



Church name:	Parish name:
Deanery:	

Reminder: Please Complete This Form Online at: <https://myd.io/stalbans>

Here the home page shows a summary of some of the past years returns for your church.

1 Electoral Roll

Please state the number of people on your electoral roll as reported at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in 2017. Please enter "unknown" if the figure is unavailable.

1a	Number on ecclesiastical Electoral Roll for this Parish in 2017	
1b	Number on Electoral Roll for this Church in 2017	

2 Attendance

Church Attendance on a 'Usual' Sunday – 2017

Please state how many people attend your church on a usual Sunday when there is one or more services. For the purposes of this return a 'usual' Sunday is one which is not a major festival or contained in a peak holiday period. (Wherever possible, please do not count the same person multiple times – if someone attends more than one service count them once)

In the case of a United Benefice service, record the attendance in the church where the service took place, do not split the figure between several churches. Add together the attendances for each of the Sundays in 2017 when worship was held and divide by that number of Sundays, e.g. Services are held once a month and the total attendance for the 12 Sundays was 240 adults and 48 children, therefore the Average Sunday Attendance is 20 Adults and 4 children.

2a	Adults (16 & over)		2b	Children & young people (under 16)	
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3 Easter 2017

Please be sure to include any vigil services on Easter Eve in your Easter Day figure
If you did not hold any services or acts of worship at your church during these periods, please enter "0"

3a	Number of communicants at any service on Easter Day or vigil service on Easter Eve	
3b	Total number attending worship (including communicants) at any service on Easter Day or vigil service on Easter Eve	



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4 Advent 2017

Total number attending special services run by the church during Advent from Monday after Advent Sunday until 23rd December. E.g. carols on the green, nativities, school carol services, crib services etc.

4a	For the congregation and local community	
4b	Specifically for civic organisations or schools	

5 Christmas 2017

Please be sure to include any vigil and other services on Christmas Eve in your Christmas day figures. This will include Crib and Nativity services held on Christmas Eve.

5a	Number of communicants on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day	
5b	Total number attending worship, including communicants, at any service on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day	

6 October Count

The number worshipping on Sunday and weekday services and worship activities.

Please give the number of people attending all services and acts of worship during the first 4 weeks of October 2017, including fresh expressions of church which are supported by your church. For help in identifying fresh expressions of Church please visit www.freshexpressions.org.uk.

Include:

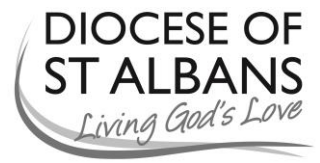
- The number of adults and children attending services and Sunday schools or equivalent activities.
- Clergy and other ministers who received communion/attended services.
- All visitors at services for example, those attending baptisms.
- Those celebrating services outside the church e.g. at home / in care homes / in prison / in hospital. (include as Church or Fresh Expression as appropriate)
- Any other activities (in church or elsewhere) in which worship is the prime purpose and predominant feature

Do not include:

- Anyone who has attended a service held by the church earlier in the week and thus has been counted (i.e. where possible do not double count).
- Attendance at wedding or funeral services.
- Activities with only some worship element, such as some para-church group meetings, house groups, some prayer groups, mother and toddler groups, school assemblies and Alpha courses, social events such as harvest supper etc.



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Sundays: People who attend on a Sunday

Weekdays: People who attended ONLY during the week and NOT on Sunday, i.e. if they have already attended a Sunday service, please try not to count them again if they attend another activity during the week.

Number of services: how many services or fresh expressions were held on Sundays and during the week. Enter "0" if there were none.

Fresh expressions of church: include fresh expressions of church unless they have opted to submit their own return.

School services: These are services held **in your church** (or church building) which are attended by a school/s. There is a separate question about school assemblies (acts of worship taken in schools).

Adults: 16 years old and over. Please also include those leading the service/s.

Under 16s: Children under 16 years old.

Exceptional circumstances: If there were exceptional circumstances that led to unusual October attendance figures in 2017, please let us know in the comment box on page 8.

How many people attended your church in October 2017?

Sundays

	Number of Services	Adults			Under 16s		
		Church	Fresh Exp.	School	Church	Fresh Exp.	School
1 st							
8 th							
15 th							
22 nd							

Weekdays

	Number of Services	Adults			Under 16s		
		Church	Fresh Exp.	School	Church	Fresh Exp.	School
2 nd – 7 th							
9 th – 14 th							
16 th – 21 st							
23 rd – 28 th							



Worshipping Community

7 School Assemblies

How often does your clergy/ministry team lead acts of worship in school assemblies?

This question asks about how often a member of your church ministry team leads acts of worship held in schools. Unlike school services, which are included in the October count, school assemblies are held within school buildings rather than your own church or church building.

"Usually" refers to during term-time or when the school is open, ignoring school holidays.

Please tick one box as the closest estimate.

Never	Occasionally/ ad hoc	Once a term	Usually once a month	Usually once a week	Usually more often than weekly

If there is no school in your parish, tick here:

8 Worshipping Community at the end of 2017

Please tell us about your regular worshipping community at the end of 2017, do not include people that have left the church earlier in the year. If the ages of the worshipping community are unknown enter the total figure only. (For more information, refer to [Worshipping Communities Guidelines](#))

Include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any person who attends church regularly, for example at least once a month, or would do so if not prevented by illness, infirmity or temporary absence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All congregations in your church including fresh expressions of Church.
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Do not include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who are visitors - holidaymakers, baptism parties etc. Those who consider their 'home' church to be another church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not include people who left the church earlier in the year (they are counted in the next question as 'leavers') and were not part of your worshipping community at the end of 2017
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Please complete all of the boxes, as far as you can. If there is no-one in a category, please write "0". If the age groups of your worshipping community are unknown, please use your best estimates. If you are unable to estimate people's ages, please enter the total figure only.

Children (Age 0-10)	Young People (Age 11-17)	Adults (Age 18-69)	Adults (Age 70+)	Total



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9 Worshipping Community Changes during 2017

Please complete all of the boxes, as far as you can. If there is no-one in that category, write "0". If the reasons for leaving or joining are unknown, please leave blank and enter the total figure only.

Please do not count as joiners or leavers members of your worshipping community who move from "Children and young people" to "Adult"

9a Joiners

How many adults and children joined your church during 2017?
If the reason for joining is unknown enter the total figure only.

	Under 18s	Adults
First time worshippers		
Moved into the area		
Moved from a local church		
Returned to church		
Total number		

9b Leavers

How many adults and children have left your church during 2017?
If the reason for leaving is unknown enter the total figure only.

	Under 18s	Adults
Death/illness		
Moved away		
Moved to a local church		
Not worshipping anymore		
Total number		



10 Regular Fresh Expressions of Church

A fresh expression of Church is a form of church established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet "members" of any church. **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 counts as a fresh expression of Church please list it. For more information on fresh expressions of Church visit www.freshexpressions.org.uk

Fresh Expressions of church (if your church did NOT hold fresh expressions of church during 2017 please tick in the box and leave the rest of the page blank.)	No	
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Name of Fresh Expression								
Description of activity								
Where is it held?	<input type="checkbox"/> Church				<input type="checkbox"/> Church Hall			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)							
How often?	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly				<input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly				<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly			
How many of each age group attend?	All ages	Family	0-4	5-10	11-17	18-39	40-64	65+
Are attendees also worshippers at other services in your parish?	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular				<input type="checkbox"/> Irregular			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous attendees				<input type="checkbox"/> Never			

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If you hold more than 2 Fresh Expressions please add further copies of this page.



11 Life Events

Churches play a special role in the community at times of celebration and sadness. This section asks about the number of confirmations (new), baptisms, marriages and funerals which have taken place between 1st January 2017 and the 31st December 2017.

Confirmations (New)

Please provide the numbers of children and adults confirmed from your church. **Note**, only include candidates presented for Confirmation from your church even if the Confirmation services were hosted at other churches within the Deanery / Diocese.

11a Number of persons presented for confirmation

	Under 12	12 – 15	16 – 19	20+
Women & girls				
Men & boys				

Baptisms and thanksgiving for the gift of a child

11b Number of persons Baptised

Infants (<1yr)	Children (1-4)	Children (5-12)	Youth/Adults (13+)

11c Number of children for whom a **thanksgiving service** for the gift (birth or adoption) of a child was held

Infants (<1yr)	Children (1-4)	Children (5-12)	

12 Marriages and services of prayer and dedication after civil marriage

Number of couples married in church	
Number of couples for whom a service of Prayer and dedication was held in church (after civil marriage)	



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13 Funerals

In each case include all funerals conducted on behalf of the church/parish by any member of your ministry team including Readers, stipendiary clergy, non-stipendiary clergy and retired clergy.

Do not include services that performed only a burial of ashes or only a committal

Number of deceased for whom a funeral service was held in your church	
Number of deceased for whom a full funeral service was conducted (on behalf of this church) at a crematorium or cemetery , excluding committal only and burial of ashes only.	

Notes/Comments

Looking back across 2017, were there any **exceptional circumstances** (e.g. an interregnum or building works) or **significant changes** that may have led to **unusual** figures in this return?

Unusual Attendance/Exceptional Circumstances

Please describe below if any of the attendance figures are unusual for any reason (e.g. Harvest Festival or half-term) and the impact on figures.

Additional Notes

Please note below if there is anything additional that should be noted within your Statistics for Mission.



14 Focus Questions

14a Church engagement

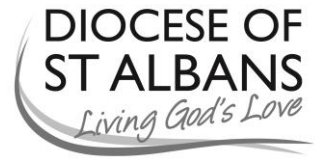
Finally, there is a special focus question about social action. Churches' engagement with their communities, and in responding to social issues, can take many forms. This question asks about your church's involvement in those activities that previous research has suggested are amongst the most widespread.

- ✓ Please only include organised activities that are primarily run for the benefit of the wider community (not primarily for the church congregation)
- ✓ If you are unable to complete this question, please leave it blank

<p>Please tick all that apply to your church</p> <p>Please tick as many columns as apply for each activity</p>	<p>Our church is responsible for running this activity</p>	<p>Our church hosts this activity in its own building(s)</p>	<p>Our church does this activity <u>in partnership</u> with others (e.g. a church, charity, community group, faith group)</p>	<p>Our church supports this activity in other ways e.g. volunteers, donations</p>
Community cafe				
Food bank				
Holiday/ Breakfast/ After-school clubs for children				
Lunch club or drop in				
Money matters & debt advice				
Night shelter or other homelessness provision				
Parent/carer and toddler group or play group				
Pastoral provision for the wider community (e.g. Street Pastors, counselling/support, befriending schemes)				
Youth work (for wider community)				
Other community activity (please specify)				



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14b How many Christian Nurture or Inquirer courses have you run in 2017?

Number of Christian Nurture or Inquirer courses run in 2017?		
What course/s did you use?		

Thank you for completing your annual return on behalf of your church.

Your contribution is essential to the on-going care and understanding of our churches and congregations; your diligence, time, and effort are greatly appreciated.

Please take a moment to review your answers. Make sure that you have completed every question as far as possible and not left any answers blank (use "0" or "unknown" or "no services" if necessary), aside from where instructed in question 9. Other blank answers may be queried with you later.

Please record below the contact details for the person who has completed this form (or the lead person if more than one person has helped with the return).

Name:
Email address:

Position:
Date of completion: