

## **H. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

### **TRIENNIAL STATISTICAL REPORT 1980-83**

#### **Present strength of Methodism**

In 1983 there were 458,592 members on the rolls of 7,695 Methodist churches. The average Sunday attendance in October 1983 was 432,559 adults and 150,537 children. The Community Roll of men, women and children involved in all church activities, numbered 1,329,365. A significant part of our Church's ministry is amongst young people of whom 74,415 aged 14 and over meet in 3,535 clubs and groups.

For each of the last three years we have received about 2,900 baptised children into the care of our Church family, whilst around 9,500 people have committed themselves to full membership of the Church. In addition approximately 2,000 have been restored to membership each year.

#### **Trends**

Almost half (3,524) the Methodist Churches in Britain are growing in one or more of three categories according to the provisional results of a Home Mission Division study. The three categories are: (a) a 14% or more increase in new members over four years (b) a 10% or more increase in the worshipping congregation over three years (c) a 10% or more increase in overall membership over three years. In spite of the considerable strength of the Church, statistics show that our membership has declined over the whole country by 11,196 in 1983. In this Methodism is like other churches and institutions in Britain today. Although the new members outnumber those who have lapsed, the number of deaths is greater than new and restored members combined.

Even though there has been a decline in the number of young people it is encouraging to note that in 16 of our 32 Districts there has been an increase in the number of youth groups. There is a continuing decline, however, in the number of children and young people meeting on Sunday. This is a matter of grave concern and though figures must be set against population trends and social patterns, it challenges the whole Church to radical thinking and action.

It is worth remembering that because of the increasing numbers of Local Ecumenical Projects many people now have dual membership — a hidden factor which distorts our record of those who move between denominations. The number recorded, 1,376, as transferred to other denominations is not a real loss, and we rejoice in the spread of the ecumenical spirit.

When numbers decline in any organisation the burden becomes greater on those who remain. No sadness at loss obscures the faithfulness and hard work of great numbers of our people.

## The way ahead

If more people are to be attracted to Christ and His Church it is important for each local church, large or small, to win new members, train them and care for the whole church family. These concerns should have priority at every church council and committee.

Amongst resources produced by our Church we especially commend: PASTORAL CARE — Notes for Visitors, GUIDE TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, HEADWAY WITH HOUSE GROUPS, I WANT TO BEGIN A CHRISTIAN LIFE, and the revised SENIOR CATECHISM and a Companion to it.

We are pleased that closer co-operation is developing between ourselves and the Division of Home Mission, and the Division of Education and Youth, with whom we have common concerns. Plans are being made to strengthen this relationship.

## RESOLUTION

H.1. The Conference adopts the report on Church Membership.

## STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1980-1983

On the 1st November 1983 there were in British Methodism: 458,592 church members worshipping in 7,659 churches. The average attendance on the five Sundays in October 1983 was 432,559 adults (95.1%) and 150,537 children. There were 74,415 young people of 14 and over meeting in 3,535 clubs and groups. The total Community Roll numbered 1,329,365 men, women and children.

## SUMMARY AND COMPARISON

|                              | 1980      | 1981      | 1982      | 1983      | 3 year loss         |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| COMMUNITY ROLL .....         | 1,359,901 | 1,352,784 | 1,340,927 | 1,329,365 | 30,536              |
| MEMBERSHIP ROLL .....        | 487,972   | 480,104   | 469,788   | 458,592   | 29,380              |
| <b>GAINS</b>                 |           |           |           |           | <b>3 year total</b> |
| NEW MEMBERS .....            | 10,468    | 10,617    | 9,447     | 9,453     | 29,517              |
| RESTORED TO MEMBERSHIP ..... | 2,042     | 2,177     | 2,041     | 2,037     | 6,255               |
| Balance of Transfers:        |           |           |           |           |                     |
| In Circuit .....             | 49        | —         | —         | 3         | —                   |
| Other Denominations .....    | 593       | 465       | —         | —         | —                   |
| Garrisons .....              | 38        | —         | 14        | 26        | —                   |
| Ministers, Students .....    | —         | 115       | 56        | —         | 77                  |
| <b>LOSSES</b>                |           |           |           |           |                     |
| Deaths .....                 | 12,025    | 11,761    | 12,042    | 11,648    | 35,451              |
| Ceased to be Members .....   | 9,282     | 8,558     | 8,682     | 8,574     | 25,814              |
| Balance of Transfers:        |           |           |           |           |                     |
| In Circuit .....             | —         | 19        | 34        | —         | 50                  |
| Other Circuits .....         | 826       | 685       | 808       | 923       | 2,416               |
| Other Denominations .....    | —         | —         | 78        | 1,376     | 989                 |
| Other Countries .....        | 104       | 179       | 230       | 100       | 509                 |
| Garrisons .....              | —         | 40        | —         | —         | —                   |
| Ministers, Students .....    | 134       | —         | —         | 94        | —                   |
| NETT LOSS .....              | 9,181     | 7,868     | 10,316    | 11,196    | 29,380              |
| Baptisms .....               | 29,511    | 29,425    | 29,417    | 28,889    | 87,731              |
| CHURCHES .....               | 7,990     | 7,882     | 7,760     | 7,659     | 331                 |

## MEMBERSHIP IN THE DISTRICTS, 1980-1983

|                             | 1980           | 1981           | 1982           | 1983           | 3 yr. loss    |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Southern Districts</b>   |                |                |                |                |               |
| 1. London NE .....          | 17,646         | 17,410         | 17,213         | 16,721         | 925           |
| 2. London NW .....          | 19,286         | 19,044         | 18,675         | 18,040         | 1,246         |
| 3. London SW .....          | 21,571         | 21,412         | 21,075         | 20,757         | 814           |
| 4. London SE .....          | 15,627         | 15,433         | 15,191         | 14,567         | 1,060         |
| 5. Birmingham .....         | 19,037         | 18,711         | 18,310         | 18,044         | 993           |
| 7. Bristol .....            | 18,269         | 17,764         | 17,407         | 17,016         | 1,253         |
| 8. Cardiff/Swansea .....    | 11,951         | 11,610         | 11,280         | 11,051         | 900           |
| 12. Cornwall .....          | 14,543         | 14,134         | 13,722         | 13,342         | 1,201         |
| 14. East Anglia .....       | 12,978         | 12,774         | 12,566         | 12,330         | 648           |
| 23. Oxford/Leics. ....      | 17,814         | 17,635         | 17,331         | 17,177         | 637           |
| 24. Plymouth/Exeter ..      | 18,783         | 18,515         | 18,058         | 17,503         | 1,280         |
| 26. Southampton .....       | 20,189         | 19,948         | 19,672         | 19,547         | 642           |
| 28. Wolverhampton .....     | 20,296         | 20,181         | 19,871         | 19,568         | 728           |
| <b>Southern TOTAL</b> ..... | <b>227,990</b> | <b>224,571</b> | <b>220,371</b> | <b>215,663</b> | <b>12,327</b> |
| <b>Northern Districts</b>   |                |                |                |                |               |
| 6. Bolton/Rochdale .....    | 12,012         | 11,726         | 11,331         | 11,051         | 961           |
| 9. Cumbria .....            | 8,456          | 8,290          | 8,058          | 7,872          | 584           |
| 11. Chester/Stoke .....     | 21,529         | 21,402         | 21,107         | 20,908         | 621           |
| 13. Darlington .....        | 15,960         | 15,577         | 15,209         | 14,882         | 1,078         |
| 16. Leeds .....             | 16,990         | 16,775         | 16,425         | 16,157         | 833           |
| 17. Lincoln .....           | 13,247         | 12,900         | 12,538         | 12,079         | 1,168         |
| 18. Liverpool .....         | 16,846         | 16,748         | 16,251         | 15,984         | 862           |
| 19. Manchester .....        | 20,692         | 20,249         | 19,864         | 18,972         | 1,720         |
| 20. Newcastle .....         | 21,756         | 21,412         | 20,623         | 19,900         | 1,856         |
| 21. North Lancs. ....       | 16,232         | 16,119         | 15,871         | 15,474         | 758           |
| 22. Nottingham/Derby ..     | 18,453         | 17,963         | 17,636         | 17,126         | 1,327         |
| 25. Sheffield .....         | 18,110         | 17,704         | 17,277         | 16,917         | 1,193         |
| 27. West Yorks .....        | 16,552         | 16,193         | 15,760         | 15,372         | 1,180         |
| 29. York/Hull .....         | 17,933         | 17,702         | 17,430         | 17,123         | 810           |
| <b>Northern TOTAL</b> ..... | <b>234,768</b> | <b>230,760</b> | <b>225,380</b> | <b>219,817</b> | <b>14,951</b> |
| 30. Cymru .....             | 8,171          | 8,016          | 7,636          | 7,196          | 975           |
| 31. Scotland .....          | 7,562          | 7,322          | 7,012          | 6,765          | 797           |
| 32. Shetland .....          | 605            | 619            | 619            | 609            | +4            |
| 10. Channel Isles .....     | 3,062          | 2,979          | 2,967          | 2,834          | 228           |
| 15. Isle of Man .....       | 2,024          | 1,972          | 1,868          | 1,841          | 183           |
| Garrisons .....             | 284            | 244            | 258            | 284            | 0             |
| Ministers .....             | 3,506          | 3,621          | 3,677          | 3,583          | +77           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> .....          | <b>487,972</b> | <b>480,104</b> | <b>469,788</b> | <b>458,592</b> | <b>29,380</b> |

## BAPTISMS AND NEW AND REINSTATED MEMBERS, 1981-1983

|                           | Baptisms      |               |               | New Members   |              |              | Reinstated   |              |              |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                           | 1981          | 1982          | 1983          | 1981          | 1982         | 1983         | 1981         | 1982         | 1983         |
| <b>Southern Districts</b> |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1. London N.E.            | 1,443         | 1,503         | 1,269         | 478           | 499          | 400          | 99           | 58           | 79           |
| 2. London N.W.            | 1,164         | 1,302         | 1,347         | 479           | 423          | 378          | 77           | 80           | 65           |
| 3. London S.W.            | 1,192         | 1,198         | 1,073         | 643           | 457          | 502          | 107          | 99           | 74           |
| 4. London S.E.            | 1,033         | 992           | 979           | 356           | 400          | 348          | 74           | 88           | 61           |
| 5. Birmingham             | 1,285         | 1,268         | 1,421         | 397           | 437          | 445          | 65           | 76           | 92           |
| 7. Bristol                | 956           | 999           | 976           | 402           | 353          | 317          | 94           | 78           | 68           |
| 8. Cardiff / Swansea      | 643           | 648           | 641           | 271           | 233          | 242          | 70           | 48           | 53           |
| 12. Cornwall              | 619           | 626           | 625           | 211           | 186          | 221          | 57           | 64           | 41           |
| 14. East Anglia           | 595           | 564           | 540           | 209           | 261          | 210          | 40           | 48           | 41           |
| 23. Oxford / Leicester    | 923           | 965           | 906           | 395           | 295          | 326          | 64           | 71           | 60           |
| 24. Plymouth / Exeter     | 740           | 691           | 667           | 363           | 282          | 346          | 61           | 63           | 52           |
| 26. Southampton           | 865           | 744           | 759           | 429           | 420          | 429          | 87           | 88           | 91           |
| 28. Wolverhampton         | 1,620         | 1,560         | 1,637         | 540           | 446          | 450          | 55           | 71           | 85           |
| <b>Southern TOTAL</b>     | <b>13,078</b> | <b>13,060</b> | <b>12,840</b> | <b>5,173</b>  | <b>4,692</b> | <b>4,614</b> | <b>950</b>   | <b>932</b>   | <b>862</b>   |
| <b>Northern Districts</b> |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |              |              |
| 6. Bolton / Rochdale      | 566           | 530           | 566           | 208           | 327          | 303          | 62           | 54           | 43           |
| 9. Cumbria                | 468           | 400           | 411           | 128           | 84           | 122          | 24           | 28           | 22           |
| 11. Chester / Stoke       | 1,817         | 1,917         | 1,778         | 479           | 513          | 529          | 118          | 126          | 92           |
| 13. Darlington            | 1,392         | 1,421         | 1,311         | 308           | 251          | 252          | 96           | 56           | 85           |
| 16. Leeds                 | 1,067         | 995           | 989           | 386           | 375          | 334          | 79           | 62           | 100          |
| 17. Lincoln               | 568           | 579           | 639           | 222           | 165          | 162          | 41           | 33           | 83           |
| 18. Liverpool             | 918           | 881           | 969           | 466           | 361          | 429          | 116          | 68           | 63           |
| 19. Manchester            | 1,211         | 1,294         | 1,187         | 505           | 380          | 453          | 77           | 148          | 102          |
| 20. Newcastle             | 2,239         | 2,167         | 2,047         | 496           | 353          | 383          | 131          | 86           | 89           |
| 21. North Lancs           | 687           | 659           | 688           | 522           | 399          | 327          | 65           | 92           | 81           |
| 22. Nottingham / Derby    | 1,167         | 1,130         | 1,080         | 345           | 320          | 345          | 89           | 69           | 82           |
| 25. Sheffield             | 1,779         | 1,802         | 1,770         | 353           | 336          | 341          | 108          | 82           | 94           |
| 27. West Yorks            | 815           | 813           | 832           | 304           | 285          | 317          | 68           | 65           | 69           |
| 29. York / Hull           | 1,051         | 1,244         | 1,260         | 374           | 352          | 358          | 81           | 99           | 101          |
| <b>Northern TOTAL</b>     | <b>15,745</b> | <b>15,832</b> | <b>15,527</b> | <b>5,096</b>  | <b>4,501</b> | <b>4,655</b> | <b>1,155</b> | <b>1,068</b> | <b>1,106</b> |
| 30. Cymru                 | 154           | 128           | 136           | 111           | 70           | 60           | 9            | 1            | 5            |
| 31. Scotland              | 206           | 188           | 178           | 115           | 57           | 77           | 41           | 14           | 42           |
| 32. Shetland              | 35            | 19            | 18            | 14            | 8            | 8            | 1            | 1            | 2            |
| 10. Channel Isles         | 121           | 112           | 97            | 71            | 68           | 15           | 4            | 18           | 2            |
| 15. Isle of Man           | 86            | 78            | 93            | 37            | 51           | 24           | 17           | 7            | 18           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>29,425</b> | <b>29,417</b> | <b>28,889</b> | <b>10,617</b> | <b>9,447</b> | <b>9,453</b> | <b>2,177</b> | <b>2,041</b> | <b>2,037</b> |

## DEATHS AND LAPSED MEMBERS IN DISTRICTS, 1981-1983

|                           | Deaths        |               |               | Lapsed Members |              |              |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
|                           | 1981          | 1982          | 1983          | 1981           | 1982         | 1983         |
| <b>Southern Districts</b> |               |               |               |                |              |              |
| 1. London N.E.            | 391           | 410           | 394           | 321            | 315          | 323          |
| 2. London N.W.            | 335           | 381           | 372           | 426            | 385          | 339          |
| 3. London S.W.            | 471           | 461           | 412           | 389            | 458          | 422          |
| 4. London S.E.            | 349           | 384           | 334           | 270            | 285          | 294          |
| 5. Birmingham             | 390           | 424           | 364           | 269            | 402          | 350          |
| 7. Bristol                | 449           | 435           | 429           | 402            | 321          | 249          |
| 8. Cardiff / Swansea      | 288           | 308           | 301           | 373            | 200          | 229          |
| 12. Cornwall              | 393           | 365           | 410           | 231            | 241          | 140          |
| 14. East Anglia           | 324           | 360           | 321           | 167            | 195          | 216          |
| 23. Oxford / Leicester    | 375           | 370           | 351           | 271            | 278          | 271          |
| 24. Plymouth / Exeter     | 442           | 501           | 472           | 279            | 290          | 251          |
| 26. Southampton           | 507           | 544           | 501           | 319            | 337          | 288          |
| 28. Wolverhampton         | 469           | 470           | 424           | 314            | 362          | 369          |
| <b>Southern TOTAL</b>     | <b>5,183</b>  | <b>5,413</b>  | <b>5,085</b>  | <b>4,031</b>   | <b>4,069</b> | <b>3,741</b> |
| <b>Northern Districts</b> |               |               |               |                |              |              |
| 6. Bolton / Rochdale      | 344           | 335           | 329           | 200            | 346          | 233          |
| 9. Cumbria                | 205           | 240           | 210           | 120            | 132          | 118          |
| 11. Chester / Stoke       | 547           | 565           | 529           | 251            | 348          | 302          |
| 13. Darlington            | 456           | 416           | 418           | 267            | 187          | 203          |
| 16. Leeds                 | 415           | 420           | 404           | 262            | 299          | 240          |
| 17. Lincoln               | 344           | 326           | 337           | 265            | 228          | 306          |
| 18. Liverpool             | 425           | 396           | 361           | 271            | 376          | 338          |
| 19. Manchester            | 463           | 530           | 470           | 438            | 370          | 441          |
| 20. Newcastle             | 592           | 610           | 611           | 318            | 475          | 540          |
| 21. North Lancs           | 419           | 400           | 387           | 292            | 361          | 398          |
| 22. Nottingham / Derby    | 461           | 423           | 470           | 447            | 291          | 427          |
| 25. Sheffield             | 450           | 455           | 462           | 488            | 332          | 282          |
| 27. West Yorks            | 402           | 456           | 454           | 243            | 261          | 269          |
| 29. York / Hull           | 476           | 462           | 526           | 297            | 246          | 284          |
| <b>Northern TOTAL</b>     | <b>5,999</b>  | <b>6,034</b>  | <b>5,968</b>  | <b>4,159</b>   | <b>4,252</b> | <b>4,381</b> |
| 30. Cymru                 | 244           | 266           | 261           | 58             | 105          | 163          |
| 31. Scotland              | 198           | 185           | 196           | 206            | 122          | 188          |
| 32. Shetland              | 16            | 15            | 17            | 1              | 1            | 1            |
| 10. Channel Isles         | 73            | 55            | 66            | 59             | 57           | 82           |
| 15. Isle of Man           | 48            | 74            | 55            | 44             | 76           | 18           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>11,761</b> | <b>12,042</b> | <b>11,648</b> | <b>8,558</b>   | <b>8,682</b> | <b>8,574</b> |

## THE COMMUNITY ROLL, 1980-1983

|                           | 1980             | 1981             | 1982             | 1983             | Three Year<br>Gain / Loss |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Southern Districts</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                           |
| 1. London N.E.            | 60,995           | 59,197           | 60,007           | 59,656           | -1,339                    |
| 2. London N.W.            | 57,881           | 57,367           | 56,997           | 56,354           | -1,527                    |
| 3. London S.W.            | 69,000           | 67,988           | 66,563           | 65,055           | -3,945                    |
| 4. London S.E.            | 49,717           | 50,233           | 52,143           | 51,157           | 1,440                     |
| 5. Birmingham             | 57,695           | 57,669           | 55,941           | 58,912           | 1,217                     |
| 7. Bristol                | 54,203           | 52,427           | 52,686           | 52,410           | -1,793                    |
| 8. Cardiff/Swansea        | 31,682           | 30,995           | 31,187           | 29,133           | -2,549                    |
| 12. Cornwall              | 35,651           | 34,874           | 35,433           | 35,809           | 158                       |
| 14. East Anglia           | 34,920           | 35,514           | 34,555           | 34,835           | -85                       |
| 23. Oxford/Leics          | 52,086           | 51,846           | 50,868           | 51,409           | -677                      |
| 24. Plymouth/Exeter       | 43,215           | 42,301           | 44,541           | 41,030           | -2,185                    |
| 26. Southampton           | 51,918           | 53,066           | 51,383           | 52,562           | 644                       |
| 28. Wolverhampton         | 53,311           | 53,115           | 52,785           | 51,441           | -1,870                    |
| <b>Southern TOTAL</b>     | <b>652,274</b>   | <b>646,592</b>   | <b>645,089</b>   | <b>639,763</b>   | <b>-12,511</b>            |
| <b>Northern Districts</b> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                           |
| 6. Bolton/Rochdale        | 32,012           | 31,167           | 30,475           | 28,784           | -3,228                    |
| 9. Cumbria                | 21,517           | 20,395           | 20,039           | 19,802           | -1,715                    |
| 11. Chester/Stoke         | 57,041           | 57,977           | 58,802           | 60,607           | 3,566                     |
| 13. Darlington            | 43,712           | 44,690           | 44,206           | 43,524           | -188                      |
| 16. Leeds                 | 50,522           | 50,410           | 49,882           | 49,801           | -721                      |
| 17. Lincoln               | 37,275           | 36,890           | 35,625           | 35,010           | -2,265                    |
| 18. Liverpool             | 47,863           | 48,322           | 47,176           | 47,037           | -826                      |
| 19. Manchester            | 64,818           | 66,207           | 62,802           | 61,933           | -2,885                    |
| 20. Newcastle             | 67,136           | 65,205           | 65,911           | 63,459           | -3,677                    |
| 21. North Lancs           | 42,180           | 42,780           | 42,380           | 41,892           | -288                      |
| 22. Nottingham/Derby      | 55,214           | 53,967           | 53,544           | 52,606           | -2,608                    |
| 25. Sheffield             | 55,992           | 57,227           | 55,902           | 57,070           | 1,078                     |
| 27. West Yorks            | 44,687           | 44,364           | 43,743           | 42,399           | -2,288                    |
| 29. York/Hull             | 46,347           | 46,068           | 46,442           | 46,376           | 29                        |
| <b>Northern TOTAL</b>     | <b>666,316</b>   | <b>665,669</b>   | <b>656,929</b>   | <b>650,300</b>   | <b>-16,016</b>            |
| 30. Cymru                 | 10,952           | 10,544           | 10,723           | 9,944            | -1,008                    |
| 31. Scotland              | 15,746           | 15,638           | 15,268           | 16,248           | 502                       |
| 32. Shetland              | 1,562            | 1,569            | 1,539            | 1,523            | -39                       |
| 10. Channel Isles         | 8,169            | 7,910            | 6,952            | 7,104            | -1,065                    |
| 15. Isle of Man           | 4,882            | 4,862            | 4,427            | 4,483            | -399                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>1,359,901</b> | <b>1,352,784</b> | <b>1,340,927</b> | <b>1,329,365</b> | <b>-30,536</b>            |

## ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP, OCTOBER 1983

|                           | Morning        | Afternoon     | Evening        | Principal<br>Service | Total<br>Attendance | Member-<br>ship |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Southern Districts</b> |                |               |                |                      |                     |                 |
| 1. London NE              | 11,446         | 301           | 4,544          | 11,880               | 16,291              | 16,721          |
| 2. London NW              | 12,604         | 412           | 4,834          | 13,275               | 17,850              | 18,040          |
| 3. London SW              | 14,193         | 93            | 5,238          | 14,378               | 19,524              | 20,757          |
| 4. London SE              | 10,350         | 440           | 3,630          | 11,025               | 14,420              | 14,567          |
| 5. Birmingham             | 10,991         | 475           | 4,978          | 12,195               | 16,444              | 18,044          |
| 7. Bristol                | 11,421         | 411           | 6,301          | 12,931               | 18,133              | 17,016          |
| 8. Cardiff/Swansea        | 5,150          | 418           | 3,935          | 6,780                | 9,503               | 11,051          |
| 12. Cornwall              | 9,136          | 674           | 4,895          | 10,631               | 14,705              | 13,342          |
| 14. East Anglia           | 8,770          | 1,556         | 3,307          | 10,451               | 13,633              | 12,330          |
| 23. Oxford/Leics          | 10,754         | 663           | 5,277          | 12,412               | 16,694              | 17,177          |
| 24. Plymouth/Exeter       | 11,863         | 1,182         | 5,188          | 13,597               | 18,233              | 17,503          |
| 26. Southampton           | 14,076         | 473           | 5,353          | 14,880               | 19,902              | 19,547          |
| 28. Wolverhampton         | 11,507         | 1,013         | 7,726          | 13,928               | 20,246              | 19,568          |
| <b>Southern TOTAL</b>     | <b>142,261</b> | <b>8,111</b>  | <b>65,206</b>  | <b>158,363</b>       | <b>215,578</b>      | <b>215,663</b>  |
| <b>Northern Districts</b> |                |               |                |                      |                     |                 |
| 6. Bolton/Rochdale        | 6,782          | 620           | 2,522          | 7,153                | 9,924               | 11,051          |
| 9. Cumbria                | 3,856          | 812           | 2,123          | 5,439                | 6,791               | 7,872           |
| 11. Chester/Stoke         | 11,561         | 1,226         | 7,940          | 14,512               | 20,727              | 20,908          |
| 13. Darlington            | 7,066          | 991           | 5,057          | 9,218                | 13,114              | 14,882          |
| 16. Leeds                 | 9,733          | 618           | 4,040          | 10,603               | 14,391              | 16,157          |
| 17. Lincoln               | 6,854          | 819           | 4,071          | 8,405                | 11,744              | 12,079          |
| 18. Liverpool             | 9,185          | 254           | 3,707          | 9,587                | 13,146              | 15,984          |
| 19. Manchester            | 11,748         | 539           | 4,736          | 12,499               | 17,023              | 18,972          |
| 20. Newcastle             | 9,521          | 281           | 7,809          | 11,732               | 17,611              | 19,900          |
| 21. North Lancs           | 10,494         | 462           | 3,638          | 10,851               | 14,594              | 15,474          |
| 22. Nottingham/Derby      | 9,164          | 587           | 7,360          | 11,701               | 17,111              | 17,126          |
| 25. Sheffield             | 9,736          | 650           | 6,618          | 11,988               | 17,004              | 16,917          |
| 27. West Yorks            | 9,611          | 745           | 3,610          | 10,272               | 13,966              | 15,372          |
| 19. Yorks/Hull            | 10,404         | 966           | 5,168          | 12,462               | 16,538              | 17,123          |
| <b>Northern TOTAL</b>     | <b>125,715</b> | <b>9,570</b>  | <b>68,399</b>  | <b>146,422</b>       | <b>203,684</b>      | <b>219,817</b>  |
| 30. Cymru                 | 1,930          | 976           | 1,789          | 3,293                | 4,695               | 7,196           |
| 31. Scotland              | 3,417          | 41            | 695            | 3,489                | 4,153               | 6,765           |
| 32. Shetland              | 219            | 105           | 162            | 379                  | 486                 | 609             |
| 10. Channel Isles         | 1,790          | 54            | 811            | 1,914                | 2,655               | 2,834           |
| 15. Isle of Man           | 828            | 88            | 392            | 1,064                | 1,308               | 1,841           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>276,160</b> | <b>18,945</b> | <b>137,454</b> | <b>314,924</b>       | <b>432,559</b>      | <b>454,725</b>  |

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS

|                            | No. of Churches | Sunday Schools | Youth Groups | S.S. Attendance |                | Young People  |               |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
|                            |                 |                |              | 1980            | 1983           | 1980          | 1983          |
| <b>Southern Districts:</b> |                 |                |              |                 |                |               |               |
| 1. London NE               | 236             | 182            | 134          | 6,530           | 5,326          | 3,935         | 3,880         |
| 2. London NW               | 257             | 208            | 137          | 7,707           | 7,056          | 3,320         | 3,660         |
| 3. London SW               | 209             | 182            | 150          | 6,965           | 5,997          | 4,842         | 3,853         |
| 4. London SE               | 211             | 154            | 112          | 4,918           | 4,676          | 3,941         | 3,372         |
| 5. Birmingham              | 241             | 177            | 129          | 6,899           | 5,887          | 3,725         | 3,336         |
| 7. Bristol                 | 337             | 227            | 130          | 7,127           | 5,900          | 4,620         | 3,551         |
| 8. Cardiff/Swansea         | 218             | 165            | 76           | 4,959           | 4,371          | 1,802         | 1,536         |
| 12. Cornwall               | 379             | 264            | 137          | 5,993           | 5,119          | 2,102         | 1,447         |
| 14. East Anglia            | 380             | 226            | 145          | 5,357           | 4,513          | 1,637         | 1,843         |
| 23. Oxford/Leics.          | 319             | 218            | 122          | 7,085           | 6,396          | 3,403         | 2,727         |
| 24. Plymouth/Exeter        | 383             | 253            | 158          | 5,890           | 5,043          | 3,481         | 2,676         |
| 26. Southampton            | 328             | 221            | 151          | 6,432           | 5,714          | 3,351         | 2,856         |
| 28. Wolverhampton          | 332             | 234            | 160          | 8,544           | 7,410          | 3,527         | 2,764         |
| <b>Southern TOTAL</b>      | <b>3,830</b>    | <b>2,711</b>   | <b>1,741</b> | <b>84,406</b>   | <b>73,408</b>  | <b>43,686</b> | <b>37,501</b> |
| <b>Northern Districts:</b> |                 |                |              |                 |                |               |               |
| 6. Bolton/Rochdale         | 131             | 121            | 84           | 4,108           | 3,639          | 2,325         | 2,140         |
| 9. Cumbria                 | 200             | 122            | 92           | 2,391           | 2,188          | 1,053         | 955           |
| 11. Chester/Stoke          | 346             | 276            | 151          | 8,270           | 6,943          | 2,908         | 3,032         |
| 13. Darlington             | 275             | 183            | 116          | 5,719           | 4,797          | 3,187         | 2,659         |
| 16. Leeds                  | 197             | 156            | 112          | 5,767           | 4,592          | 3,213         | 2,689         |
| 17. Lincoln                | 319             | 202            | 94           | 5,607           | 4,793          | 1,460         | 1,398         |
| 18. Liverpool              | 151             | 132            | 103          | 5,972           | 4,972          | 4,057         | 3,597         |
| 19. Manchester             | 214             | 180            | 119          | 7,851           | 6,138          | 4,586         | 3,745         |
| 20. Newcastle              | 247             | 191            | 133          | 7,854           | 6,563          | 4,597         | 2,881         |
| 21. North Lancs.           | 158             | 136            | 96           | 4,932           | 4,337          | 2,644         | 2,403         |
| 22. Nottingham/Derby       | 346             | 251            | 149          | 8,502           | 7,200          | 3,472         | 2,530         |
| 25. Sheffield              | 314             | 231            | 134          | 7,503           | 6,308          | 3,036         | 2,691         |
| 27. West Yorks             | 212             | 179            | 116          | 5,909           | 4,614          | 3,009         | 2,492         |
| 29. York/Hull              | 352             | 220            | 136          | 6,710           | 6,014          | 2,190         | 2,156         |
| <b>Northern TOTAL</b>      | <b>3,462</b>    | <b>2,580</b>   | <b>1,635</b> | <b>87,095</b>   | <b>73,098</b>  | <b>41,737</b> | <b>35,368</b> |
| 30. Cymru                  | 213             | 60             | 102          | 1,036           | 936            | 571           | 568           |
| 31. Scotland               | 52              | 43             | 34           | 1,259           | 1,130          | 512           | 551           |
| 32. Shetland               | 23              | 8              | 5            | 165             | 160            | 68            | 45            |
| 10. Channel Isles          | 40              | 34             | 6            | 1,059           | 1,040          | 769           | 285           |
| 15. Isle of Man            | 39              | 31             | 12           | 774             | 765            | 174           | 97            |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>              | <b>7,659</b>    | <b>5,467</b>   | <b>3,535</b> | <b>175,794</b>  | <b>150,537</b> | <b>87,517</b> | <b>74,415</b> |

## MEMBERSHIP, MINISTERS (&amp; DEACONESSES) IN PASTORAL CHARGE AND LOCAL PREACHERS

| Southern Districts:        | Joint Members | Ministers    | Members/Churches/ |                     | Members per Church | Local Preachers | LP's on Trial |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
|                            |               |              | Desc's Lay PA     | Minister, Deaconess |                    |                 |               |
| 1. London NE               | 867           | 99           | 3                 | 172                 | 2.3                | 74              | 498           |
| 2. London NW               | 1,071         | 94           | 4                 | 195                 | 2.6                | 74              | 575           |
| 3. London SW               | 472           | 103          | 1                 | 204                 | 2.0                | 101             | 533           |
| 4. London SE               | 1,202         | 84           | 1                 | 185                 | 2.5                | 74              | 464           |
| 5. Birmingham              | 281           | 82           | 6                 | 208                 | 2.7                | 76              | 510           |
| 7. Bristol                 | 1,859         | 87           | 3                 | 209                 | 3.7                | 56              | 639           |
| 8. Cardiff/Swansea         | 88            | 48           | 0                 | 232                 | 4.5                | 51              | 301           |
| 12. Cornwall               | 0             | 59           | 3                 | 215                 | 6.1                | 35              | 532           |
| 14. East Anglia            | 404           | 65           | 2                 | 190                 | 5.7                | 33              | 645           |
| 23. Oxford/Leics.          | 502           | 77           | 1                 | 226                 | 4.1                | 55              | 586           |
| 24. Plymouth/Exeter        | 697           | 80           | 2                 | 221                 | 4.7                | 47              | 686           |
| 26. Southampton            | 828           | 88           | 2                 | 226                 | 3.6                | 62              | 682           |
| 28. Wolverhampton          | 629           | 79           | 4                 | 243                 | 4.0                | 60              | 543           |
| <b>Southern TOTAL</b>      | <b>8,900</b>  | <b>1,045</b> | <b>32</b>         | <b>208</b>          | <b>3.6</b>         | <b>58</b>       | <b>7,194</b>  |
| <b>Northern Districts:</b> |               |              |                   |                     |                    |                 |               |
| 6. Bolton/Rochdale         | 47            | 46           | 1                 | 236                 | 2.8                | 84              | 222           |
| 9. Cumbria                 | 0             | 34           | 1                 | 224                 | 5.7                | 39              | 350           |
| 11. Chester/Stoke          | 59            | 83           | 0                 | 252                 | 4.2                | 60              | 586           |
| 13. Darlington             | 419           | 68           | 1                 | 221                 | 4.0                | 55              | 491           |
| 16. Leeds                  | 65            | 66           | 3                 | 235                 | 2.9                | 82              | 384           |
| 17. Lincoln                | 16            | 55           | 1                 | 215                 | 5.7                | 37              | 527           |
| 18. Liverpool              | 188           | 66           | 3                 | 234                 | 2.2                | 107             | 312           |
| 19. Manchester             | 876           | 86           | 2                 | 225                 | 2.4                | 92              | 449           |
| 20. Newcastle              | 88            | 75           | 1                 | 263                 | 3.3                | 80              | 521           |
| 21. North Lancs.           | 0             | 60           | 1                 | 253                 | 2.6                | 97              | 361           |
| 22. Nottingham/Derby       | 103           | 82           | 3                 | 202                 | 4.1                | 49              | 589           |
| 25. Sheffield              | 289           | 77           | 2                 | 217                 | 4.0                | 54              | 572           |
| 27. West Yorks             | 472           | 71           | 3                 | 214                 | 2.9                | 74              | 458           |
| 29. York/Hull              | 327           | 72           | 2                 | 235                 | 4.8                | 49              | 630           |
| <b>Northern TOTAL</b>      | <b>2,949</b>  | <b>941</b>   | <b>24</b>         | <b>230</b>          | <b>3.6</b>         | <b>64</b>       | <b>6,452</b>  |
| 30. Cymru                  | 541           | 27           | 0                 | 286                 | 7.9                | 36              | 104           |
| 31. Scotland               | 342           | 35           | 1                 | 197                 | 1.4                | 136             | 116           |
| 32. Shetland               | 0             | 3            | 0                 | 203                 | 7.7                | 26              | 14            |
| 10. Channel Isles          | 0             | 12           | 2                 | 202                 | 2.9                | 70              | 63            |
| 15. Isle of Man            | 0             | 7            | 0                 | 263                 | 5.6                | 47              | 41            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>12,732</b> | <b>2,070</b> | <b>59</b>         | <b>219</b>          | <b>3.6</b>         | <b>61</b>       | <b>13,984</b> |