

03 CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

There is no pleasure in bringing this year's report, together with the triennial statistics which are attached to it. The warnings are clear for all to see in the graphical presentation of the data. While numbers are not necessarily the main criteria in assessing the life and impact of the Church, they are an important indicator. The numbers of members, worshippers, and young people can be seen as a by-product of the Church's life of worship, service and mission. So we should concentrate on more than statistics by asking what the figures suggest about the quality of our worship and the impact of our common life.

The statistics give only a snapshot of the life of the Church. To see the whole picture one must look at all the weekly happenings in each local church, the issues which dominate our Synods and Circuit Meetings, and the Conference Agenda. Further detail is added when one takes note of the uses for which our premises are used, together with the impact of each congregation upon its neighbourhood.

Triennial Returns

The membership over the period of the triennial (1992-95) has decreased by 8.2% or just under 28,000 people. What is alarming is the increased rate of decline:

Year	Members	% decline for the year
1989	431,549	
1990	424,540	1.52
1991	416,131	1.98
1992	408,107	1.93
1993	399,322	2.15
1994	389,818	2.38
1995	380,195	2.47

73.8% of our churches made no new members last year, while 3.83% (256) increased their membership by over 10%. The number of new members made each year has dramatically decreased. We are now making 24.4% fewer members than we were three years ago and 37.49% fewer than six years ago.

Six years ago we comforted ourselves because Sunday attendance was not declining as fast as membership; nine years ago in many places attendance seemed to be holding up. This is no longer the case. Over the triennial period, attendance declined by 9.6% and the rate of decline is now greater than the rate of decline in membership.

Over the last three years there has been a major haemorrhage of children and young people attending worship (ie. those aged 26 and under). There were 19.12% fewer children and young people at worship in 1995 than in 1992. While our overall contact (Sunday and mid-week) with the under 13's has only declined by 4.05%, the contact with the 13 - 26 age group has dropped by 13.97%. That these figures are so devastating points to the urgency of the issues raised in Charter '95 - the *crie de coeur* of our Church's young people.

Three more brush strokes are offered to set the scene.

In terms of membership:

15.5%	of our churches have a membership of less than 10
42.7%	less than 25
63.4%	less than 50

In terms of worshipping congregations:

39.3%	of our churches have congregations of less than 25
62.0%	less than 50

The distribution classification of our churches:

1.7%	City Centre
6.2%	Inner City
6.0%	Council Estate
16.4%	Small Town
20.4%	Suburban
49.3%	Village Rural

What is the picture which emerges from the statistics? Because often the picture gained from particular situations known to us contradicts the overall trends, there is a temptation to avoid the institutional questions raised. Whilst there are many stories of growth and new work and also of small and large congregations having an impact upon their locality far in excess of that to be expected from their numbers, there are still crucial questions to face.

First, we must face the institutional question: how long can we remain a *connexional* church?

- > Is there a trend towards 'congregationalism' with churches only held together in a loose federation? Do we still believe that the *connexional* nature of our church is the proper reflection of our understanding of the nature of the church and God's call to the Methodist people?
- > Can we continue to have a Connexional Team as large as at present and involved in as many areas of work and issues?
- > Can we afford to train all those whose offer of candidature for presbyteral and diaconal ministry is accepted?
- > Can we continue to respond to the requests made by Circuits, Districts and the Conference for reports, commissions, working parties, and action? What do we want from our *connexional* structures?
- > If we have personnel in *connexional* and District appointments, what do we want them to do? In the present situation do we need a different focus of activity for such 'separated' appointments?

Secondly we must, as a Connexion, face the theological question: "For what purpose has God raised up a people called Methodist as we approach the next millennium?"

- > What is our distinctive contribution to our partner churches? What is our relationship with our sisters and brothers in Christ?
- > How do we understand the nature of the church and its task in today's world?
- > How are we to equip one another to fulfil our calling?

It is not easy to interpret the present trends within the church. The Division, along with Home Mission and Education & Youth, is at present contributing to a piece of academic research into why people, and particularly young people, are leaving the church. This research is nearing the end of the first of its three years and, when

completed, should offer insight into some of the facts highlighted at the beginning of this report.

Is the changing nature of Sunday having a greater impact on our society than we initially thought? The increasing deregulation of Sunday and particularly the change in legislation three years ago may be significant factors in the dramatic fall in the attendance at worship of adults, children and young people. There is a growing body of anecdotal evidence suggesting that the growth points in the worship life of the church are occurring, not at the traditional worship times of mid-morning and early evening, but at early morning services and late evening services. Some churches find that their largest gathering for worship is no longer on Sunday but on a weekday. To what extent these points of growth are to do with the style of worship at these other times or to what extent it is attributable to the changing use of Sunday is not clear. It may be a combination of both. Increasingly, more and more people in employment are having to work regularly or occasionally on a Sunday. Openings for part-time work are increasing, particularly on Sunday. All this is impacting upon the number of people available at any time to lead worship and work with adults, young people and children in the life of the church.

How do circuits respond to all this? Here are a few possible responses:

- > A circuit worship audit. What opportunities are there for worship within the circuit at different times on Sunday and different days of the week? What styles of worship are available within the circuit?
- > What new ventures in worship need to be considered in the light of the audit? How can we encourage and enable people to make use of opportunities beyond their local church? What is the role of the local congregation in the worship strategy of the circuit and vice versa?
- > How can we equip people for Christian Discipleship? What opportunities are there for training of children and youth workers, pastoral visitors, worship leaders, stewards and others? How are we enabling people to develop spiritually and in their understanding and application of the faith to their daily lives?
- > What is our ministry within the communities of the Circuit? Are there particular needs to be addressed? Are we putting sufficient resources and energy into mission? Are we using the particular gifts of our ordained and lay people effectively?

These are not new questions. However, they need to be examined thoroughly, a sense of vision sought and a strategy formulated to which we commit ourselves.

Finally some stories.

A small village chapel on the Shropshire Welsh border declined from ten members to nine, to eight, to seven, each year as one of its number died. Increasingly the 'writing was on the wall'. Will the chapel see us out? Then the vision came – they were in a predominantly retired community with the chapel near the village post office: their prime ministry was to the retired. They opened their premises as a meeting point for coffee on pension day. Soon new people also began to attend worship. This year again one of their number has died and yet their membership has risen to ten.

A predominantly rural circuit in the Lincoln and Grimsby District has, over the past ten years, increased the membership of every church in the Circuit. Part of the strategy has been for pastoral visitors to take quarterly membership tickets to people at home, together with the systematic visitation of the community, visiting all new homes built as communities have grown.

A church plant on a large housing estate in Leicestershire began by visiting homes and asking if people were to want to go to worship what time would they like to meet for worship? Unexpectedly, five o'clock on a Sunday was the time! So it's tea at five followed by forty-five minutes of all-age worship in a 'seeker-service' style. A new church is coming to birth, not by people leaving other churches to join, but by people coming to faith for the first time.

Two congregations meeting late Sunday evening, one in Wales and one on South Humberside, for a multi-media style worship have had to change the venue because the congregation has grown to such an extent. In Scotland, an evening congregation meets for reflective worship in a small back room and together, as they reflect and share, find their faith growing and their experience of worship enriched.

Three circuits have shared in a 34 week Discipleship Course. In one circuit, 80 registered for the course and over 70 finished it. About 12 people have begun Local Preacher training as a result of the course.

In an inner city area, a church youth group supports and helps run a night shelter for homeless people. Just before Christmas, thousands of Methodist young people slept out on the streets, not to raise money, but to raise awareness of the problem of young homelessness.

Other stories could be added which will further illustrate the great variety in worship and discipleship within the life of the church. Yet we are at a critical moment in the life of the Methodist Church; we need a strategy to address the situation which will encourage the Church at grassroots.

*** RESOLUTION

A3 The Conference adopts the report on Church Membership.

METHODIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP 1995

SUMMARY AND COMPARISON

	1992	1993	1994	1995	3 Year Gain/Loss
Community Roll	1,289,509	1,278,187	1,263,063	1,239,476	-50,033
Membership	408,107	399,322	389,818	380,269	-27,838
GAINS					3 Year Total
New Members	7,598	6,925	6,337	5,809	19,071
Restored to Membership	1,791	1,737	1,802	1,674	5,213
<i>Balance of transfers:</i>					
From Other Denom.	+938	+683	+664	+340	+1,687
From Overseas	+94	+46	+61	+50	+157
Ministers and Students	+2	+25	+4	+30	+59
LOSSES					
Deaths	10,551	10,502	10,361	9,950	30,813
Ceased to be Members	7,548	7,478	7,660	7,322	22,460
<i>Balance of transfers:</i>					
To Other Churches	+15	+6	-59	+48	-5
To Other Circuits	-400	-227	-285	-211	-723
Garrisons	+37	+0	-7	-17	-24
NETT LOSS	-8,024	-8,785	-9,504	-9,549	-27,838
BAPTISMS	27,940	26,022	25,462	23,995	+75,479
CHURCHES	6,950	6,864	6,772	6,678	-272
MINISTERS AND STUDENT MINISTERS	3,601	3,626	3,630	3,660	+59

CONNEXIONAL TOTALS BY DISTRICT

Dist	No Of Ch's	No Members Of LEP	New Resid To Mmbrs	Gains In Chch	Gains In Other Circ	Gains In Ov Dnom Sea	Losses In Chch	Losses In Other Circ	Losses In Ov Dnom Sea	Ceased to Meet	Members 1995	Nett Gain/Loss	LEP Joint Mmbr Assmnt	Memsh For Assmnt	Community Roll	Bapt'm	Young People
1	230	26	281	68	146	92	68	175	97	345	246	15247	1038	14633	57478	1250	17727
2	234	23	310	53	158	82	77	54	147	347	246	15691	871	14793	53616	1375	16944
3	198	28	307	51	188	189	49	280	170	55	414	18221	1598	17502	62517	1021	18153
4	198	29	337	35	155	126	90	35	144	79	32	13273	1448	12349	47840	889	15462
5	227	23	16145	66	154	130	10	66	86	38	373	15811	882	15296	54990	1262	15114
6	112	5	9135	35	59	76	2	45	28	2	248	9025	43	9020	28482	444	7364
7	291	54	15935	107	113	151	4	101	125	175	8	15571	2519	13983	54455	924	15206
8	198	16	10301	32	71	61	4	28	52	39	4	10073	876	9528	17408	593	8776
9	159	8	6243	15	16	62	50	14	2	192	168	6052	27	2237	7482	77	1836
10	32	2	2274	12	15	7	3	4	6	49	15	2377	508	13610	48910	1208	11403
11	253	11	14232	76	94	79	3	76	42	353	237	13878	64	10538	32727	540	6039
12	309	7	10877	52	72	85	42	77	30	330	162	10560	369	11369	41317	999	10243
13	235	5	11925	63	94	69	26	94	48	5	286	11565	582	10055	34268	591	6974
14	308	22	10876	40	58	122	77	4	58	141	5	10541	1650	1650	3451	56	692
15	39	8	1679	6	8	14	9	8	2	33	20	1650	195	12264	43771	754	11459
16	168	8	12809	47	69	97	76	154	107	6	345	2370	85	9466	32565	414	7182
17	273	19	9699	94	102	107	47	102	81	284	180	9497	85	9466	54204	783	12087
18	140	15	13189	57	77	65	140	73	95	44	6	12983	1118	12608	54204	824	15568
19	190	9	15581	220	48	59	86	73	4	402	334	15104	422	14959	53348	1501	12861
20	217	16	15409	48	58	76	77	41	8	429	404	14841	509	14514	61207	480	7482
21	148	7	12645	64	57	72	48	87	63	5	367	290	52	12206	35790	858	11581
22	295	17	13937	54	73	109	102	120	94	9	367	266	515	13448	41516	833	14612
23	276	16	14452	57	35	175	82	147	85	11	357	238	932	13406	37092	477	8949
24	309	18	15291	58	103	131	111	113	66	14	360	204	529	13075	42903	1477	12328
25	281	24	13767	32	87	267	18	116	213	9	452	346	13497	48661	48661	706	8949
26	288	26	18297	41	120	74	51	120	103	318	216	11964	1230	17139	48661	40112	10636
27	189	16	12399	44	114	69	2	46	103	82	11	15888	1076	14931	50306	1385	13560
28	278	22	16074	74	104	139	84	76	123	39	4	13767	127	13659	46627	889	12136
29	308	12	14110	18	17	3	15	21	7	20	144	163	4059	46271	14617	141	2060
30	152	11	4325	38	17	10	44	8	2	143	77	5883	1232	4771	14617	141	166
31	55	7	5994	1	3	1	2	34	1	11	2	379	3	379	1143	7	166
32	20	2	389	1	3	2	3	1	2	1	2	4161	3	4160	9614	162	1530
33	68	2	4349	30	46	25	1	51	33	154	114	4161	3	4160	9614	162	1530
Total	6678	504	385852	5809	1674	1915	3173	2640	391	9950	7322	376290	20409	363865	1239476	23995	323801
Ministers			3630									3660					
Garrisons			336									319					
			389818									380269					

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE DISTRICTS, 1992 - 1995

3 Year
Gain/Loss

	1992	1993	1994	1995	3 Year Gain/Loss
Southern Districts:					
1. The London North-East District	15471	15388	15094	15247	-224
2. The London North-West District	16910	16616	16290	15691	-1219
3. The London South-West District	20171	19184	18757	18221	-1950
4. The London South-East District	14062	13696	13373	13273	-789
5. The Birmingham District	16807	16481	16145	15811	-996
6. The Bristol District	16470	16052	15935	15571	-899
7. The South Wales District	10551	10529	10301	10073	-478
8. The Cornwall District	11667	11263	10877	10560	-1107
12. The East Anglia District	11385	11142	10876	10541	-844
23. The Oxford and Leicester District	15795	15525	15291	15016	-779
24. The Plymouth and Exeter District	15047	14708	14452	14007	-1040
26. The Southampton District	18288	18662	18297	17984	-304
28. The Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District	16795	16506	16074	15588	-1207
Southern Totals:	199419	195752	191762	187583	-11836
Northern Districts:					
6. The Bolton and Rochdale District	9520	9302	9135	9025	-495
9. The Cumbria District	6639	6551	6243	6052	-587
11. The Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District	14845	14634	14232	13878	-967
13. The Darlington District	12656	12322	11925	11565	-1091
16. The Leeds District	13389	13082	12809	12370	-1019
17. The Lincoln and Grimsby District	10205	9970	9699	9497	-708
18. The Liverpool District	13837	13531	13189	12983	-854
19. The Manchester and Stockport District	16420	15994	15581	15104	-1316
20. The Newcastle upon Tyne District	16305	15828	15409	14841	-1464
21. The North Lancashire District	13466	13137	12645	12224	-1242
22. The Nottingham and Derby District	14672	14262	13927	13571	-1101
25. The Sheffield District	14478	14100	13767	13497	-981
27. The West Yorkshire District	12970	12594	12399	11964	-1006
29. The York and Hull District	14786	14458	14110	13767	-1019
Northern Totals:	184188	179765	175080	170338	-13850
10. The Channel Islands District	2416	2343	2274	2237	-179
15. The Isle of Man District	1731	1697	1679	1650	-81
30. The Cymru District	4990	4588	4325	4059	-931
31. The Scotland District	6496	6327	5994	5883	-613
32. The Shetland District	427	409	389	379	-48
33. The North Wales District	4496	4472	4349	4161	-335
Garrisons Ministers	343	343	336	319	-24
	3601	3626	3630	3660	+59
Totals:	408107	399322	389818	380269	-27838

NOTE: 1992 - 678 members moved from District 3 London South-West to District 26 Southampton.
1995 - 377 members moved from District 2 London North-West to District 1 London North-East.
Due to districts being reorganised.

BAPTISMS AND NEW/REINSTATED MEMBERS 1993 - 1995

	Baptisms <13		Baptisms 13+			New Members			Reinstated			
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995	
Southern Districts:												
1. The London North-East District	1186	1160	1227	39	29	23	352	294	281	69	81	83
2. The London North-West District	1295	1313	1318	47	48	57	411	351	310	95	72	132
3. The London South-West District	1064	1132	975	32	46	46	417	364	307	76	97	82
4. The London South-East District	859	877	866	36	26	23	265	279	277	45	41	60
5. The Birmingham District	1278	1163	1230	24	33	32	287	286	290	71	52	61
7. The Bristol District	961	928	901	22	30	23	266	313	218	72	79	60
8. The South Wales District	628	596	568	53	48	25	219	159	132	56	45	43
12. The Cornwall District	554	494	519	15	24	21	149	171	102	52	56	56
14. The East Anglia District	604	567	556	55	29	35	165	165	183	42	64	40
23. The Oxford and Leicester District	915	910	799	37	39	34	253	265	240	56	84	57
24. The Plymouth and Exeter District	550	560	459	18	36	18	265	273	177	58	73	58
26. The Southampton District	772	821	679	31	22	27	370	299	274	77	87	91
28. The Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District	1526	1448	1371	16	22	14	284	196	234	67	59	74
Southern Totals:	12192	11969	11468	425	432	378	3703	3415	3025	843	890	897
Northern Districts:												
6. The Bolton and Rochdale District	414	407	431	15	10	13	151	188	170	47	29	38
9. The Cumbria District	390	317	342	6	3	3	99	60	107	16	12	15
11. The Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District	1426	1323	1192	23	31	16	285	224	167	73	82	39
13. The Darlington District	1120	1028	993	11	9	6	171	159	152	48	52	63
16. The Leeds District	825	831	746	18	10	8	232	196	198	59	79	47
17. The Lincoln and Grimsby District	482	406	404	11	10	10	122	130	131	51	66	94
18. The Liverpool District	971	728	775	10	7	8	241	215	239	73	73	57
19. The Manchester and Stockport District	876	804	809	15	29	15	279	234	220	91	81	48
20. The Newcastle upon Tyne District	1655	1753	1491	22	19	10	247	195	224	70	55	39
21. The North Lancashire District	540	543	474	9	8	6	267	201	202	63	35	64
22. The Nottingham and Derby District	797	913	832	28	36	26	257	283	202	54	72	54
25. The Sheffield District	1489	1544	1455	24	23	22	288	269	256	38	64	37
27. The West Yorkshire District	664	666	640	19	9	9	153	192	145	62	63	41
29. The York and Hull District	1022	992	870	14	17	19	178	174	180	86	83	56
Northern Totals:	12621	12255	11454	225	221	171	2970	2720	2613	831	846	692
10. The Channel Islands District	74	105	77	1			30	28	13	8	11	12
15. The Isle of Man District	43	48	54	1		2	21	16	16	10	22	6
30. The Cymru District	64	82	73	3	8	8	46	25	38	15	7	18
31. The Scotland District	129	154	134	7	14	7	47	57	61	3	13	17
32. The Shetland District	10	6	7				5	5	1			2
33. The North Wales District	221	167	159	8	4	3	103	71	42	27	13	30
Totals:	25354	24786	23426	668	676	569	6925	6337	5809	1737	1802	1674

	Deaths			Lapsed Members		
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995
Southern Districts:						
1. The London North-East District	307	352	345	279	301	246
2. The London North-West District	348	389	347	369	326	246
3. The London South-West District	413	412	414	462	550	443
4. The London South-East District	341	358	307	317	297	246
5. The Birmingham District	389	391	373	275	314	335
6. The Bristol District	424	367	373	324	296	235
7. The South Wales District	309	270	256	158	157	192
8. The Cornwall District	310	316	330	298	287	162
12. The East Anglia District	352	318	351	152	209	166
23. The Oxford and Leicester District	364	335	357	240	241	238
24. The Plymouth and Exeter District	440	416	432	264	226	250
26. The Southampton District	501	483	452	350	343	346
28. The Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District	399	427	401	235	303	383
Southern Totals:	4897	4834	4738	3723	3850	3488
Northern Districts:						
6. The Bolton and Rochdale District	241	270	248	164	152	132
9. The Cumbria District	174	178	192	88	213	168
11. The Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District	385	355	353	239	343	237
13. The Darlington District	305	325	286	216	253	251
16. The Leeds District	361	334	345	218	198	249
17. The Lincoln and Grimsby District	280	285	284	207	172	180
18. The Liverpool District	364	354	335	262	259	236
19. The Manchester and Stockport District	454	424	402	337	282	334
20. The Newcastle upon Tyne District	483	450	429	316	246	404
21. The North Lancashire District	397	412	367	278	277	290
22. The Nottingham and Derby District	415	446	367	295	295	266
25. The Sheffield District	397	404	360	235	243	204
27. The West Yorkshire District	398	335	318	194	126	216
29. The York and Hull District	409	377	392	248	258	276
Northern Totals:	5063	4949	4678	3297	3317	3443
Totals:	10502	10361	9950	7478	7660	7322

THE COMMUNITY ROLL 1992 - 1995

	1992			1993			1994			1995			Three Year Gain/Loss
	1992	1993	1994	1992	1993	1994	1992	1993	1994	1992	1993	1994	
Southern Districts:													
1. The London North-East District	56663	56528	57568	56528	56528	57568	56528	56528	57568	56528	56528	57568	+815
2. The London North-West District	60426	55476	56125	55476	55476	56125	55476	55476	56125	55476	55476	56125	-6810
3. The London South-West District	64688	61941	62534	61941	61941	62534	61941	61941	62534	61941	61941	62534	-2171
4. The London South-East District	49256	48823	48202	48823	48823	48202	48823	48823	48202	48823	48823	48202	-1416
5. The Birmingham District	56753	56613	56293	56613	56613	56293	56613	56613	56293	56613	56613	56293	-1763
7. The Bristol District	52139	53317	53111	53317	53317	53111	53317	53317	53111	53317	53317	53111	+2316
8. The South Wales District	29498	30558	28628	30558	30558	28628	30558	30558	28628	30558	30558	28628	-2087
12. The Cornwall District	33832	33575	33889	33575	33575	33889	33575	33575	33889	33575	33575	33889	-1105
14. The East Anglia District	36502	34731	34464	34731	34731	34464	34731	34731	34464	34731	34731	34464	-2234
23. The Oxford and Leicester District	51489	50675	50323	50675	50675	50323	50675	50675	50323	50675	50675	50323	-3276
24. The Plymouth and Exeter District	39762	39241	38940	39241	39241	38940	39241	39241	38940	39241	39241	38940	-2670
26. The Southampton District	49502	51041	47999	51041	51041	47999	51041	51041	47999	51041	51041	47999	-841
28. The Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District	51234	51609	51216	51609	51609	51216	51609	51609	51216	51609	51609	51216	-928
Southern Totals:	631744	624128	619292	624128	624128	619292	624128	624128	619292	624128	624128	619292	-22170
Northern Districts:													
6. The Bolton and Rochdale District	25305	24917	25936	24917	24917	25936	24917	24917	25936	24917	24917	25936	+3177
9. The Cumbria District	19206	19119	17440	19119	19119	17440	19119	19119	17440	19119	19119	17440	-1598
11. The Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District	53099	51405	49723	51405	51405	49723	51405	51405	49723	51405	51405	49723	-4189
13. The Darlington District	42893	42861	43193	42861	42861	43193	42861	42861	43193	42861	42861	43193	-1576
16. The Leeds District	47683	47221	45668	47221	47221	45668	47221	47221	45668	47221	47221	45668	-3912
17. The Lincoln and Grimsby District	32217	32581	32792	32581	32581	32792	32581	32581	32792	32581	32581	32792	+348
18. The Liverpool District	53360	57076	57019	57076	57076	57019	57076	57076	57019	57076	57076	57019	+844
19. The Manchester and Stockport District	57705	55584	54993	55584	55584	54993	55584	55584	54993	55584	55584	54993	-4357
20. The Newcastle upon Tyne District	57835	59165	59314	59165	59165	59314	59165	59165	59314	59165	59165	59314	+3372
21. The North Lancashire District	38174	37236	37032	37236	37236	37032	37236	37236	37032	37236	37236	37032	-2384
22. The Nottingham and Derby District	46945	45342	43118	45342	45342	43118	45342	45342	43118	45342	45342	43118	-5429
25. The Sheffield District	49481	47951	46711	47951	47951	46711	47951	47951	46711	47951	47951	46711	-6578
27. The West Yorkshire District	39577	40525	41512	40525	40525	41512	40525	40525	41512	40525	40525	41512	+535
29. The York and Hull District	48136	48307	47718	48307	48307	47718	48307	48307	47718	48307	48307	47718	-1509
Northern Totals:	611616	609290	602169	609290	609290	602169	609290	609290	602169	609290	609290	602169	-23256
Totals:	1289509	1278187	1263063	1278187	1278187	1263063	1278187	1278187	1263063	1278187	1278187	1263063	-50033

ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP OCTOBER 1995

	Morning	Aft'n	Evening	Principal Service	Total Attend	Total Att 1992	Memshp
Southern Districts:							
1. The London North-East District	10607	165	2709	10844	13481	14648	15247
2. The London North-West District	11075	369	3082	11499	14526	15941	15691
3. The London South-West District	12681	173	3035	12887	15889	18274	18221
4. The London South-East District	9037	208	2516	9663	11761	12653	13273
5. The Birmingham District	10015	397	3217	10648	13629	15382	15811
6. The Bristol District	11395	315	3839	11979	15549	16929	15571
7. The South Wales District	5888	518	2817	6740	8923	10070	10073
8. The Cornwall District	8207	758	4054	9224	12019	13428	10560
12. The East Anglia District	8219	860	2391	9033	11470	12814	10541
14. The East of England District	10109	708	3351	10979	14168	14997	15016
23. The Oxford and Leicester District	10218	888	3230	11237	14336	15873	14007
24. The Plymouth and Exeter District	12600	325	3671	13151	16596	17253	17984
26. The Southampton District	9352	885	4855	10745	15092	17129	15588
28. The Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District	129103	6569	41767	138629	177439	195391	187583
Southern Totals:							
	5404	347	1362	5507	7113	7937	9025
6. The Bolton and Rochdale District	3469	726	1484	4264	5679	6571	6052
9. The Cumbria District	8412	896	4246	9688	13554	15700	13878
11. The Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District	6324	677	2938	7426	9939	10752	11565
13. The Darlington District	7987	334	2276	8187	10597	12194	12370
16. The Leeds District	6296	873	3008	7627	10177	11190	9497
17. The Lincoln and Grimsby District	8129	204	2098	8284	10431	11190	12983
18. The Liverpool District	9910	363	2819	10358	13092	14488	15104
19. The Manchester and Stockport District	8171	466	4597	9133	13234	14732	14841
20. The Newcastle upon Tyne District	8028	242	2091	8284	10431	11190	12224
21. The North Lancashire District	9036	491	4420	9527	13947	15234	13571
22. The Nottingham and Derby District	9007	563	4053	10230	13623	15841	13497
25. The Sheffield District	7936	506	2697	8643	11139	12204	11964
27. The West Yorkshire District	9034	776	3745	10453	13555	14242	13767
29. The York and Hull District	107143	7464	41834	118526	156441	174509	170338
Northern Totals:							
	1695	157	727	1861	2422	2511	2237
10. The Channel Islands District	868	157	497	1264	1522	1650	1650
15. The Isle of Man District	1338	654	606	2165	2598	2911	4059
30. The Cymru District	3037	43	471	3071	3551	3948	5883
31. The Scotland District	189	104	241	419	534	502	379
32. The Shetland District	2386	191	711	2573	3288	3754	4161
33. The North Wales District	245759	15182	86854	268508	347795	385238	376290
Totals:							
	1695	157	727	1861	2422	2511	2237
	868	157	497	1264	1522	1650	1650
	1338	654	606	2165	2598	2911	4059
	3037	43	471	3071	3551	3948	5883
	189	104	241	419	534	502	379
	2386	191	711	2573	3288	3754	4161
	245759	15182	86854	268508	347795	385238	376290

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

	Children and Young People at Worship 1992	1995	1992 under 13	1992 13-26	1992 Total	1995 under 13	1995 13-26	1995 Total
Southern Districts:								
1. The London North-East District	3933	3152	14065	3802	17867	14073	3654	17727
2. The London North-West District	4654	3539	13176	4279	17455	13058	3886	16944
3. The London South-West District	4154	3500	15201	4050	19251	14720	3433	18153
4. The London South-East District	3196	2462	11588	3705	15293	12018	3444	15462
5. The Birmingham District	3350	3111	12321	3723	16044	11860	3254	15114
7. The Bristol District	3926	3144	11833	3852	15685	11670	3536	15206
8. The South Wales District	2860	2425	6355	2002	8357	1742	8776	8776
12. The Cornwall District	3255	2509	5434	1563	6997	4849	1190	6039
14. The East Anglia District	2575	1930	5980	1806	7786	5686	1288	6974
23. The Oxford and Leicester District	3760	2975	11915	3538	15453	11430	3182	14612
24. The Plymouth and Exeter District	3114	2698	7807	2566	10373	7093	1856	8949
26. The Southampton District	3690	3206	10269	3055	13324	10071	2802	12873
28. The Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District	3961	3378	10589	3220	13809	10514	3046	13560
Southern Totals:	46428	38029	136533	41161	177694	134076	36313	170389
Northern Districts:								
6. The Bolton and Rochdale District	1955	1825	5517	1745	7262	5859	1505	7364
9. The Cumbria District	1237	956	2902	1076	3978	3144	898	4042
11. The Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District	3498	2751	9854	2558	12412	9129	2274	11403
13. The Darlington District	2706	1992	9412	2401	11813	8322	1921	10243
16. The Leeds District	2740	2127	9163	2344	11507	9397	2062	11459
17. The Lincoln and Grimsby District	2495	2134	6073	1563	7636	5919	1263	7182
18. The Liverpool District	3165	2549	10167	3025	13192	9626	2461	12087
19. The Manchester and Stockport District	3686	2943	12886	3326	16212	12789	2779	15568
20. The Newcastle upon Tyne District	3425	2847	11944	2485	14429	10556	2305	12861
21. The North Lancashire District	2792	2195	7328	2215	9543	5940	1542	7482
22. The Nottingham and Derby District	3901	3190	10524	2736	13260	9289	2292	11581
25. The Sheffield District	3746	3061	11673	3076	14749	10185	2143	12328
27. The West Yorkshire District	2867	2264	8937	2112	11049	8599	2037	10636
29. The York and Hull District	3126	2615	9630	2646	12276	9806	2330	12136
Northern Totals:	41339	33449	126010	33308	159318	118560	27812	146372
10. The Channel Islands District	719	590	1694	342	2036	1431	405	1836
15. The Isle of Man District	563	381	823	262	1085	559	133	692
30. The Cymru District	506	306	453	339	792	467	289	756
31. The Scotland District	1297	719	1454	815	2269	1336	724	2060
32. The Shetland District	134	104	148	46	194	132	34	166
33. The North Wales District	738	594	1452	398	1850	1239	291	1530
Totals:	91724	74172	268567	76671	345238	257800	66001	323801

MINISTERS AND THOSE IN PASTORAL CHARGE AND LOCAL PREACHERS

Southern Districts:

1. The London North-East District
2. The London North-West District
3. The London South-West District
4. The London South-East District
5. The Birmingham District
7. The Bristol District
8. The South Wales District
12. The Cornwall District
14. The East Anglia District
23. The Oxford and Leicester District
24. The Plymouth and Exeter District
26. The Southampton District
28. The Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District

Southern Totals:

Northern Districts:

6. The Bolton and Rochdale District
9. The Cumbria District
11. The Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District
13. The Darlington District
15. The Leeds District
16. The Lincoln and Grimsby District
17. The Liverpool District
18. The Manchester and Stockport District
19. The Manchester and Tyne District
20. The Newcastle upon Tyne District
21. The North Lancashire District
22. The Nottingham and Derby District
25. The Sheffield District
27. The West Yorkshire District
29. The York and Hull District

Northern Totals:

10. The Channel Islands District
15. The Isle of Man District
30. The Cymru District
31. The Scotland District
32. The Shetland District
33. The North Wales District

Totals:

The total of those in pastoral charge has been used to calculate the two relevant columns above. As well as Ministers and Probationers, Diaconate, Active Supernumeraries, Lay Workers, Recognised and Regarded Ministers and Others (Authorised Ministers, Ministers without appointment and those from Overseas) are reported as taking pastoral charge.

	Min- isters	Dia con ate	Active Super- nume- ries	Lay Wk	Rec and Reg	Oth	Mmb- rs per P.chg	Chchs per P.chg	Mb- rs per Chch	Act LP	LP on Trial
88	3	2	1	2	6	157	2.4	66	345	71	
84	1	2	2	4	6	155	2.3	67	387	64	
98	1	1	4	5	3	163	1.8	92	405	70	
80	1	2	2	10	8	143	2.1	67	327	55	
79	1	1	1	8	3	180	2.6	70	394	37	
7	1	1	7	7	3	161	3.0	54	463	66	
45	1	1	1	8	3	190	3.7	51	237	43	
50	2	2	3	1	3	189	5.5	34	404	62	
62	2	3	1	2	1	144	4.2	34	389	53	
68	2	3	1	4	1	190	3.5	54	440	62	
60	1	1	3	6	1	197	4.4	45	449	56	
87	1	3	3	5	3	171	2.7	62	474	65	
65	1	6	1	5	3	211	3.8	56	433	63	
944	11	21	27	67	29	171	3.0	56	5147	767	
43		1	2	1		201	2.5	81	180	21	
31		3	2	2	1	183	4.8	38	240	14	
58		2	2	4		210	3.8	35	377	49	
59		2	2	4		173	3.5	49	296	37	
53	1	1	1			203	2.8	74	281	37	
62	2	1	2	1	1	167	4.8	35	335	34	
68	1	1	2	3		191	2.1	93	252	34	
68	1	1	2	4		213	2.7	79	342	48	
57	1	1	1	4		201	2.9	68	364	39	
75	2	1	1	1	1	211	2.6	83	273	53	
63	2	4	3	4	1	170	3.7	46	472	71	
62	2	1	4	4	1	175	3.6	48	405	52	
70	2	1	1	2		181	2.9	63	333	38	
828	9	15	15	27	4	184	4.1	45	403	58	
11		1	2	1		190	3.3	57	4533	598	
17		3	1	1		203	2.9	70	40	3	
11	1	4	1	3		183	4.3	42	32	8	
25	1	1	2	3		193	7.2	27	46	3	
4	1	1	1	1		210	2.0	107	106	25	
18	1	1	1	3		95	5.0	19	13	92	
1848	23	41	47	100	33	180	3.2	56	10009	1426	

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

