



# Annual Church Return 2026

**Church ID Number**

**Church Name**

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Dear Church Secretary

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your expertise and commitment, your efforts are very much appreciated.

The responses you give in the return provide valuable data which will support General Assembly and its committees throughout the year and also ensure that the information about your local church is accurate on the 'Find a Church' webpages.

Thank you

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# 1 Membership

- Figures should be as at **31 December 2025**
- It is important that the figures submitted are as accurate as possible
- Please use **whole numbers** only, not decimals

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## 1.1 Membership

Please enter figures in either **A** or **B** below

### 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 identified as URC only

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

3 Members 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*

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## 1.2 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

### 1.3 Numbers attending worship digitally (including telephone services)

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 only – Adults

Average congregation at the digital worship – my church only – Children under 18

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### 1.4 Numbers participating in worship in a different way

Average congregation worshipping in a different way (for example, distribution of printed worship)

## 2 Children, Young People and Young Adults

- Every field must be completed
  - Please use **whole numbers** only, not decimals
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### 2.1 Worshipping regularly in person and digitally

*Include junior church or equivalent, and midweek worship such as Pilots, Messy Church or toddler services*

Aged 4 and under

Aged 5-10

Aged 11-17

Aged 18-25

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### 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 who simply hire the building (for example, 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

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**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

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## **3 Elders**

- *Every field must be completed*
- *Please use **whole numbers** only, not decimals*
- *The figure entered must be **greater than zero** (for churches in an LEP, the figure **can** be zero)*
- *Please include those from partner denominations whose role match that of an Elder (for example, Steward/Church Steward (Methodist), Deacon (Baptist), Warden/Churchwarden (Church of England) or those on a joint LEP leadership team)*

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**3.1 Serving Elders**

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**3.2 Non-Serving Elders**

## 4 Baptisms and Dedications

- Every field must be completed
- Please use **whole numbers** only, not decimals

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### 4.1 Infant Baptisms

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### 4.2 Believer's Baptisms

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### 4.3 Infant Dedications/Blessings

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## 5 Number of Services held at Church

- Every field must be completed
- Please use **whole numbers** only, not decimals

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### 5.1 Weddings

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### 5.2 Blessings

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### 5.3 Funerals

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### 5.4 Memorials

## 6 Commitment for Life

- *Every field must be completed*

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**6.1 Commitment for Life is the world justice programme of the URC. Once a year, every church is notified about the Commitment for Life resources.**

**Do you support this programme?**

Yes

No

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**6.2 Would you support Commitment for Life working more closely with 'All We Can' ([allwecan.org.uk](http://allwecan.org.uk)) from the Methodist Church?**

Yes

No

## 7 Faith in Action

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Which resources from the Faith in Action team have you used over the past 12 months only?

	Yes	No
7.1 Stepwise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.2 Daily Devotions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.3 Leading Your Church into Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.4 Roots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.5 Material from the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.6 Material from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC) such as <i>Imagine Church</i> or <i>Fruitfulness on the Frontline</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.7 Faith Adventures for Children Together (FACT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Yes

No

**7.8 Faith Adventures Youth**

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**7.9 The Themed Resource “All are Welcome”**

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**7.10 Any of the URC Holiday Club resources**

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**7.11 Other**

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**7.11a Please enter the titles of any other resources used here**

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**7.12 Has your church sought support from your Synod in exploring mission and discipleship over the past year?**

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## 8 Comments

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8.1 If you would like to leave any comments, please do so here