

# RETURN OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP – 2011

Parish ref

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for the Parish/Church of

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If the Return includes figures for other parish, district or mission churches, please enter their names below:

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Number of persons attending services on a normal Sunday - see notes below and table overleaf

(a) **under** 16 years of age - total B divided by total A - note 5

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(b) 16 years of age **and over** - (total C minus total D) divided by total A

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Are you able to identify any factors (e.g. changes in the pattern of services) which would explain any major differences between figures returned this year as compared with those of last year? If so, please briefly describe them:

Name .....

Signed .....

Incumbent/Parish Priest/Deacon

Churchwarden

## NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

1. Baptism and Communicant numbers are now collected on the Statistics for Mission form issued by the Statistics Department of the Archbishops' Council. The weekly attendance figures collected on this form have been part of the share assessment process, but are used for other purposes as well.
2. To assist in the calculation of attendance on normal Sundays, there is a table on the back of this sheet on which the figures from the Service Register can be summarised. All Sunday services should be included in this return; this includes services of baptism held separately from Sunday worship. Calculate the figures required above by adding the figures for the 'normal' Sundays and dividing by the number of such Sundays (not by 52).
3. For statistical purposes a 'normal' Sunday:
  - (a) excludes major festivals, peak holiday times and unusually 'low attendance' Sundays
  - (b) excludes Sundays when there are significant numbers of attenders who would not consider themselves to be members of the church. (civic services, special baptism services, etc).Not more than one quarter of the Sundays on which services took place should be considered as abnormal.
4. People attending more than one service in the parish on a Sunday (including officiants) should be counted every time in the adult attendance column. As far as possible, their second (and other) attendances should be recorded in the multiple attendance column. The attendance figures should include communicants.
5. Include young children if they are in church **for any part** of the Sunday service.

**Please return as soon as possible after 31 December 2011 to  
The Diocese of Bristol, Church House, 23 Great George Street, Bristol, BS1 5QZ.**

Date	Week	A) Normal/ Abnormal N or A	Reason for Abnormality	B) Child <16 Attendance (see note 5)	C) Total Adult Attendance (see note 4)	D) Adults attending more than once
2 Jan	Christmas 2					
9 Jan	Epiphany 1					
16 Jan	Epiphany 2					
23 Jan	Epiphany 3					
30 Jan	Epiphany 4					
6 Feb	5th before Lent					
13 Feb	4th before Lent					
20 Feb	3rd before Lent					
27 Feb	2nd before Lent					
6 Mar	1st before Lent					
13 Mar	Lent 1					
20 Mar	Lent 2					
27 Mar	Lent 3					
3 Apr	Lent 4					
10 Apr	Lent 5					
17 Apr	Palm Sunday					
24 Apr	Easter Day	A	Festival			
1 May	Easter 2					
8 May	Easter 3					
15 May	Easter 4					
22 May	Easter 5					
29 May	Easter 6					
5 Jun	Easter 7					
12 Jun	Pentecost					
19 Jun	Trinity Sunday					
26 Jun	Trinity 1					
3 Jul	Trinity 2					
10 Jul	Trinity 3					
17 Jul	Trinity 4					
24 Jul	Trinity 5					
31 Jul	Trinity 6					
7 Aug	Trinity 7					
14 Aug	Trinity 8					
21 Aug	Trinity 9					
28 Aug	Trinity 10					
4 Sep	Trinity 11					
11 Sep	Trinity 12					
18 Sep	Trinity 13					
25 Sep	Trinity 14					
2 Oct	Trinity 15					
9 Oct	Trinity 16					
16 Oct	Trinity 17					
23 Oct	Last after Trinity					
30 Oct	4 before Advent					
6 Nov	3 before Advent					
13 Nov	2 Before Advent					
20 Nov	Christ the King					
27 Nov	Advent Sunday					
4 Dec	Advent 2					
11 Dec	Advent 3					
18 Dec	Advent 4					
25 Dec	Christmas Day					
	<b>Totals</b> all weeks					
	<b>Totals</b> 'normal' weeks	A)		B)	C)	D)