

Annual Church Return 2024

Church ID number

Church Name

Membership *as of 31 December 2023*

Please use **whole numbers only**
(not decimals)

It is important that the figures given are as accurate as possible

1.0 Membership *(Please enter figures in either A. or B.)*

A. For United Reformed churches: Total Membership

This is the total membership taken from the 'Church Roll'

B. For LEPs and Joint Churches

1) Total Members

This is the total membership taken from the 'Church Roll' or joint members and all those who identify as members of only one of the participating denominations in the LEP.

2) Members who are identified as URC only

This is the total of those members who have expressed a wish to be identified as URC only.

3) Those who are identified as Joint Members

This is the total of those who have expressed a wish to be full members of all the participating denominations in the LEP, taken from the 'Church Roll' or joint membership list

1.1 Numbers attending worship in person

Regular attenders who are not church members

Average congregation at main service - Adults

Average congregation at main service - Children under 18

1.2 Numbers attending worship digitally (including telephone services)

Please use **whole numbers only**
(not decimals)

How many churches participate 'officially' in the digital worship you are reporting

Average congregation at the digital worship (across all the participating churches)

Average congregation at the digital worship - my church: Adult

Average congregation at the digital worship - my church: Children under 18

1.3 Numbers participating in worship in a different way

Average congregation worshipping in a different way e.g. distribution of printed worship

2 Children, Young People & Young Adults

Please use **whole numbers only**
(not decimals)

Every field must be completed.

2.1 **Worshipping regularly in person and digitally** (including junior church or equivalent, and midweek worship, such as Pilots, FOFA, Messy Church and/or toddler service)

Aged 4 and under

Aged 5-10

Aged 11-17

Aged 18-25

2.2 **Additional children, young people and young adults associated with the life of the church** (excluding those recorded in 2. 1. Only include those actively linked with the congregation or organised by the church. Do not include those which simply hire the building (e.g. dancing schools).

Aged 4 and under

Aged 5-10

Aged 11-17

Aged 18-25

2.3 **How many volunteers in total do you have working with children, young people and young adults aged 25 or under?**

Volunteers

2.4 **How many paid workers do you have SPECIFICALLY TO WORK with children, young people and young adults aged 25 or under**

Paid workers

3 Elders

Please use **whole numbers** only
(not decimals)

Every field must be completed. These figures must be greater than zero.

For churches in an LEP include those from partner denominations whose roles match that of an Elder or for churches in an LEP can be zero.

3.1 Serving

3.2 Non-serving

4 Baptisms & Dedications

Every field must be completed.

4.1 Infant Baptism

4.2 Believers Baptism

4.3 Infant dedications/ blessing

5 Number of Services Held at Church

Every field must be completed.

5.1 Weddings

5.2 Blessings

5.3 Funerals

5.4 Memorials

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6 Commitment for Life Resources

Every field must be completed.

Commitment for Life is the global justice programme of the URC. If your church is in a formal Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP), do you support this programme?

Yes / No, if no then skip this section.

Once a year every church is notified of the Commitment for Life resources.

Do you support this programme? Yes No

6.1 Global Justice is an important issue in our congregation) Yes No

6.2 Would having someone come to lead a Commitment for Life service be useful? Yes No

7 Mission & Discipleship

Whole of life discipleship has been a focus of the URC for many years. If your church is in a formal Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) do you support this focus? Yes / No, if no then skip mission & discipleship section

7.1 Has whole of life discipleship been a focus for your church over the past year?

Yes No

What new/continued use of resources has helped this? Please tick 'Yes' or 'No' for each resource below

7.2 Stepwise

Yes No

7.3 Daily Devotions

Yes No

7.4 Leading your Church into Growth

Yes No

7.5 Holy Habits

Yes No

7.6 Materials from LICC (London Institute for Contemporary Christianity) such as Imagine Church or Fruitfulness on the Frontline

Yes No

7.7 Other

Yes No

7.8 Other text

7.9 Has your church been supported by your synod in exploring discipleship over the past year?

Yes No

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8 Any comments

If you would like to leave any comments, please leave them here

Annual Church Return for 2024 guidance notes

Statistics	
1 Membership as of 31 December 2023 (for mission and CRCW projects complete only as far as applicable)	It is important that the figures given are as accurate as possible, Please enter whole numbers
Total Membership for URC only churches	This is the total membership taken from the 'Church Roll'
OR for Local Ecumenical Projects	
Total Members	This is the total membership taken from the 'Church Roll' or joint members and all those who identify as members of only one of the participating denominations in the LEP
Members who are identified as URC only	This is the total of those members who have expressed a wish to be identified as URC only
Those who are identified as Joint members	This is the total of those who have expressed a wish to be full members of all the participating denominations in the LEP, taken from the 'Church Roll' or joint membership list
1.1 Numbers attending worship in person	
Regular attenders who are not church members	Please enter whole numbers
Average congregation at main service - Adults	Please enter whole numbers
Average congregation at main service - Children under 18	Please enter whole numbers
1.2 Numbers attending worship digitally (including telephone services)	
How many churches participate 'officially' in the digital worship you are reporting	Please enter whole numbers
Average congregation at the digital worship - total participants	Please enter whole numbers
Average congregation at the digital worship - my church only: Adult	Please enter whole numbers
Average congregation at the digital worship - my church only: Children under 18	Please enter whole numbers
1.3 Numbers participating in worship in a different way	
Average congregation worshipping in a different way e.g. distribution of printed worship	Please enter whole numbers
2 Children, young people and young adults	
2.1 Worshipping regularly (including junior church or equivalent, and midweek worship, such as Pilots, FOFA, Messy church and/or toddler service)	
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2.3 How many volunteers in total do you have working with children, young people and young adults (aged 25 or under)?	Please enter whole numbers
2.4 How many paid workers do you have SPECIFICALLY TO WORK with children, young people and young adults (aged 25 or under)?	Please enter whole numbers
3 Elders	
3.1 Serving	Please enter whole numbers
3.2 Non-serving	Please enter whole numbers
4 Baptisms and dedications	
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5 Number of services held at church	
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6 Commitment for Life resources	
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Do you support this programme?	Answer Yes or No
6.1 Global Justice is an important issue in our congregation)	Answer Yes or No
6.2 Would having someone come to lead a Commitment for Life service be useful?	Answer Yes or No

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7 Mission	
7.1 Has whole of life discipleship been a focus for your church over the past year? OR For LEPs: Whole of life discipleship has been a focus of the URC for many years. As a church in a formal Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) do you support this focus? Yes / No, if no then skip this section.?	Answer Yes or No <i>Whole of life discipleship equips people to articulate and share their faith in the context of their everyday lives ie. where they, work, socialise, shop, eat and play</i>
What new/continued use of resources has helped	
7.2 Stepwise	Answer Yes or No
7.3 Daily Devotions	Answer Yes or No
7.4 Leading your Church into Growth	Answer Yes or No
7.5 Holy Habits	Answer Yes or No
7.6 Materials from LICC (London Institute for Contemporary Christianity) such as Imagine Church or Fruitfulness on the Frontline	Answer Yes or No
7.7 Other	Answer Yes or No
7.8 Other text	Add any comments here
7.9 Has your church been supported by your synod in exploring discipleship over the past year	Answer Yes or No
8 Review	If you would like to leave any comments, please leave them in this section.

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