

How to complete the form:

1. Please complete one form for each church building (or worship service location) in the parish.
2. Include **everyone** in your figures, including vicar, organist, Sunday School children & leaders, choir, music group, etc. (Include the youth and Sunday School even if they meet in a separate building.)
3. Include all Sunday services except weddings, funerals, and special one-off/irregular services (see right-hand panel).
4. Identify baptism services, fresh expressions and internet or phone services by entering one of the following code letters in the 'Code' column. Report all actual attendance:
B = baptism service
F = fresh expression of worship
V = live internet/phone service of worship
5. Estimate the number of people attending more than one service and then add 1 to the number in column 6, for each *additional* service attended by each person. For example, if one churchwarden attended 2 services in one day then add 1 to the figure in column 6; if s/he attended 3 services in one day, add 2 to the figure in column 6.
6. 'Total for the day' (column 7) = total adults, or children, attending all the services that day (columns 1 – 5) **minus** those attending 2 or more services (column 6).

Please return to Resources at the following address immediately at the end of the quarter. You can fold this form to accommodate the address in a window envelope. Or email to **'resources.team@liverpool.anglican.org'**.

Which services should I include or exclude?

While the aim of this sheet is to formally collect your church's **regular [in building] attendance**, it is understood that counting the congregation can be more of an art than a science. There will never be an exact set of rules or formulae for calculating each church's attendance figures and as such there will always be a significant element of trust placed in those completing this record.

Include:

- Normal services of public worship, whether eucharistic or not. Please report **all** attendees and not just those receiving communion.
- All baptism services.
- Fresh expressions of church where there is a realistic expectation of regular and committed giving by at least one tenth of the congregation.
- Live services held or streamed over internet or phone services (e.g. Zoom, etc.)
- Special services of public worship (e.g. at Easter, Remembrance and Christmas).

Exclude:

- All weddings and funerals.
- Any purely civic services that have no worship content.
- Services held principally for the benefit of a school and the parents of its children/students, and are not part of your normal public worship provision.
- Fresh expressions of church where there is no expectation to give regularly or no open offertory plate provided.
- Diocesan, deanery, or other such combined church service or event.
- Facebook/YouTube views watched after a streamed service has ended.

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