



# Cathedral Statistics 2023

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## Foreword

Cathedrals matter. They are places of worship and welcome; of history and education; of joyous exuberance and quiet reflection.

This report provides summary information about some aspects of the life of cathedrals. The figures cover attendance at regular acts of worship and at the great festivals of Easter and Christmas, as well attendance at a wide range of other services. They also illustrate some of the other roles that cathedrals play in their communities, such as through hosting educational visits, graduation ceremonies, and concerts. The significant place of cathedrals in the musical life of the nation is shown by their choirs, choristers, and other musicians.

This report contains information provided by Head Vergers, Chief Operating Officers, and Deans. I am grateful for the time they have taken to provide accurate and timely figures, and to respond swiftly to queries.

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## Summary

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 2023. Data were sought from all 42 mainland Church of England cathedrals and from Westminster Abbey, through the annual cathedral statistics survey. Among other things, the survey asked about attendance at Sunday and midweek services; Easter and Christmas services; school visits; baptisms, marriages, and funerals; musical activities and volunteering. The survey form and guidance notes can be found in Appendix 4.

By most measures, attendance, participation, and engagement were higher in 2023 than in 2022, but lower than they were in 2019. Those few exceptions where the 2023 figures were lower than those from 2022 – particularly baptisms, marriages, and graduations – suggest that the 2022 numbers included some things that had been postponed from previous years.

## Recent trends in cathedral attendance and participation

The COVID-19 pandemic that began in 2020 had a huge effect on the worshipping life of cathedrals, as it did on so many aspects of life. As expected, many measures of cathedral attendance and participation fell sharply in 2020, recovering in 2021 and 2022. Most measures further recovered in 2023, while remaining below their 2019 levels (Table 1). For example, Adult usual Sunday attendance rose by 3% from 2022 to 2023, but was 17% below its 2019 level.

The Community Roll and funerals numbers both remained much more stable over the course of the pandemic than other measures. These exceptions are unsurprising: Community Roll is not a measure of attendance, and funeral services were able to continue, albeit with restrictions, during the pandemic. Marriages and baptisms fell from 2022 to 2023 (in the case of marriages, 2022 numbers were above those in 2019), which suggests that some of the marriages and baptisms that took place in cathedrals in 2022 were those that were rescheduled having not been able to take place in cathedrals during the pandemic.

Patterns of cathedral attendance and participation are, in general, similar to those seen in other Church of England churches, as described in detail in the 2022 Statistics for Mission report<sup>1</sup>.

Further details and longer-term trends can be seen in the figures and tables in the remainder of this report.

Table 1: Changes in cathedral attendance and participation from 2019 to 2020, from 2019 to 2023, and from 2022 to 2023

	Estimated change, 2019 to 2020		Estimated change, 2019 to 2023		Estimated change, 2022 to 2023
Adult usual Sunday attendance	-52%		-17%		3%
Child usual Sunday attendance	-61%		-25%		4%
Adult usual midweek attendance	-77%		-13%		13%
Child usual midweek attendance	-71%		-31%		2%
Community Roll	-1%		-10%		-6%
Easter attendance	Not available		-14%		10%
Christmas attendance	-84%		-6%		20%
Baptisms and thanksgivings	-88%		-22%		-3%
Marriages and services of prayer & dedication	-73%		-10%		-19%
Funerals in cathedrals, crematoria, & cemeteries	-16%		-10%		-6%
Visitors	-67%		-4%		17%

<sup>1</sup> Statistics for Mission 2022, <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2023-11/statisticsformission2022.pdf>

# Regular Attendance

## Usual Sunday and Midweek Attendance

Figures 1 and 2 show the usual Sunday and midweek attendance, per week, at all 42 Church of England mainland cathedrals at services on the weekly calendar in a 'normal' week. For data from before 2020, 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; from 2020 onwards the question asked about attendance during October. This difference may affect the comparability of the figures between years.

Data are separated into Sunday and midweek attendance, where the midweek count includes services held Monday to Saturday. 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 attendance (per week) at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023<sup>2</sup>

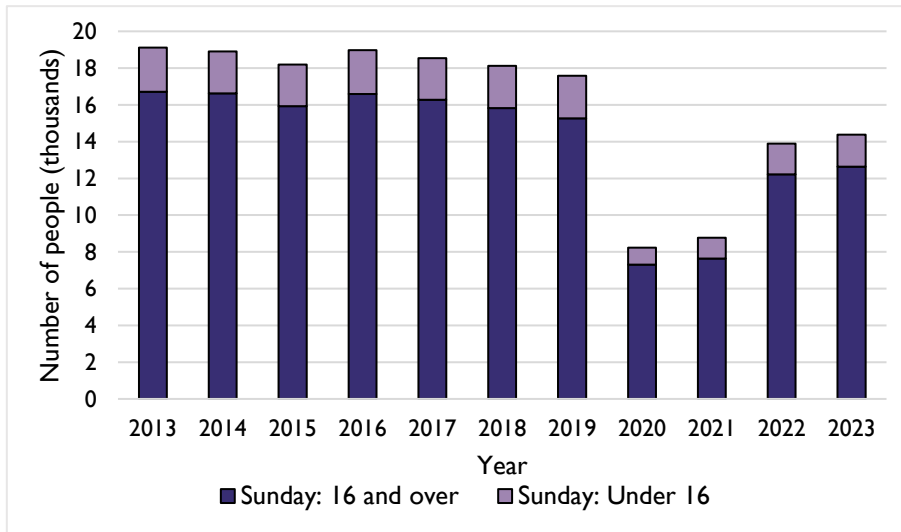
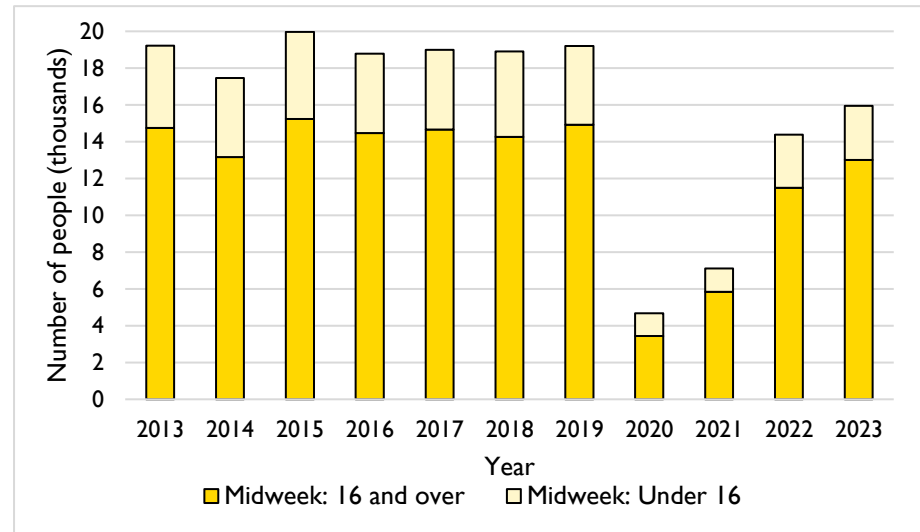


Figure 2: Midweek attendance (per week) at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023



In 2023, a weekly total of 30,300 people (of whom 85% were adults and 15% were children) were reported attending cathedral services. This is 7% more than the equivalent figure from 2022, and a 18% decrease on the 2019 figure.

<sup>2</sup> As with other charts in this report, data tables containing the information shown in Figure 1 can be found in Appendix I.



Figure 3: Usual Sunday and midweek attendance (per week) at Church of England cathedrals, 1995-2023<sup>3</sup>

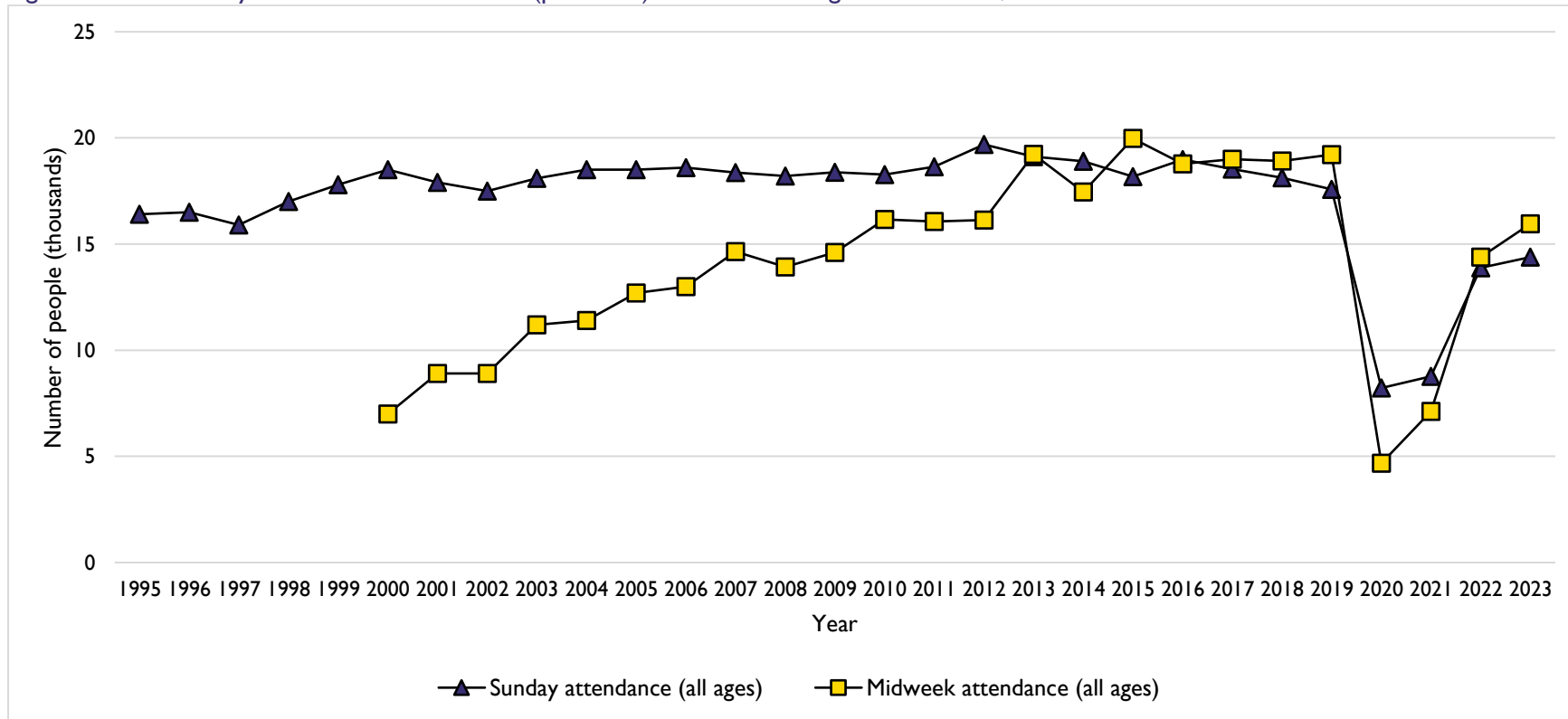


Figure 3 shows usual weekly attendance at Sunday and midweek services from 1995-2023. Sunday attendance was fairly stable from 2000-2019. Reported midweek attendance rose from 7,000 people per week in 2000 (when first reported) to a peak of 20,000 people per week in 2015, since when it remained stable until 2019. Attendance at midweek services showed a sharper fall in 2020 and a faster recovery thereafter than attendance at Sunday services.

<sup>3</sup> Midweek attendance figures were first reported in the year 2000.

### Additional Regular Services

Figure 4a shows the total reported annual attendance at additional ‘regular’ services. These refer to additional services that happen at least once a month but not necessarily weekly and that are not part of the weekly pattern of services (i.e. those included in Figures 1 and 2).

Three categories are shown: regular fresh expressions of Church (and other community services); regular services for schools; and all other regular services. Attendance at fresh expressions of Church is also shown in Figure 4b, to show the change between years more clearly.

Figure 4a: Total annual attendance at additional regular services at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023<sup>4</sup>

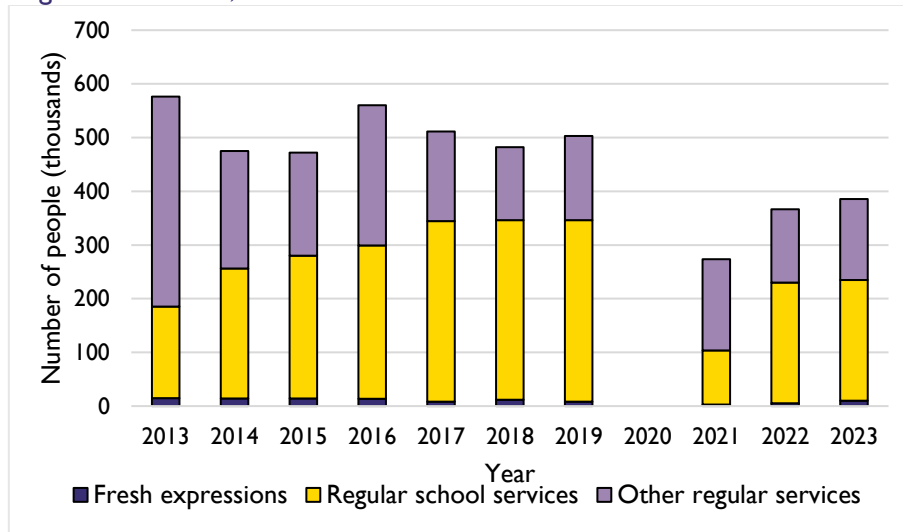
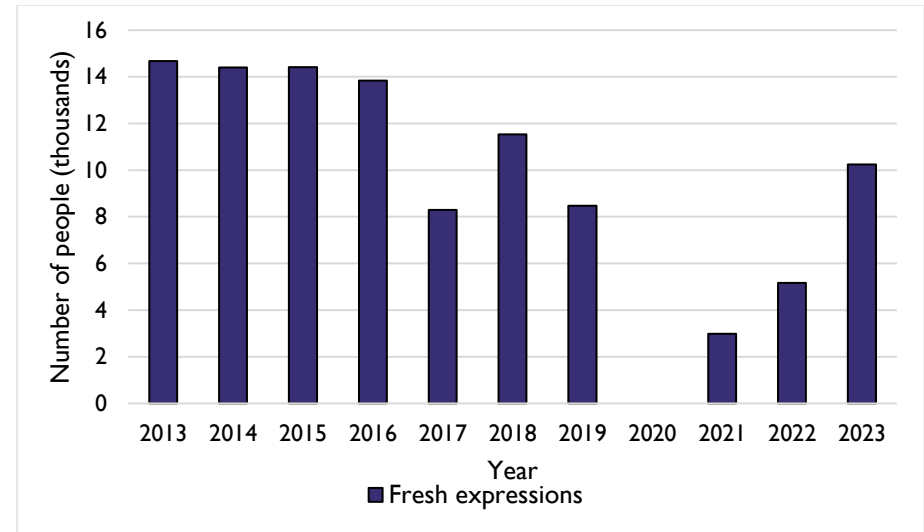


Figure 4b: Total annual attendance at Fresh expressions of Church, 2013-2023



An annual attendance of 385,400 was reported at additional regular services conducted at least once a month (including fresh expressions of Church and school services) in 2023, as shown in Figure 4a.

An annual attendance of 10,200 was reported at fresh expressions of Church in 2023.

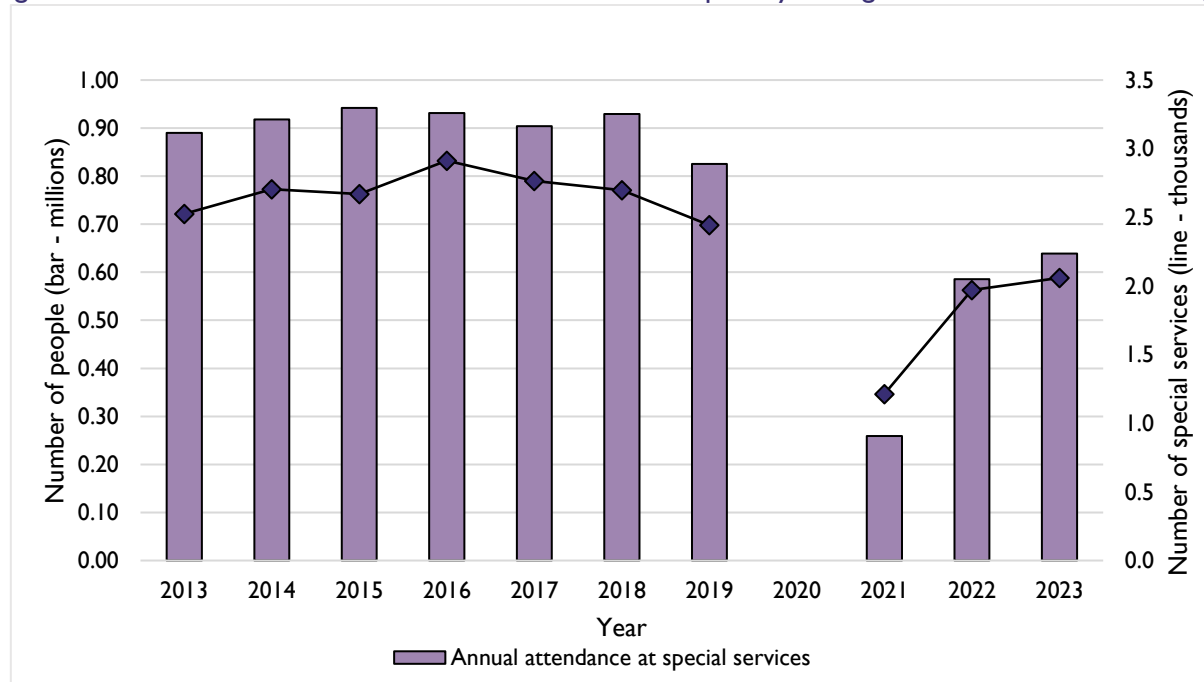
<sup>4</sup> Data related to fresh expressions of Church and additional regular services were not collected in 2020.

## Special Event Attendance

Attendance at specially arranged services is not included in average weekly attendance, shown in Figure 1, or the total annual attendance for additional regular services, shown in Figures 4a and 4b, as they are not part of the regular pattern of services; attendance at specially arranged services is reported separately in this section.

Figure 5 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 5: Annual number of and total annual attendance at specially arranged services at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023<sup>5</sup>



An annual attendance of 638,900 was reported at 2,060 specially arranged services at cathedrals in 2023.

Attendance at specially arranged services in 2023 is broken down as follows: 105,000 at 420 diocesan or episcopal services; 256,700 at 500 specially arranged school services; 256,500 at 1,070 other special services; 20,700 at 80 services held away from the cathedral.

<sup>5</sup> From 2014, data were collected on services held away from the cathedral buildings.

Figure 6: Annual number of and total annual attendance at public / civic events at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023<sup>6</sup>

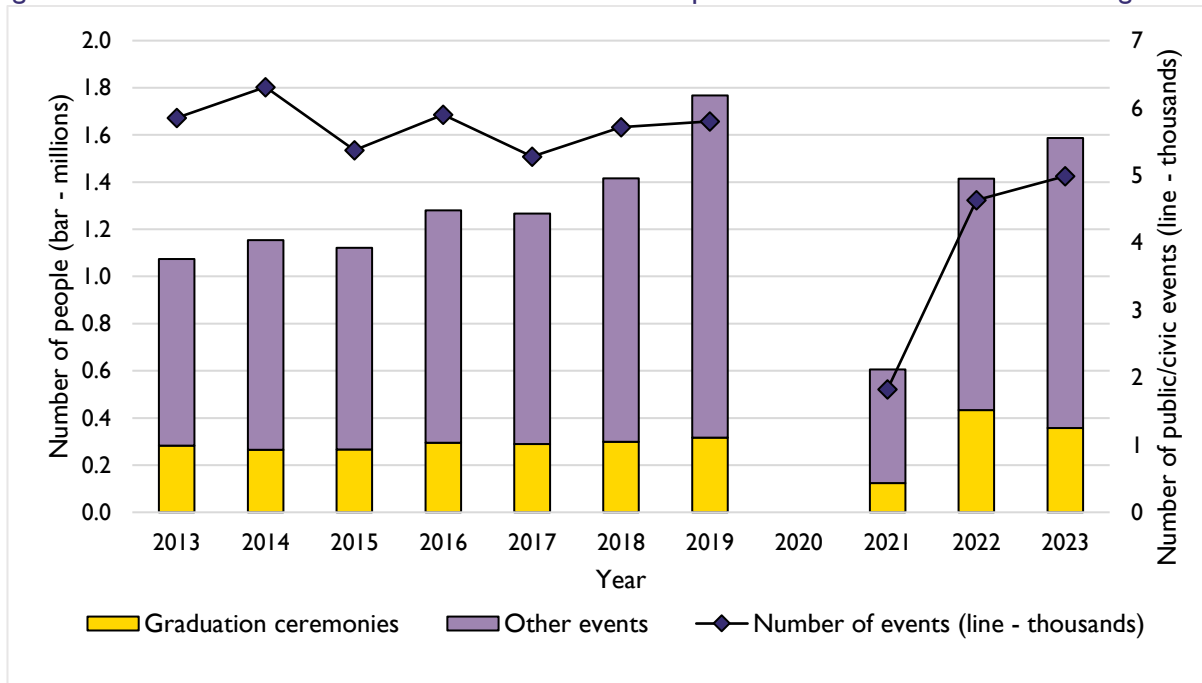


Figure 6 shows the total number of people reported attending public or civic events, which includes graduation ceremonies, conferences, concerts and meetings.

An annual attendance of 1,590,000 was reported at 5,000 public / civic events in cathedrals in 2023.

Attendance is broken down as follows: 357,000 at 430 graduation ceremonies; 1,230,000 at 4,560 other public / civic events.

<sup>6</sup> These data were not collected in 2020.

## Easter and Holy Week Attendance

Figure 7a 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 7b shows attendance during Holy Week specified, since 2014, as the period from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. Note that no in-person Easter services were permitted in 2020 due to the lockdown restrictions that were in place at the time.

Figure 7a: Easter attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

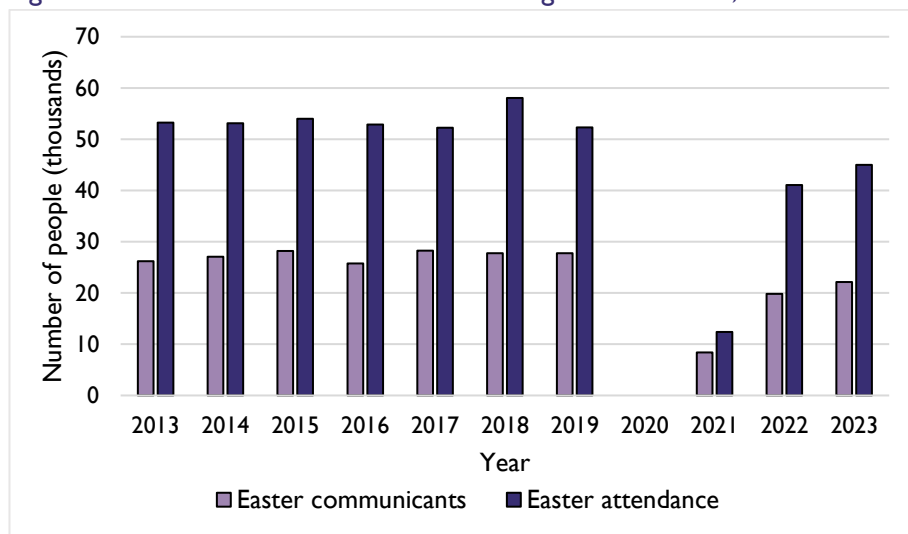
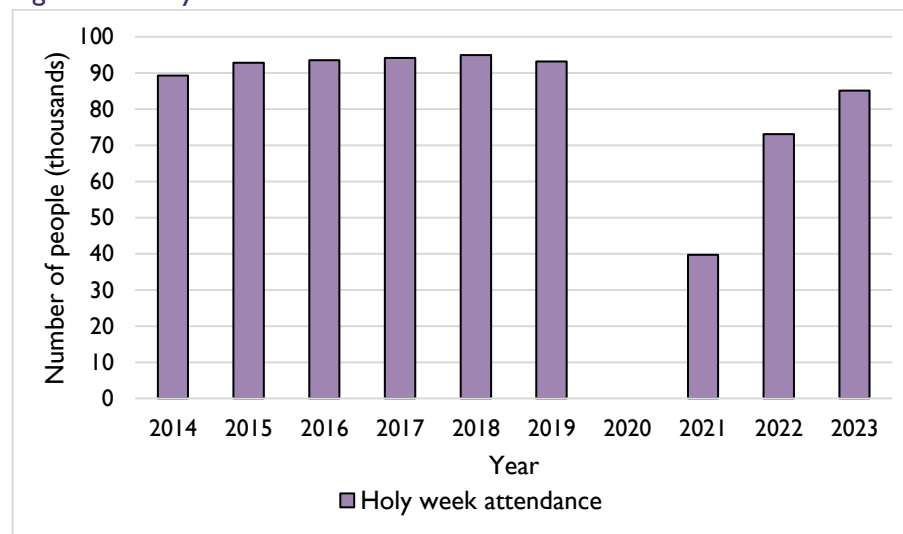


Figure 7b: Holy Week attendance 2014-2023<sup>7</sup>



In 2023, total reported attendance at Easter services was 45,000. Of those who attended services at Easter 2023, 22,100 received communion, 49% of those who attended.

A total attendance of 85,100 was reported at services during Holy Week in 2023.

<sup>7</sup> Reported consistently since 2014.

## Christmas and Advent Attendance

Figure 8a 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 8b shows attendance during Advent which, since 2014, was specified as the period from Advent Sunday to 23 December.

Figure 8a: Christmas attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

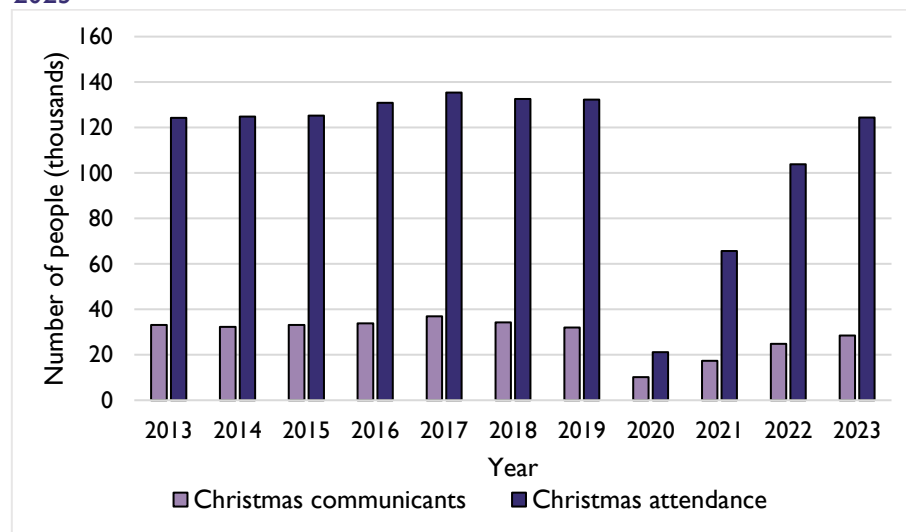
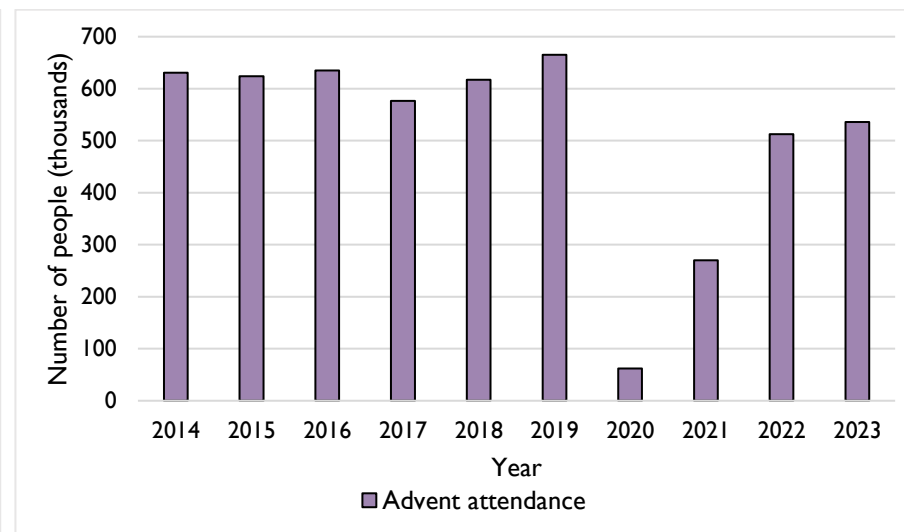


Figure 8b: Advent attendance 2014-2023<sup>8</sup>



In 2023, total reported attendance at Christmas services was 124,500. Of those who attended services at Christmas 2023, 28,500 received communion, 23% of those who attended.

A total attendance of 536,000 was reported at services during Advent in 2023.

<sup>8</sup> Reported consistently since 2014.

## Occasional Offices

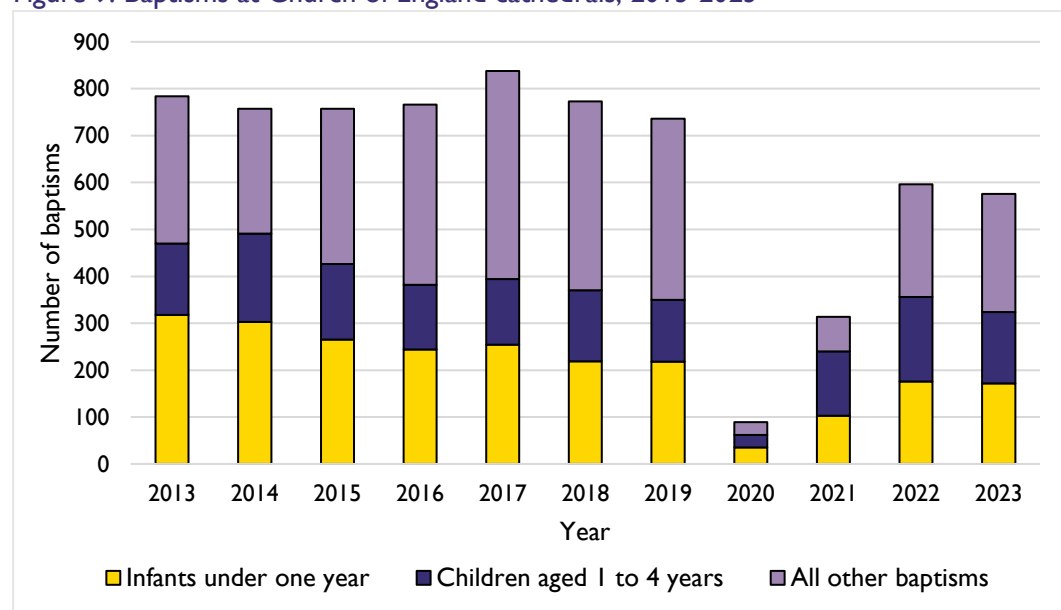
### Baptisms and Thanksgiving services

During 2023, 576 baptisms were conducted in Church of England cathedrals. Fewer than five birth or adoption thanksgiving services took place in 2023.

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 2023, 172 (30%) were of infants under one year; 152 (26%) were of children aged 1 to 4 years; 47 (8%) were of children aged 5-10; 64 (11%) were of young people aged 11-17 years; and 141 (24%) were of adults aged 18 or over.

Figure 9: Baptisms at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023



## Marriage, Funeral and Memorial services

217 marriages were conducted in cathedrals during 2023. 23 blessings of marriage were conducted in cathedrals in 2023. The number of marriage services, shown in Figure 10, includes couples newly married in the relevant year, whilst blessings of marriage includes the number of couples for whom a service of prayer and dedication (after a civil marriage) was held in the cathedral, and does not include the renewal of vows.

Figure 10: Marriage services at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

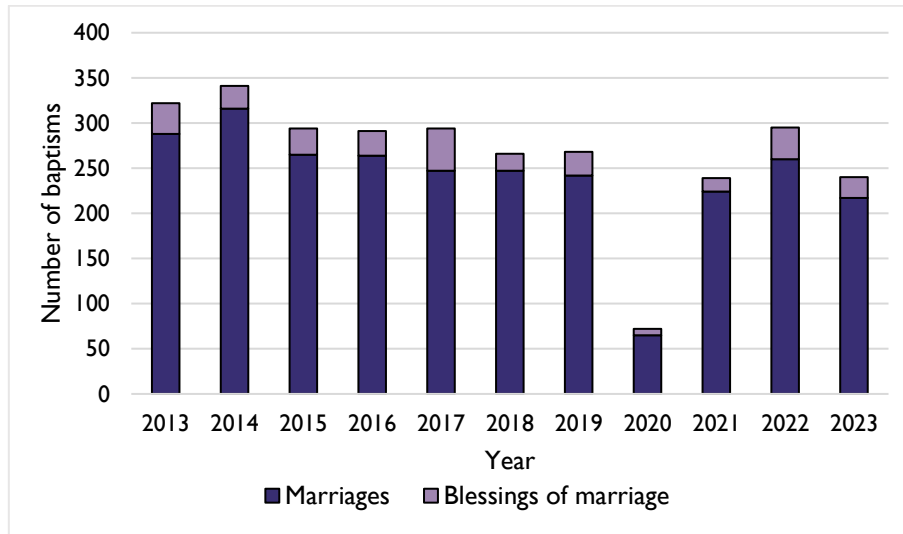
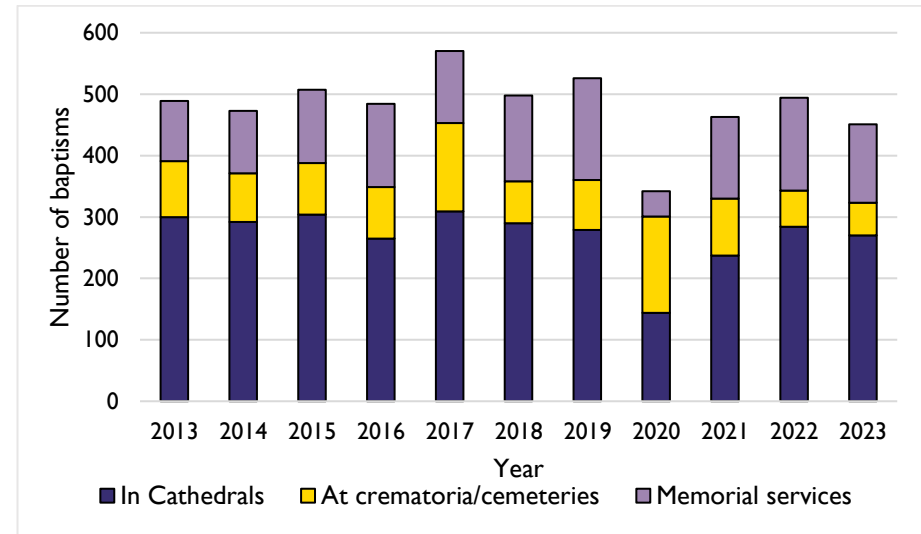


Figure 11: Funeral and memorial services at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023



The total number of funeral services, shown in Figure 11, 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. 323 funerals took place in or on behalf of cathedrals in 2023, of which 270 took place in the cathedral and 53 at a crematorium or cemetery. In addition, 128 memorial services took place in cathedrals in 2023.



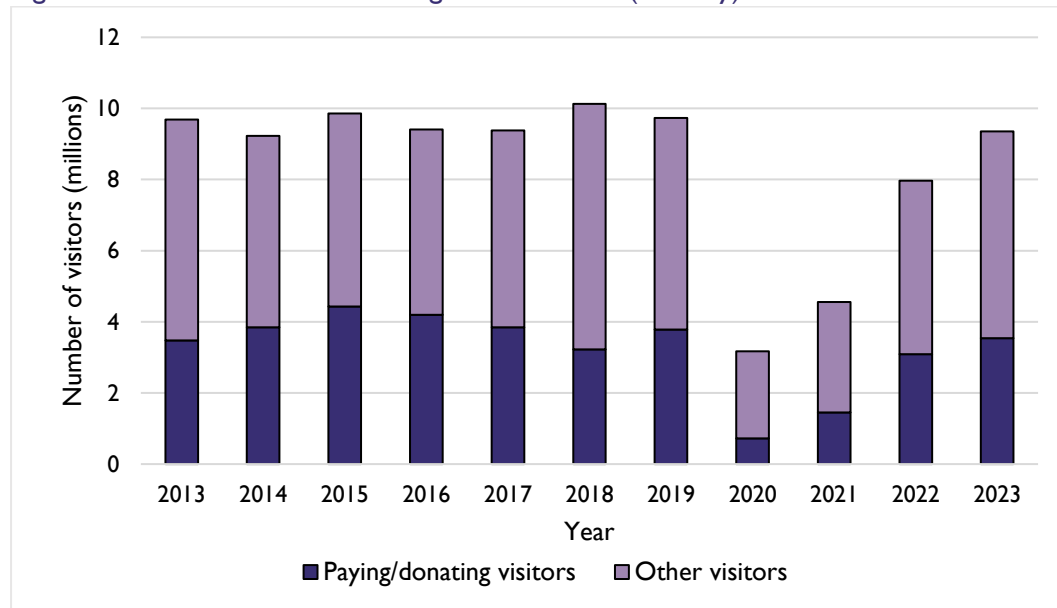
## Visitors

The total number of visitors is shown in Figure 12. Visitors are recorded in two categories - those paying (either by donation or paying at point of entry) and those that did not pay. Visitor numbers exclude those people attending services and events mentioned elsewhere in this report.

In 2023, cathedrals reported 9.35 million visitors.

Just over half of the cathedrals reported having some paying or donating visitors. Paying or donating visitors accounted for 38% of all visitors (3.54 million visitors) to cathedrals in 2023.

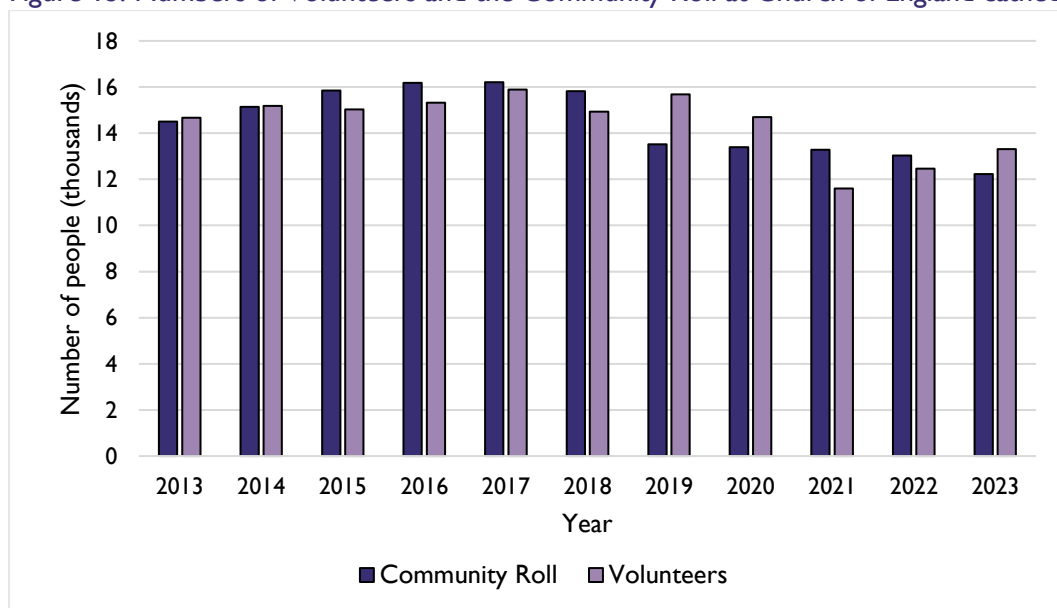
Figure 12: Visitors to Church of England cathedrals (annually) 2013–2023



## Volunteers and Community Roll

Figure 13 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 is also shown in Figure 13. 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 to 2019 and relative lack of change thereafter.

Figure 13: Numbers of Volunteers and the Community Roll at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023



There were 13,300 people reported as volunteers in cathedrals during 2023.

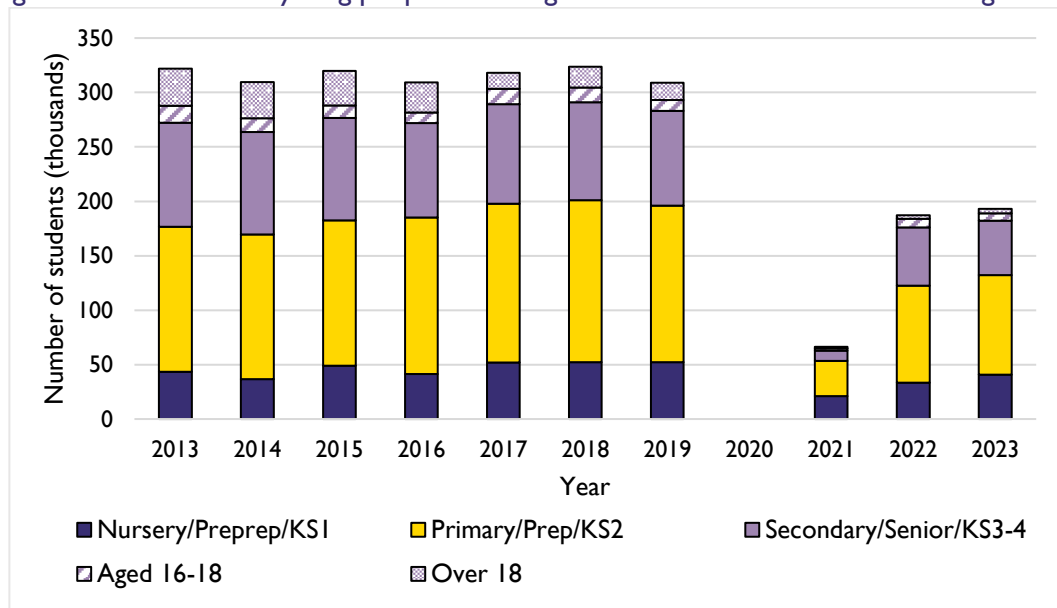
12,200 people were members of cathedrals' Community Rolls in 2023.

## Education

### Educational events

Figure 14 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>9</sup>. The total number of children and young people attending organised educational events in cathedrals in 2023 was 193,200.

Figure 14: Children and young people attending educational events at Church of England cathedrals 2013-2023<sup>10</sup>



<sup>9</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>10</sup> No data relating to educational events were collected in 2020.

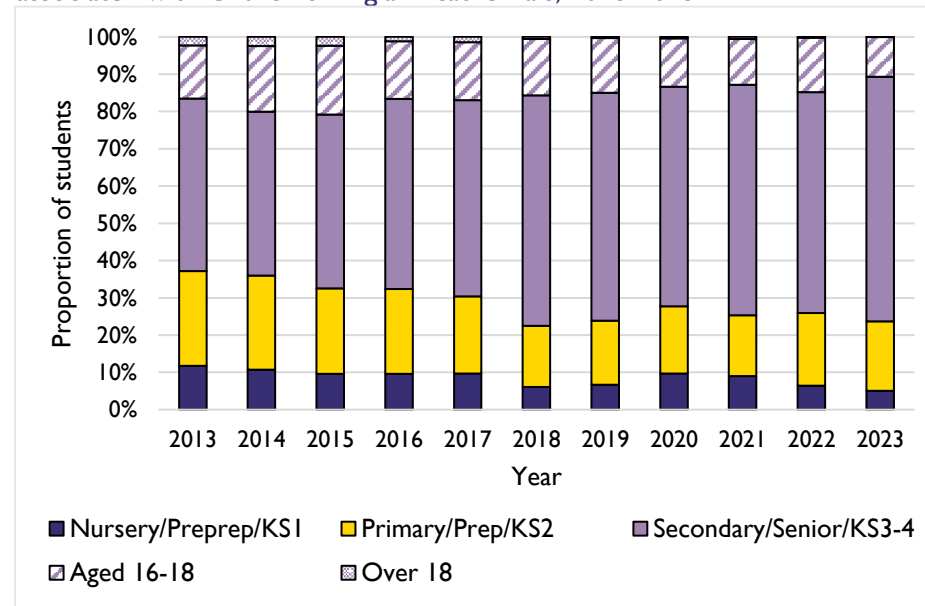
## Cathedral schools

Figure 15 shows the proportion of students attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals, broken down by age / year groups. Due to the differing number of cathedrals reporting each year, proportions rather than numbers of students are shown, to allow for year-on-year comparison; numbers of students can be found 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.

In 2023, 23,870 students were reported attending cathedral schools or schools formally associated with cathedrals. The largest proportion of those attending cathedral schools in 2023 was at secondary / senior level, which accounted for 66% of all students reported and consistently accounts for the highest proportion of students every year. Primary / prep accounted for the next highest proportion in 2023 (19%), followed by 16-18 year olds (11%).

Figure 15: Proportions of children and young people attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023



## Music in Cathedrals

### Choristers and voluntary choir members

Figure 16 shows numbers of Choristers in Church of England cathedrals. Prior to 2013, only the total adult Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars figures were recorded; adults were split into men and women from 2013.

Figure 17 shows numbers of members of voluntary choirs at Church of England cathedrals.

Figure 16: Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

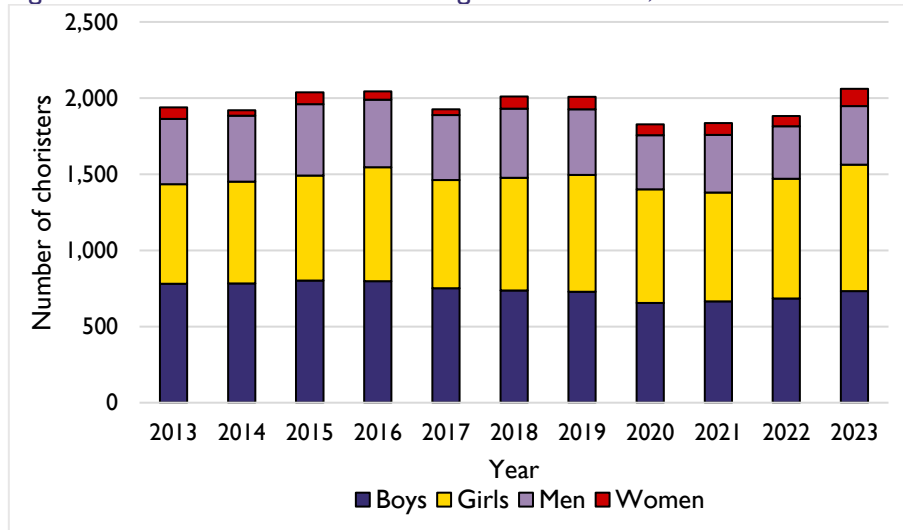
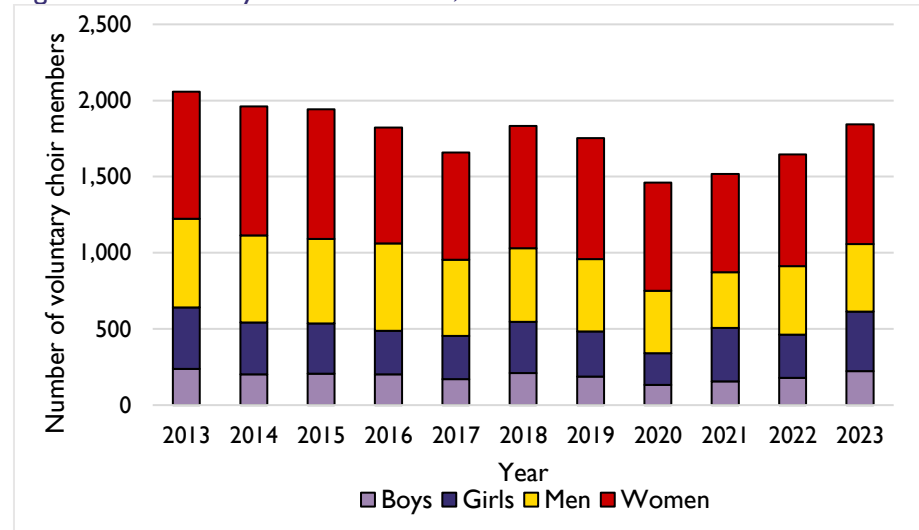


Figure 17: Voluntary Choir members, 2013-2023



In 2023, 1,560 boy and girl choristers and 500 lay clerks / choral scholars (i.e. adults) were reported as providing choral music for cathedrals.

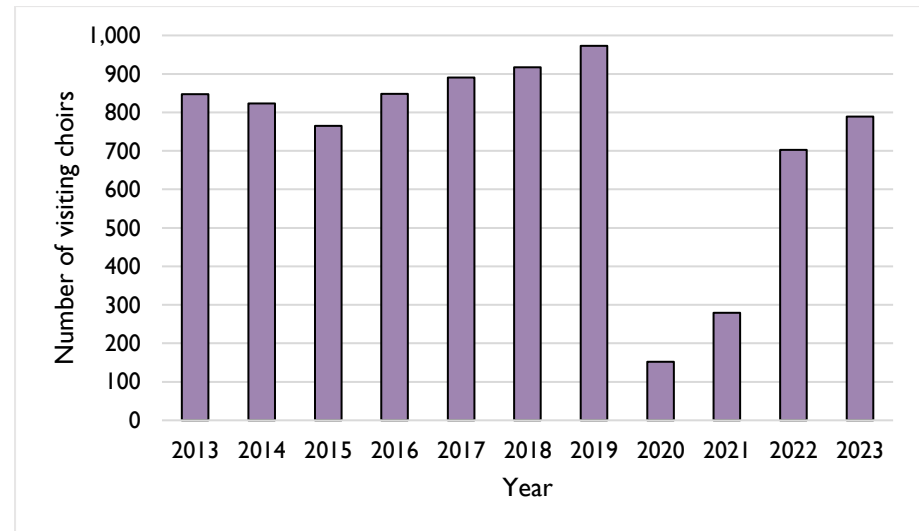
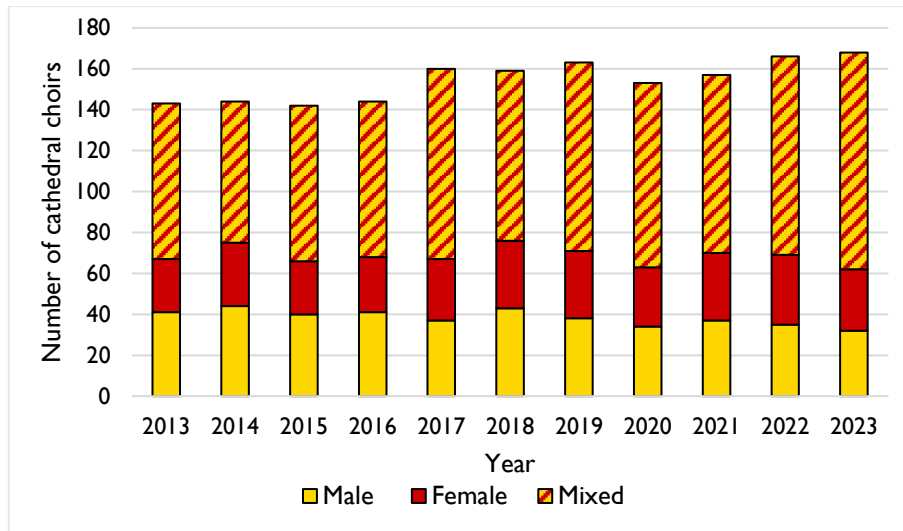
Voluntary choirs in 2023 reported 1,840 members. More volunteer choir members are adults (67%) compared to cathedral choirs (24%). Voluntary choirs contain more adult women than cathedral choirs; 43% of volunteer choir members were women in 2023, compared to 5% of cathedral choir members.

## Number of choirs

In 2023, cathedrals reported 32 male, 30 female and 106 mixed choirs. Cathedrals reported 789 visiting choirs in 2023.

Figure 18a: Number of Choirs in Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

Figure 18b: Number of visiting choirs, 2013-2023



## Musicians

In 2023, cathedrals reported a total of 168 regular and 766 occasional musicians. 73% of the 168 regular musicians were adult men, 17% were adult women. 57% of the occasional musicians were adult men, 21% were adult women.

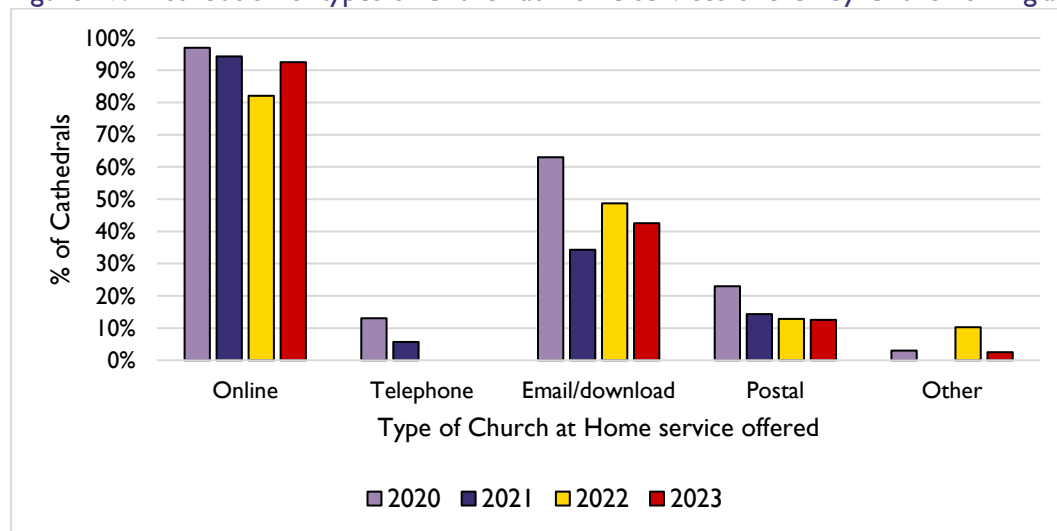
## Church at Home

In March 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person collective worship was suspended. The 2020 Cathedral Statistics return was adapted to collect information about the “Church at Home” services – those services offered online, by phone, post, email, and other means – offered by cathedrals during the March-July 2020 lockdown, and during October 2020. Since then, many cathedrals have continued to offer this ministry.

Church at Home services can take a variety of forms, including 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 members of the congregation. Cathedrals can potentially offer one or multiple types of Church at Home service.

95% of cathedrals offered Church at Home services in October 2023, up from 85% in 2022. Figure 19 shows the percentages of cathedrals offering each type of Church at Home from 2020-2023. Online services were the most frequently reported type of Church at Home, offered by almost all cathedrals that offered Church at Home services. Other types of Church at Home were less common, and were universally offered less frequently in 2023 than in 2022.

Figure 19: Distribution of types of Church at Home services offered by Church of England cathedrals, 2020-2023



## Cathedral-level summary information

Every cathedral is different, serving different communities in different ways. There are many ways to describe the “size” of a cathedral, of which a few are shown in Table 2. This table gives a sense of the range of cathedrals. For example, the average Adult usual Sunday attendance in 2023 was 301 people; Adult usual Sunday attendance at the median (middle) cathedral in 2023 was 222 people; a quarter of cathedrals had Adult usual Sunday attendance in 2023 of 180 or fewer people; a quarter of cathedrals had adult usual Sunday attendance in 2023 of 318 or more people.

Table 2: Cathedral size distribution summary, 2019 and 2023

	25 <sup>th</sup> percentile		Median (middle) cathedral		75 <sup>th</sup> percentile		Mean (average) cathedral	
	2019	2023	2019	2023	2019	2023	2019	2023
Adult usual Sunday attendance	232	180	295	222	370	318	363	301
Child usual Sunday attendance	25	21	33	36	48	52	55	42
Adult usual midweek attendance	102	106	221	181	399	338	355	310
Child usual midweek attendance	19	20	40	36	96	64	102	70
Community Roll	174	165	311	253	387	341	322	291
Easter attendance	640	530	850	830	1,330	1,170	1,250	1,070
Christmas attendance	1,610	1,480	2,770	2,390	4,290	4,050	3,150	2,960
Baptisms and thanksgivings	5	5	11	9	20	15	18	14
Marriages and services of prayer & dedication	3	2	5	4	10	8	6	6
Funerals in cathedrals, crematoria, & cemeteries	5	4	8	6	10	11	9	8
Visitors	82,500	81,200	143,100	160,500	276,800	311,200	231,700	222,700



## Appendices

### Appendix I: Data Tables

Where appropriate, data are rounded to the nearest 100 or 10, or 5. In some cases, 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 the tables but are shown in footnotes to each table.

Table 3: Sunday and midweek (i.e. Monday-Saturday) attendance at Church of England cathedrals, per week, 2013-2023

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
2013	2,400	16,700	19,100	4,500	14,800	19,200	<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	20,000	<b>7,000</b>	<b>31,200</b>	<b>38,200</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	18,500	4,300	14,700	19,000	<b>6,600</b>	<b>30,900</b>	<b>37,500</b>
2018	2,300	15,800	18,100	4,700	14,300	18,900	<b>7,000</b>	<b>30,100</b>	<b>37,000</b>
2019	2,300	15,300	17,600	4,300	14,900	19,200	<b>6,600</b>	<b>30,200</b>	<b>36,800</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	1,300	5,800	7,100	<b>2,400</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>15,900</b>
2022	1,700	12,200	13,900	2,900	11,500	14,400	<b>4,600</b>	<b>23,700</b>	<b>28,300</b>
2023	1,700	12,600	14,400	2,900	13,000	16,000	<b>4,700</b>	<b>25,600</b>	<b>30,300</b>

Westminster Abbey 2023: Midweek attendance – 2,900 adults and 150 children; Sunday attendance – 1,200 adults and 60 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. People attending more than one service on the same day were, wherever possible, counted only once no matter how many services they attended.

Table 4: Total annual attendance at additional regular services at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

Year	Fresh expressions	Regular schools' services	Other regular services	Total regular attendance
2013	14,700	170,700	391,000	<b>576,300</b>
2014	14,400	241,500	219,000	<b>475,000</b>
2015	14,400	265,400	191,900	<b>471,700</b>
2016	13,800	285,300	260,800	<b>560,000</b>
2017	8,300	336,100	167,100	<b>511,400</b>
2018	11,500	334,600	135,700	<b>481,900</b>
2019	8,500	337,900	156,400	<b>502,800</b>
2020	-	-	-	-
2021	3,000	100,900	169,600	<b>273,500</b>
2022	5,200	225,000	136,400	<b>366,600</b>
2023	10,200	224,500	150,600	<b>385,400</b>

Westminster Abbey 2023: no regular schools' services, no fresh expressions of Church and no other regular services attendance.

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

The wording of the question asking about additional 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 4.

These data were not collected in 2020.

Table 5: Annual number of and total attendance at specially arranged services at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

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
2013	480	108,000	490	295,800	1,560	486,300	-	-	2,530	890,100
2014	540	179,100	520	286,300	1,590	422,700	50	29,700	2,700	917,800
2015	470	162,800	520	301,600	1,620	451,900	70	25,800	2,670	942,000
2016	520	176,200	540	317,200	1,650	420,400	210	17,300	2,910	931,200
2017	470	165,600	520	311,900	1,570	410,800	210	15,700	2,770	904,000
2018	490	176,100	520	314,500	1,430	412,900	260	26,000	2,700	929,600
2019	490	157,600	490	296,000	1,220	350,100	250	21,700	2,440	825,400
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	340	44,800	190	90,200	610	110,500	70	13,500	1,210	259,000
2022	400	98,300	450	228,100	1,030	233,500	90	25,500	1,970	585,400
2023	420	105,000	500	256,700	1,070	256,500	80	20,700	2,060	638,900

Westminster Abbey 2023: total 37,500 people at 93 specially arranged services, broken down as follows: 750 attendance at 1 Diocesan or Episcopal service; 12,000 attendance at 23 special schools services; 24,700 attendance at 69 other special services; no attendance at services outside the building.

Services outside the Cathedral building were first reported separately in 2014.

These data were not collected in 2020.

Table 6: Number of and attendance at public / civic services at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

Year	Graduation ceremonies		Other events		Total Public/civic events	
	Number of services	Attendance	Number of services	Attendance	Number of services	Attendance (millions)
2013	290	282,000	5,570	792,000	5,850	1.07
2014	290	266,000	6,030	888,000	6,310	1.15
2015	280	266,000	5,090	856,000	5,380	1.12
2016	280	295,000	5,620	985,000	5,900	1.28
2017	290	289,000	4,990	978,000	5,280	1.27
2018	320	299,000	5,400	1,118,000	5,720	1.42
2019	330	317,000	5,470	1,451,000	5,800	1.77
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	200	123,000	1,620	482,000	1,830	0.61
2022	530	433,000	4,100	982,000	4,630	1.42
2023	430	357,000	4,560	1,230,000	4,990	1.59

Westminster Abbey 2023: total 10,800 people reported at 47 public / civic events, all of which were 'other' events (with no graduation ceremonies).

These data were not collected in 2020.

Table 7: Easter communicants & attendance and Holy Week attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

Year	Easter		Holy Week
	Communicants	Total attendance	Total attendance
2013	26,200	53,300	-
2014	27,100	53,100	89,300
2015	28,200	54,000	92,900
2016	25,700	52,900	93,500
2017	28,300	52,300	94,100
2018	27,800	58,100	94,900
2019	27,700	52,300	93,100
2020	-	-	-
2021	8,400	12,400	39,700
2022	19,800	41,100	73,100
2023	22,100	45,000	85,100

Westminster Abbey 2023: 1,600 Easter communicants; 4,800 Easter attendance; 5,200 attendance during Holy Week.

Table 8: Christmas communicants & attendance and Advent attendance at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

Year	Christmas		Advent
	Communicants	Total attendance	Total attendance
2013	33,100	124,300	-
2014	32,300	124,800	630,600
2015	33,100	125,200	623,700
2016	33,900	130,900	635,300
2017	37,000	135,400	576,300
2018	34,300	132,600	617,300
2019	32,000	132,300	665,200
2020	10,200	21,200	62,000
2021	17,400	65,700	269,900
2022	24,900	103,900	512,800
2023	28,500	124,500	536,000

Westminster Abbey 2023: 2,500 Christmas communicants; 8,700 Christmas attendance; 21,800 attendance during Advent.

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.

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 numbers from 2014 onwards are shown. Data for Easter and Holy Week attendance were not collected in 2020.

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 numbers from 2014 onwards are shown.

Table 9: Baptism and Thanksgiving services held at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

Year	Baptisms							Total thanksgiving services	
	Infants under one year	Children aged 1 to 4 years	Children aged 5 to 12 years	Children aged 5 to 10 years	Youth / adults (13+)	Youth (Aged 11-17)	Adults (18+)		Total baptisms
2013	318	152	95	-	219	-	-	784	10
2014	303	188	54	-	212	-	-	757	18
2015	265	161	74	-	257	-	-	757	12
2016	244	138	85	-	299	-	-	766	6
2017	254	140	106	-	338	-	-	838	8
2018	219	151	106	-	297	-	-	773	5
2019	218	132	-	57	-	76	253	736	9
2020	35	27	-	15	-	5	7	89	<5
2021	103	137	-	7	-	23	44	314	0
2022	176	180	-	52	-	87	101	596	0
2023	172	152	-	47	-	64	141	576	<5

Westminster Abbey 2023: 22 baptisms - 9 infants (under 1 year); 6 children aged 1-4; 0 children aged 5-10; 7 young people (aged 11-17), 0 adults (18+). No Thanksgivings were reported.

From 2013-2018, children's baptisms were split into those aged 1-4 years and 5-12 years. From onwards 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, 2013-2023

Year	Marriage Services			Funeral Services			Memorial Services
	Marriages	Blessings of marriage	Total marriage services	In Cathedrals	At Crematoria/ Cemeteries	Total funeral services	
2013	288	34	322	300	91	391	98
2014	316	25	341	292	79	371	102
2015	265	29	294	304	84	388	119
2016	264	27	291	265	84	349	135
2017	247	47	294	309	144	453	117
2018	247	19	266	290	68	358	140
2019	242	26	268	279	81	360	166
2020	65	7	72	144	157	301	41
2021	224	15	239	237	93	330	133
2022	260	35	295	284	59	343	151
2023	217	23	240	270	53	323	128

Westminster Abbey 2023: 11 marriage services; 2 funeral services; 10 memorial services; no marriage blessings or funerals at crematoria / cemeteries were reported.

Marriages: couples newly married only.

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

Table 11: Visitors at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

Year	Visitors (in millions)		Total number of visitors
	Paying/Donating	Other visitors	
2013	3.47	6.21	<b>9.69</b>
2014	3.84	5.38	<b>9.23</b>
2015	4.43	5.43	<b>9.86</b>
2016	4.20	5.21	<b>9.41</b>
2017	3.85	5.53	<b>9.38</b>
2018	3.22	6.91	<b>10.13</b>
2019	3.78	5.95	<b>9.73</b>
2020	0.72	2.45	<b>3.17</b>
2021	1.45	3.10	<b>4.56</b>
2022	3.09	4.88	<b>7.96</b>
2023	3.54	5.81	<b>9.35</b>

Westminster Abbey 2023: 1,366,000 visitors, 91% of these were reported as paying/donating at point of entry.

Community Roll was renewed in 2013 and 2019.

Table 12: Volunteers and Community Roll at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

Year	Volunteers	Community Roll (annual figure)
2013	14,700	14,500
2014	15,200	15,100
2015	15,000	15,900
2016	15,300	16,200
2017	15,900	16,200
2018	14,900	15,800
2019	15,700	13,500
2020	14,700	13,400
2021	11,600	13,300
2022	12,500	13,000
2023	13,300	12,200

Westminster Abbey 2023: 270 volunteers; no Community Roll.



Table 13: Number of children and young people attending educational events at Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

Year	KS1: Nursery / Pre-prep	KS2: Primary / Prep	KS3/4: Secondary / Senior	16 - 18	18 +	Total
2013	43,500	133,300	95,500	15,600	33,900	<b>321,700</b>
2014	36,600	132,800	94,300	12,700	33,000	<b>309,400</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>309,400</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>323,600</b>
2019	52,300	143,900	86,900	9,900	15,900	<b>308,900</b>
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	21,000	32,500	9,200	2,000	1,700	<b>66,400</b>
2022	33,400	89,100	53,500	7,900	3,300	<b>187,200</b>
2023	40,800	91,500	50,000	6,700	4,300	<b>193,200</b>

Westminster Abbey 2023: 10,000 children attending educational visits: KS1: 2,100; KS2: 4,500; KS3/4: 1,900; 16 – 18: 1,200; 18+: 200.

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

These data were not collected in 2020.

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 14: Number of children and young people attending schools associated with Church of England cathedrals, 2013-2023

Year	KS1: Nursery / Preprep students	KS2: Primary / Prep students	KS3/4: Secondary / Senior students	16 – 18 students	18 + students	Total students
2013	1,410	3,040	5,540	1,710	270	11,970
2014	1,270	2,990	5,210	2,090	290	11,840
2015	1,290	3,080	6,290	2,480	320	13,470
2016	1,580	3,730	8,360	2,540	190	16,400
2017	1,610	3,430	8,730	2,590	230	16,600
2018	1,250	3,330	12,610	3,090	110	20,380
2019	1,520	3,910	13,910	3,350	60	22,750
2020	2,460	4,560	14,940	3,280	100	25,350
2021	2,430	4,380	16,590	3,300	160	26,870
2022	1,470	4,460	13,570	3,350	50	22,900
2023	1,210	4,440	15,660	2,560	10	23,870

Westminster Abbey 2023: 3,900 students: KS1: 35; KS2: 460; KS3/4: 2,200; 16-18: 1,200 18+: 0.

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 15: Choristers in Church of England cathedrals, 2012-2022

Year	Child choristers			Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars			Total choristers
	Boys	Girls	Total children	Men	Women	Total adults	
2013	780	650	<b>1,430</b>	430	80	<b>510</b>	<b>1,940</b>
2014	780	670	<b>1,450</b>	430	40	<b>470</b>	<b>1,920</b>
2015	800	690	<b>1,490</b>	470	80	<b>550</b>	<b>2,040</b>
2016	800	750	<b>1,550</b>	440	50	<b>500</b>	<b>2,040</b>
2017	750	710	<b>1,460</b>	430	40	<b>460</b>	<b>1,930</b>
2018	740	740	<b>1,480</b>	450	80	<b>540</b>	<b>2,010</b>
2019	730	770	<b>1,500</b>	430	80	<b>510</b>	<b>2,010</b>
2020	660	750	<b>1,400</b>	350	70	<b>430</b>	<b>1,830</b>
2021	670	720	<b>1,380</b>	380	80	<b>450</b>	<b>1,840</b>
2022	680	790	<b>1,470</b>	350	70	<b>410</b>	<b>1,880</b>
2023	730	830	<b>1,560</b>	390	110	<b>500</b>	<b>2,060</b>

Westminster Abbey 2023: 30 boy choristers; 23 girl choristers; 12 men; 0 women.

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, 2013-2023

Year	Child choristers			Lay Clerks / Choral Scholars			Total choristers
	Boys	Girls	Total children	Men	Women	Total adults	
2013	240	400	<b>640</b>	580	830	<b>1,420</b>	<b>2,060</b>
2014	200	340	<b>540</b>	570	850	<b>1,420</b>	<b>1,960</b>
2015	210	330	<b>540</b>	560	850	<b>1,410</b>	<b>1,940</b>
2016	200	290	<b>490</b>	580	760	<b>1,340</b>	<b>1,820</b>
2017	170	280	<b>450</b>	500	700	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,660</b>
2018	210	340	<b>550</b>	480	800	<b>1,290</b>	<b>1,830</b>
2019	190	300	<b>480</b>	480	800	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,750</b>
2020	130	210	<b>340</b>	410	710	<b>1,120</b>	<b>1,460</b>
2021	160	350	<b>510</b>	370	650	<b>1,010</b>	<b>1,520</b>
2022	180	280	<b>460</b>	450	730	<b>1,180</b>	<b>1,650</b>
2023	220	390	<b>620</b>	440	790	<b>1,230</b>	<b>1,840</b>

Westminster Abbey 2023: 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, 2013-2023

<b>Year</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Mixed</b>	<b>Total Number of Cathedral Choirs</b>	<b>Visiting Choirs</b>
2013	41	26	76	<b>143</b>	847
2014	44	31	69	<b>144</b>	823
2015	40	26	76	<b>142</b>	765
2016	41	27	76	<b>144</b>	848
2017	37	30	93	<b>160</b>	891
2018	43	33	83	<b>159</b>	917
2019	38	33	92	<b>163</b>	973
2020	34	29	90	<b>153</b>	152
2021	37	33	87	<b>157</b>	279
2022	35	34	97	<b>166</b>	703
2023	32	30	106	<b>168</b>	789

Westminster Abbey 2023: 1 male choir; 1 female choir; no mixed choirs and no visiting choirs were reported.

Table 18: Number of musicians in Church of England cathedrals, 2018-2023

Year	Regular					Occasional				
	Boys	Girls	Male	Female	Total	Boys	Girls	Male	Female	Total
2018	24	21	150	32	227	177	183	657	439	1,456
2019	22	25	201	44	292	84	105	420	267	876
2020	1	5	131	34	171	10	8	78	41	137
2021	0	0	115	26	141	37	10	233	129	409
2022	14	2	116	38	170	192	15	345	145	697
2023	11	5	123	29	168	133	36	435	162	766

Westminster Abbey 2023: 5 adult (male) regular musicians; <5 adult (female) regular musicians; 0 occasional (male) musicians; 0 occasional (female) musicians.

The data in Table 18 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; in 2018 the data collection form was amended and clarified.

Table 19: Percentage of cathedrals offering different types of Church at Home during 2020-2023

	Online	Telephone	Email/ download	Postal	Other
October 2020	97%	13%	63%	23%	3%
October 2021	94%	6%	34%	14%	0%
October 2022	82%	0%	49%	13%	10%
October 2023	93%	0%	43%	13%	3%

## 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). The map in Appendix 3 shows the location of all participating cathedrals from which data have been aggregated to show the totals reported in Figures 1 to 19 (names listed below, with diocese name in brackets if not already in the name of the cathedral). Westminster Abbey is not shown on the map because data from Westminster Abbey are reported separately via footnotes accompanying tables 3 to 18.

Wells Cathedral (Bath and Wells diocese)	Gloucester Cathedral	Rochester Cathedral
Birmingham Cathedral	Guildford Cathedral	St. Albans Cathedral
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)	

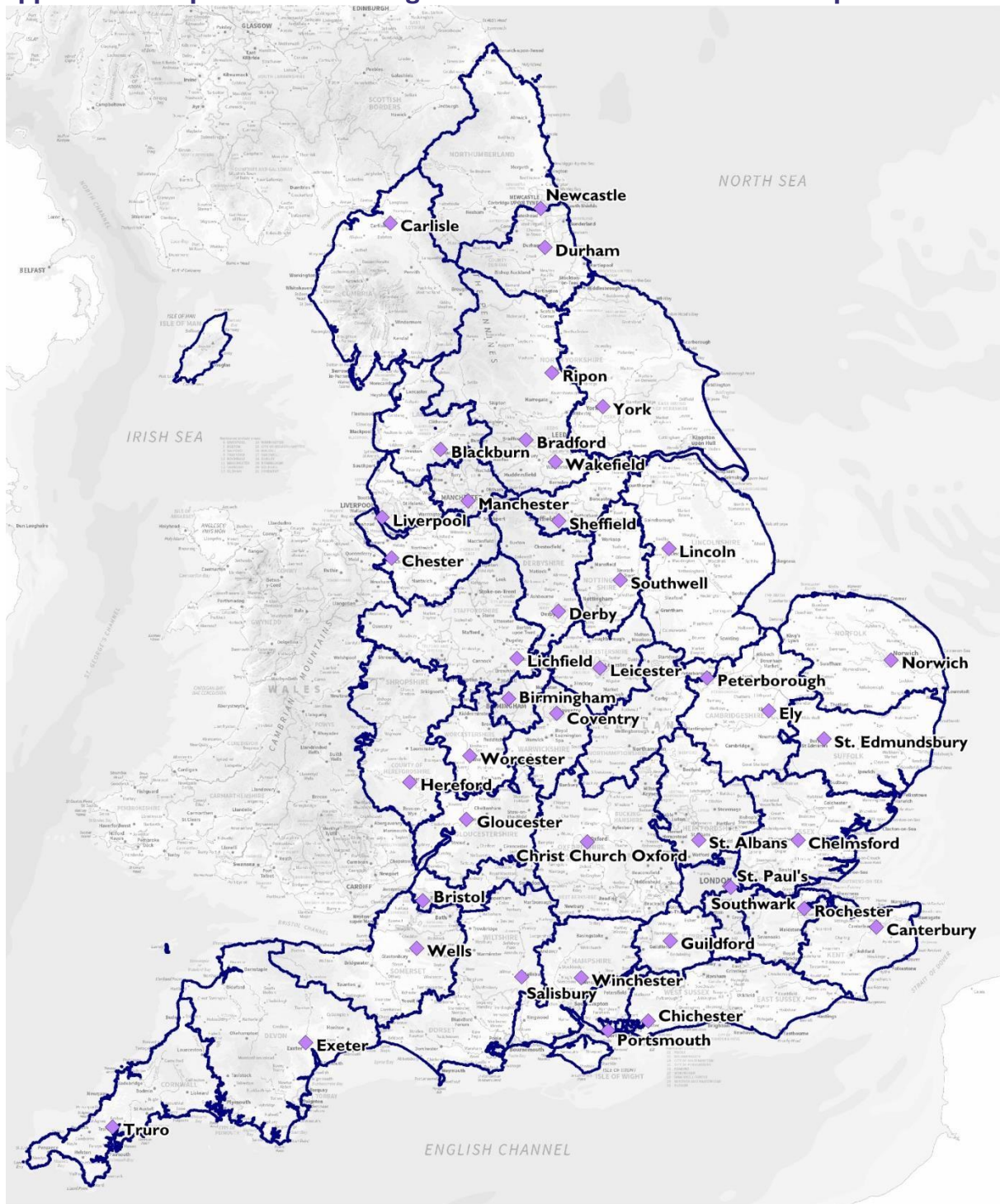
Data in this report have been collated from the annual cathedral returns completed each year by Head Vergers, Chief Operating Officers, and Deans. The form in Appendix 4 was sent electronically to all Church of England cathedrals, and Westminster Abbey, in early 2024. Data were checked upon the form 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 the 2022 dataset the approach to estimation was as follows (the same approach was taken in 2020 and 2021): for each variable, an average value was calculated from the 2022 data. An average was also calculated from a subset of the 2019 data that included only those cathedrals for which data were received in both 2019 and 2022. The trend from 2019 to 2022 was then calculated based on that subset of cathedrals. Each variables' calculated trend was then applied to the 2019 data for those cathedrals that had not submitted a return in 2022 to generated estimated values for 2022. The sum totals reported in the tables of this report are the sum of all the reported and estimated values for 2022. Figures were not received from one cathedral in 2023; its 2022 figures were used as an estimate.

In some instances, late returns and corrections mean that figures in this report differ from those previously published.

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, and Westminster Abbey 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 2023

# Cathedral Statistics: January to December 2023

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

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.**

### I. 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 2023.

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

#### Attendance on Sundays and Midweek (October 2023)

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, Taizé 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.**

	<b>Annual attendance</b>
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.**

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

## 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 services 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 services 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 2023.**

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

### 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 2023 is unavailable, please state the number registered at the start of the academic year (i.e. September 2023). 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 2023.**

Nursery / pre-prep / KS1	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 (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 2023**

Number of people volunteering:	
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## II. 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 2023

Did your Cathedral offer any Services at Home during October 2023? (Please state <b>Yes or No</b> )	Yes/No
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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
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<p>If yes, what was the usual number of people “attending” your Services at Home each week that you offered them in October?</p> <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>	
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### What Services at Home did your Cathedral offer during October 2023?

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

	Offered during October 2023
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: 200px; 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.

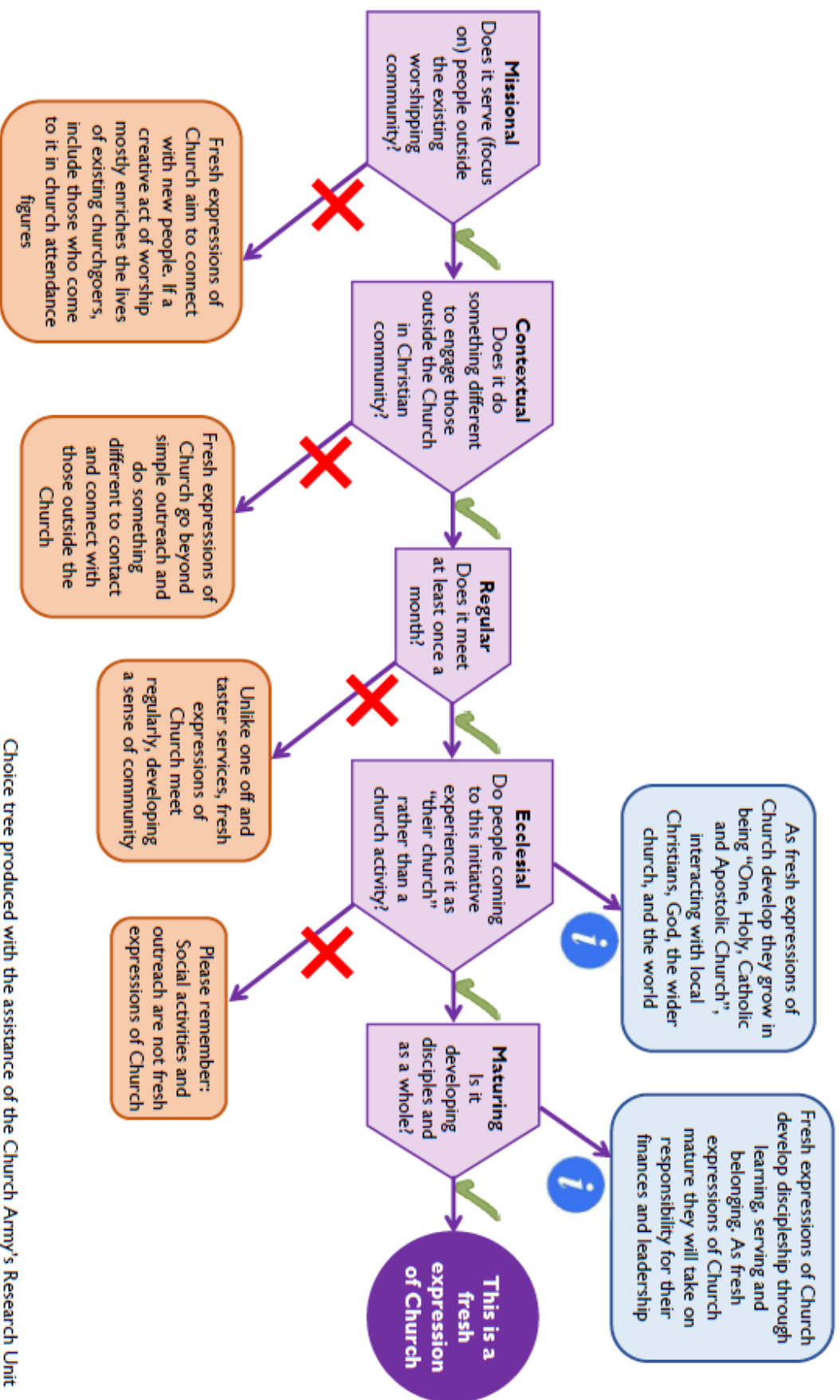
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Position:</b>	
<b>Email or phone:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	

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 2024**

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