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| 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 2018. Please enter "unknown" if the figure is unavailable.

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| 1a | Number on the ecclesiastical Electoral Roll for this Parish in 2018 | |
| 1b | Number on the Electoral Roll for this Church in 2018 | |

2 Attendance

Church Attendance on a 'Usual' Sunday – 2018

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 2018 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.

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| 2a | Adults (16 & over) | | 2b | Children & young people (under 16) | |
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3 Easter 2018

Please ensure you 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"

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



Statistics for Mission: January to December 2018

4 Advent 2018

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.

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

5 Christmas 2018

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.

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| 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 other acts of worship** during the first 4 weeks of October 2018, including fresh expressions of church which are supported by your church. For help in identifying fresh expressions of Church please use the flow diagram on the last page or 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.



Statistics for Mission: January to December 2018

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 2018, please let us know in the comment box on page 8.

How many people attended your church in October 2018?

Sundays

| | Number of Services | Adults | | | Under 16s | | |
|------------------|--------------------|--------|------------|--------|-----------|------------|--------|
| | | Church | Fresh Exp. | School | Church | Fresh Exp. | School |
| 7 th | | | | | | | |
| 14 th | | | | | | | |
| 21 st | | | | | | | |
| 28 th | | | | | | | |

Weekdays

| | Number of Services | Adults | | | Under 16s | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------|------------|--------|-----------|------------|--------|
| | | Church | Fresh Exp. | School | Church | Fresh Exp. | School |
| 8 th – 13 th | | | | | | | |
| 15 th – 20 th | | | | | | | |
| 22 nd – 27 th | | | | | | | |
| 29 th – 3 rd | | | | | | | |



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 | Usually Once or Twice a term | Usually once a month | Usually once a fortnight | Usually once a week | Usually more than one a week |
|-------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | | | |

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

8 Worshipping Community at the end of 2018

Please tell us about your regular worshipping community at the end of 2018, 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:

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| <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:

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| <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 2018 |
|---|---|

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 (Age70+) | Total |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------|
| | | | | |



9 Worshipping Community Changes during 2018

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 2018?
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 2018?
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. (See flow diagram on last page).

For more information on fresh expressions of Church visit www.freshexpressions.org.uk

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| Fresh Expressions of church (if your church did NOT hold fresh expressions of church during 2018 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 | | |
| Age group(s) aimed at? | <input type="checkbox"/> All ages | <input type="checkbox"/> Family | <input type="checkbox"/> 0-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 10-17 | <input type="checkbox"/> 18-39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40-69 | <input type="checkbox"/> 70+ |
| 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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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | | |
| How often? | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly | | |
| Age group(s) aimed at? | <input type="checkbox"/> All ages | <input type="checkbox"/> Family | <input type="checkbox"/> 0-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 10-17 | <input type="checkbox"/> 18-39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40-69 | <input type="checkbox"/> 70+ |
| 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 | |

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, baptisms, marriages and funerals which have taken place between 1st January 2018 and the 31st December 2018.

Confirmations

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

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



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

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| 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 2018, 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 Youth Provision

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.

14a As a church in 2018, did you run any regular (monthly or more often) youth-focused provision engaging primarily with young people aged 11-17, e.g. youth groups, youth focused services, youth choirs? (add the number run)

| | |
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| Yes, solely run by this church | |
| Yes, run by this church in partnership with other churches | |
| Yes, run by this church in partnership with other organisations or charities | |
| No | |

14b. If yes, when did the youth provision take place? (add the number run)

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| At the same time as usual Sunday services | |
| At other times | |

14c. If yes, who primarily led your youth provision? (number of time(s))

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| Paid youth or children's worker(s), paid by your parish | |
| Paid youth or children's worker(s), not paid by your parish | |
| Member(s) of clergy | |
| Volunteer(s) who are part of your worshipping community | |
| Volunteer(s) who are not part of your worshipping community | |
| Other(s) | |



15 Enquiry and Christian basics courses

15a Did your church run any enquiry or Christian basics courses in 2018? (tick all that apply)

| | |
|--|--|
| Yes, solely run by this church | |
| Yes, run by this church in partnership with other churches or groups | |
| No | |

15b If yes, please indicate how many of each course you ran. (number of times run)

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| Pilgrim | |
| Christianity Explored | |
| Jesus Shaped People | |
| Alpha | |
| Life on the Frontline (LICC) | |
| Course designed by the diocese | |
| Course designed by your church/parish | |
| Other: _____ | |

15c If yes, not including those leading the course(s), approximately how many people attended in total?

| | |
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| Adults (18 years old and over) | |
| Children and young people (under 18 years old) | |

15d If yes, not including those leading the course(s), who attended? (tick the box)

| | |
|---|--|
| Mainly people who already regularly go to a church | |
| Mainly people who do not already regularly go to a church | |
| About equal numbers of each | |



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:

Position:

Email address:

Date of completion:

Identifying fresh expressions of Church: fresh expression choice tree

