs in Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2021

	Male	Female	Mixed	Total Number of Cathedral Choirs	Visiting Choirs
2013	40	30	80	150	850
2014	40	30	70	140	820
2015	40	30	80	150	770
2016	40	30	80	150	850
2017	40	30	90	160	890
2018	40	30	80	150	910
2019	40	30	90	160	970
2020	30	30	90	150	150
2021	40	30	90	160	280

Westminster Abbey 2021: < 5 male choirs; no female choirs; < 5 mixed choirs and 20 visiting choirs were reported.

Number of Choirs first reported in 2012 with questions asking for numbers of male, female and mixed choirs, but due to data quality, data are shown from 2013 onwards.

Number of Visiting choirs first reported in 2013.

## Appendix 2: Methodology

There are 42 Church of England cathedrals in mainland England, listed below, all of which participated in this exercise along with Westminster Abbey (which is not a cathedral, but a Royal Peculiar). Figure 9 on the next page shows the location of all participating cathedrals from which data have been aggregated to show the totals reported in Figures 1 to 18 (names listed below, with diocese name in brackets if not already in the name of the cathedral). Westminster Abbey is not shown on Figure 19 because data from them are reported separately via footnotes accompanying tables 1 to 16.

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

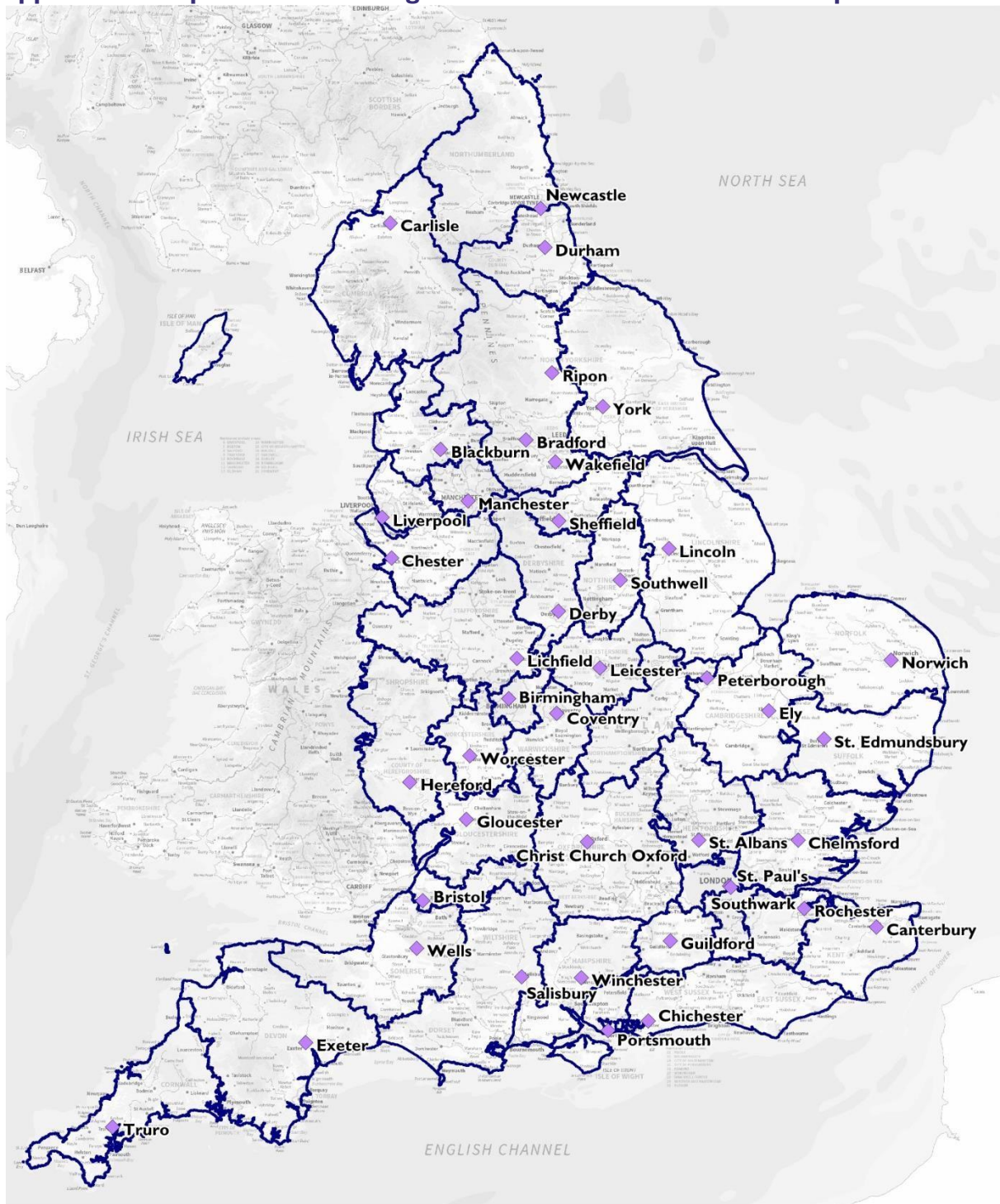
Data in this report have been collated from the annual cathedral returns completed each year by Head Vergers/Cathedral Administrators and Deans. The form in Appendix 4 was sent electronically to all Church of England cathedrals, and Westminster Abbey, in early 2021. Data were checked upon the form being returned, and any anomalies or missing data queried directly with the cathedral and amended where necessary.

In the case of no response from the query, estimation was carried out based on previously held data. 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 2021 datasets. The percentage change between the 2019 and 2021 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 2021 in order to calculate imputed values for 2021. The sum totals reported in the tables of this report are the sum of all the reported and imputed values for 2021.

While all figures in this report have been rounded to the most relevant significant figures, totals and averages were calculated before rounding, thus 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.

As has been the case since 2016, all visitor figures in this report are taken from the returns provided by cathedrals themselves and not from external sources; in reports prior to 2016, visitor figures for Canterbury, London, Westminster Abbey and, prior to 2011, York Minster, were taken from [www.alva.org.uk](http://www.alva.org.uk).

### Appendix 3: Map of Church of England cathedrals included in this report



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## Appendix 4: Cathedral Statistics Form 2021

# Cathedral Statistics: January to December 2021

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

The COVID-19 pandemic caused considerable disruption in many cathedrals in 2021, as it did in 2020. Some activities have returned to “normal”, but we know that this is not the case everywhere. We have done our best to adjust this form accordingly, whilst maintaining continuity where appropriate.

We’re keen to find out anything you can tell us, and your best approximation is fine if you don’t have precise numbers. Please don’t worry about anything you don’t feel able to answer. Where no instances occurred please enter “0” or “N/A” as appropriate. **Blank answers may be queried with you later.**

### 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 2021.

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

#### Attendance on Sundays and Midweek (October 2021)

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, and excluding major festivals or peak holiday periods.

- ✓ 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.

**Please record the usual / average number of people per week.**

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

#### Additional Regular Services

This section focuses on services which are held at least once a month but not part of the weekly pattern of services (i.e. not including those weekly services covered in the previous section); for example fresh expressions of church and community services, school services and other services such as healing, Taize and Iona.

A fresh expression is a form of church established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet “members” of any church. Do not include activities such as Alpha or outreach activities which do not include worship. If you are uncertain as to whether an activity or service in your Cathedral counts as a Fresh Expression please visit <http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk> or use the “Choice tree” at the end of this form.

**Please record the total number of people attending in person for the entire year.**

	Annual attendance
Fresh expressions and other community services:	
Services for schools:	
Other regular services:	

### Specially Arranged Services

This section should include:

- ✓ Diocesan or Episcopal services, e.g. Ascension Day, Pentecost, ordinations, Chrism Mass (but excluding Christmas and Easter services).
- ✓ Services in response to a special occasion, e.g. civic, county and charity services, installation of Canons, anniversary services such as centenary celebrations, diocesan celebrations and confirmations (excluding confirmation services included elsewhere).
- ✓ Services for schools that are not regular, e.g. leavers’, end of term, or school carol services.
- ✓ Services outside the Cathedral building, e.g. carols around the Christmas tree, Palm Sunday processions.

**Please record the total number of in person attendees and total number of services / events for the entire year.**

	Annual attendance	Number of services / events
Diocesan or Episcopal services:		
Special services (excluding memorials):		
Services for schools (not regular), e.g. end of term services:		
Services outside the Cathedral building:		

### Other events in the Cathedral

This section should include events organised by the Cathedral or when the Cathedral is being used as a venue, including:

- ✓ Graduation ceremonies
- ✓ Public or civic events
- ✓ Conferences / meetings
- ✓ Concerts (include performers as well as audience in the numbers)

**Please record the total number of in person attendees and total number of services / events for the entire year.**

	<b>Annual attendance</b>	<b>Number of services / events</b>
Graduation ceremonies:		
Other public or civic events, conferences, concerts, meetings:		

### 3. Festivals

#### Easter and Christmas

In this section, Easter refers to vigil services on Easter Eve and all services on Easter Day. Christmas refers to all services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

- ✓ 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 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 communicants and in person attendees at services during Easter / Christmas.**

Number of <b>communicants</b> at service(s) on Easter Day and vigil service on Easter Eve:	
Total number of people <b>attending worship</b> (including communicants) at Easter service(s):	
Number of <b>communicants</b> at service(s) on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:	
Total number of people <b>attending worship</b> (including communicants) at Christmas service(s):	

#### Holy Week

In this section, Holy Week refers to the period from and including Palm Sunday to Good Friday. This should include any blessing of oils and Chrism services.

**Please record the number of people attending all events and services in the Cathedral in person during Holy Week**

Total number of people attending events and service(s) during Holy Week:	
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#### Advent

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.

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

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

### Educational Visits

This section looks at the total number of children / students attending organised educational events during the year that took place either in the Cathedral or were organised by the Cathedral and took place elsewhere, e.g. a school or academy, running a course within a secondary school, etc.

For reference, age / year groups are as follows:

- **Nursery / Pre-prep / KS1:** includes nursery, reception, school years 1 and 2 (ages 3 to 7)
- **Primary / Prep / KS2:** includes school years 3 to 6 (ages 7 to 11)
- **Secondary / Senior / KS3 / KS4:** includes school years 7 to 11 (ages 11 to 16)
- **16-18 years:** includes school years 12, 13 and 14 (Sixth form/AS/A level). Students will typically study in either the sixth form of a secondary school or a further education college.
- **18+:** those in higher education, for example colleges and universities.

**Please record the number of students attending organised educational events during the year that took place in, or were organised by, the Cathedral during 2021.**

<b>Nursery / pre-prep / KS1</b>	<b>Primary / Prep / KS2</b>	<b>Secondary / Senior / KS3-4</b>	<b>16-18 years old</b>	<b>18+ years old</b>

### 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 2021 is unavailable, please state the number registered at the start of the academic year (i.e. September 2021). 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 2021.**

<b>Nursery / pre-prep / KS1</b>	<b>Primary / Prep / KS2</b>	<b>Secondary / Senior / KS3-4</b>	<b>16-18 years old</b>	<b>18+ years old</b>

## 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 (at least once a month) 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 who volunteered in at the Cathedral in 2021

Number of people volunteering:	
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## 11. Church at Home

By Church at Home 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.

### Services at Home in October 2021

Did your cathedral offer any Services at Home during October 2021? (Please state <b>Yes or No</b> )	Yes/No
If yes, in how many weeks during October did your cathedral offer any Services at Home? (Please state <b>1, 2, 3 or 4 weeks</b> )	1/2/3/4 weeks
If yes, what was the usual number of people “attending” your Services at Home each week that you offered them in October?  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Please see <a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/media/25032">https://www.churchofengland.org/media/25032</a> for some guidance about how to count ‘Church at Home’ attendance.</li> <li>✓ If you do not have exact figures, please give a best estimate.</li> <li>✓ If possible, please count only people who did not also attend the cathedral in person</li> </ul>	

### What Services at Home did your cathedral offer during October 2021?

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

	Offered during October 2021
Online services, pre-recorded or live streamed, e.g. using Facebook, YouTube, Zoom	Yes/No
Telephone or dial in services	Yes/No
Services downloadable from a website or emailed	Yes/No
Printed and posted services	Yes/No
Other, please specify <input style="width: 150px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Yes/No

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

### 13. Comments

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

Additionally, we would be interested to know how you derived the October attendance figures in Section 2 - e.g. using clickers, estimating or by taking an average of services.

### 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.

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Position:</b>	
<b>Email or phone:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	

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 2022**

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