

# Statistics for Mission 2018 – basic round up of data and analysis

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*Please note: all figures are extrapolated, to give an indication of data if there had been a 100% return rate (based on Electoral Roll), unless stated otherwise*

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## Main Headlines

- The Worshipping Community figure dropped by 0.3%
  - Joiners and Leavers figures suggest a slight rise in the WC total
  - Of the 280 responses 28% of churches ran an Enquiry or Christian Basics course in 2018
  - Of the 280 responses 21% of churches reported running regular youth provision in 2018
  - The multi-variate measure suggests a 3% rise in attendance
  - Usual Sunday attendance is up by 4.1%
  - The number of weddings has dropped, while the number of baptisms and funerals has gone up slightly. 180 people are reported to have been confirmed.
  - Advent figures have gone up dramatically since 2017 year, bringing them more in line with 2016, perhaps indicating that the adverse weather in 2017 cause the slump
  - Easter and Christmas day figures have also risen
  - Average Sunday and average weekly attendance has gone up in both adults and children and young people according to the October Count.
  - The average number of services held on a Sunday has risen slightly across the diocese from 307 per week to 329.
  - Of the 280 responses 49% of our churches are going into their local school to lead worship at least once a term
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## Worshipping Community

Worshipping Community refers to any person (inc clergy/those leading services) who attends regularly at least once a month, or would do so if not prevented by illness or infirmity. It includes people who attend both Sunday and weekday services and people who attend fresh expressions of Church. It also include people who are administered to at home or live in a care home and would consider themselves a part of the worshipping community. It does not include visitors, those who consider their 'home church' to be elsewhere or people who have left during the year and not returned.

Worshipping Community	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012 <sup>1</sup>
Aged 0-10	2975	3,005	2,806	3,039	3,048	2,973	3,136
Aged 11-17	880	967	838	1,010	1,062	1,164	1,216
Aged 18-69	8149	8,204	8,379	9,091	9,049	9,794	10,817
Aged 70+	6367	6,260	5,635	5,932	5,964	6,044	6,496
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,371</b>	<b>18,436</b>	<b>17,659</b>	<b>19,073</b>	<b>19,123</b>	<b>19,976</b>	<b>21,665</b>

Joiners	2018 Total	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 total	2014 total	2013 total	2012 total
Worshipping for the first time	649	647	695	840	1,020	1,051	1,211
Moved into the area	442	480	395	357	459	458	522
Moved from a local church	250	246	173	264	245	315	n/a
Returned to church	178	246	215	186	257	193	239
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>1,647</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>2,018</b>	<b>1,972</b>
Leavers							
Death or Illness	425	443	359	399	402	445	464
Moved away	374	310	278	304	350	342	394
Moved to a Local church	125	162	158	238	142	207	n/a
Not worshipping anywhere	222	257	230	172	149	139	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>1,058</b>

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
<b>Net change (inc. deaths/illness)</b>	<b>+373</b>	<b>+627</b>	<b>+453</b>	<b>+534</b>	<b>+938</b>	<b>+885</b>	<b>+919</b>
<b>Net change (exc. deaths/illness)</b>	<b>+798</b>	<b>+1,097</b>	<b>+812</b>	<b>+933</b>	<b>+1,341</b>	<b>+1,330</b>	<b>+1,378</b>

<sup>1</sup> 2012 was the first time this question was asked – the people tasked with filling out the form did not know how to answer this question. What we can see is an 'equalling out' as the concept becomes part of our shared language.

## Multi-variate measure

*The standardised multi-variate measure is used by the Church Commissioners and national church in understanding what God is doing in numerical growth diocese by diocese combines:*

- *Adult Average Weekly Attendance (AWA), and*
- *Child Normal Sunday Attendance (also known as uSa)*

*This multi-variate approach is to compensate for anomalies which have occurred through clarification of the question of under-16 average weekly attendance in 2013. The modified question asked for school services to be included. This was further clarified in 2014 to be more specific ('school services held in the church building').*

*The downside in combining the two elements above is that it doesn't include children in fresh expressions of Church on weekdays but it does mean that we have a consistent approach each year.*

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Adult AWA</b>	12,978	12,494	12,805	13,295	13,304	13,583	13,225
<b>Child USA</b>	1,317	1,378	1,388	1,628	<b>1,639</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>1,657</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,295</b>	<b>13,872</b>	<b>14,193</b>	<b>14,923</b>	<b>14,943</b>	<b>15,239</b>	<b>14,882</b>
<b>% Trend since 2009<sup>2</sup></b>	4.51%	1.43%	3.77%	9.11%	9.26%	11.42%	8.81%
<b>% Year on year</b>	3.04%	-2.26%	-5.02%	-2.07%	-1.94%	2.40%	4.00%

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<sup>2</sup> Total in 2009 was 13,677 – this is when we began to use this measure

## Electoral Roll, Usual Sunday Attendance and Life Events (Occasional offices)

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
<b>Electoral Roll</b>	<b>16,303</b>	16,042	16,036	16,089	15,928	15,894	17,390
<b>Usual Sunday Attendance</b>							
Under 16's	1,344	1,378	1,388	1,450	1,628	1,656	1,657
Adults	10,227	9,741	9,856	10,174	10,771	11,042	10,872
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,571</b>	11,119	11,245	11,624	12,399	12,698	12,530
<b>Weddings &amp; Blessings</b>							
Weddings	664	743	773	783	942	884	1,006
Blessings of Marriage	39	49	38	48	43	46	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>703</b>	791	811	831	984	931	1,050
<b>Baptisms &amp; Thanksgivings</b>							
Baptisms < 1 yr old	822	804	780	959	989	1,077	1,094
Baptisms 1-4 yrs old <sup>3</sup>	340	271	395	429	402	482	
Baptisms 5-12 yrs old	108	93	97	111	114	140	
Baptisms 13+ yrs old	95	141	123	168	148	160	170
Thanksgiving < 1 yr	11	22	26	39	28	37	21
Thanksgiving 1-12yr <sup>4</sup>	3	11	22	7	4	8	7
Thanksgiving 13+ yrs	2	0	0	0	0	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,381</b>	1,342	1,443	1,713	1,685	1,906	1,911
<b>Funerals</b>							
In a Church Building	1,356	1,340	1,387	1,492	1,444	1,544	1,616
In a Crematorium	762	733	751	817	904	1,076	1,127
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,118</b>	2,073	2,138	2,309	2,348	2,620	2,743
<b>Confirmations<sup>5</sup></b>	<i>(Actual data – not extrapolated)</i>						
Children and Young People	68	32					
Adults (16+)	112	106					
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	138	172	208			

## Easter and Christmas

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
<b>Easter</b> <i>(communicants)</i>	17,729	11,730	12,281	14,084	14,150	14,005	14,345
<b>Easter</b> <i>(attendance)</i>	18,518	16,851	17,204	19,441	19,994	19,213	20,321
<b>Christmas</b> <i>(communicants)</i>	12,138	13,137	13,395	13,255	13,659	14,039	14,091
<b>Christmas</b> <i>(attendance)</i>	37,010	36,846	41,904	42,114	39,547	36,948	36,799
<b>Advent</b> <i>(for the congregation / local community)</i>	54,353	37,603	50,030	43,559	44,304	37,898	-
<b>Advent</b> <i>(specifically for Civic / School / Organisation)</i>	62,280	49,019	54,685	59,260	51,244	51,369	-

<sup>3</sup> Prior to 2013, baptism numbers for those aged 1-12 were counted together

<sup>4</sup> Prior to 2013, thanksgiving numbers for those aged 13+ were not counted, but in light that the service is one of thanksgiving for birth or adoption is now being included to give a more accurate picture

<sup>5</sup> Prior to 2017 we did not include confirmations on the SfM form so data was collected from Bishops Lodge

## Weekly Count (October Count)

Parish, fxC and school services in church building	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday adults	11,269	8,523	9,647	10,819
Weekday adults	3,622	3,665	2,764	1,602
Sunday <16yrs	1,814	1,057	1,194	1,202
Weekday <16yrs	5,438	7,306	2,449	1,972

All Age Attendance	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Average weekly	18,586	16,498	16,761	18,097	17,967	19,051	16,150
Average weekly exc. schools	13,881	13,553	14,179	14,911	15,098	15,021	Inc above
Average Sunday	11,381	10,435	11,150	12,368	12,687	12,952	13,297
<b>Adults</b>							
Average weekly	12,978	11,558	12,804	13,557	13,295	13,583	13,225
Average weekly exc. schools	11,920	11,711	12,357	12,611	12,636	12,702	Inc above
Average Sunday	10,065	9,216	9,876	10,659	10,976	11,154	11,510
<b>Children and Young People</b>							
Average weekly	5,608	4,939	3,957	4,540	4,672	5,468	2,925
Average weekly exc. schools	1,961	1,842	1,822	2,300	2,462	2,319	Inc above
Average Sunday	1,317	1,219	1,274	1,710	1,711	1,799	1,782

### Number of services

Respondents were asked how many services were held on Sunday and midweek. Across the diocese 329 services were held on the average Sunday (or 543 in the average week).

### How often does your ministry team lead acts of worship in school?

Churches are asked how often someone from their team goes into schools to lead worship, this does not include the times the school comes into the church.

*Data below is actual not extrapolated*

Of the 280 responses:

- 37 said never
- 25 said occasionally/ad hoc
- 25 said once or twice a term
- 36 said once a month
- 33 said once a fortnight
- 35 said weekly
- 9 said more than once a week
- 80 said they do not have a school in their parish

**49% of our churches are going into their local school to lead worship at least once a term**

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## Fresh expressions of Church

*Data below is actual not extrapolated*

The Pioneer development team are working on their research that will give a much deeper insight to the work of fresh expressions of Church across the diocese.

In terms of what was reported through the Statistics for Mission process:

- Of the 280 responses 90 churches/benefices reported one or more fresh expressions
- A total of 150 fresh expressions were reported as being active in 2018

*NB: Not all of these will fit the full criteria of fresh expressions at this time.*

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## Enquiry and Christian Basics Course

*This was a one off question asked this year*

*Data below is actual not extrapolated*

- 56 churches reported **running a course solely as a church**
- 21 churches reported **running a course in partnership** with other churches
- 77 churches in **total** reported running a course.

### **Of the 280 responses 28% of churches ran a course in 2018**

- Across these courses 1150 people **attended** (1067 over 18 years old and 83 under 18 years old)
- 52 churches reported the **attendees were people who were regular** attendees of their church
- 5 churches reported that attendees were **not regular attendees**
- 18 churches reported that **attendees were mixed** between regular and none regular attendees

### **The average number of adults attending any one course is 14**

- Courses run by churches were: Start Course (3), York (4), Alpha (23), Pilgrim (14), Live Lent (1), Christianity Explored (7), Life Explored (1), Surprised by Hope (1), Resolve (1), Faith in Pictures (1), The Bible Course (4), Life on the Frontline (1) and Courses designed by the churches themselves (19)

**The most popular courses were Alpha, Courses designed by the church and Pilgrim**

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## Youth provision

*This was a one off question asked this year*

*Data below is actual not extrapolated*

*The form stated: Here we are specifically asking about your church's ministry with those aged 11-17. Please only include projects or groups that have significant involvement from your church and where there is an ongoing relationship between the young people and your church.*

- 36 churches reported running regular youth provision **solely by themselves**
- 20 churches reported running regular youth provision **in partnership with other churches**
- 6 churches reported running regular youth provision **in partnership with other organisations**
- 60 churches in **total** reported running regular youth provision

**Of the 280 responses 21% of churches reported running regular youth provision in 2018**

- 22 churches provision is on **Sundays** and 44 on **other days**

**68% of the youth provision is held Monday - Saturday**

- 23 churches reported it being led by people **paid by the parish**
- 3 churches reported it being led by people **paid by elsewhere**
- 43 churches reported it being led by **volunteers who are part of the worshipping community**
- 9 churches reported it being led by **volunteers from elsewhere**
- 16 churches reported it being led by **clergy**

Most churches reported their youth provision being led by multiple people from the categories above.

**56% of the churches reported having volunteers being part of the leadership, 44% of churches reported having paid workers (inc clergy) involved in leadership, 18% of churches reported clergy being part of the leadership.**

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## **Please briefly describe one way in which your church has been looking outward in mission in 2018?**

*Data below is actual not extrapolated*

This questions at the end of the form with an open box to fill in as much or as little as the church would like. Answers range, some examples are charity fundraising, successful seasonal services, sending letters, invites and card to the community, church repairs or building projects, opening the church for concerts, festivals and teas, new ways of doing services, fresh expressions of Church, hospitality, open churches, links with schools, social action, enquiry courses... and more

Of the 280 responses 15 churches reported nothing happening (phrases such as N/A, no, nil, no progress) and 26 churches did not fill this box in.

239 churches did report something in this box.

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*The data above is based on a 90.3% return rate and extrapolations are based on Electoral Roll. When there is also no electoral roll figure available an estimate has been made of that ER for that church based on previous years and general growth/decline trajectory.*