

RETURN OF CHURCH ATTENDANCE – 4th QUARTER IN 2007

PARISH NAME: No:

Name of Church:

(Please return to Pauline Rowe immediately at the end of the quarter)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	1 st Service	2 nd Service	3 rd Service	4 th Service	5 th Service	Attending 2 or more Services	Total for Today (Note 5)
Oct 7							
14							
21							
28							
Nov 4							
11							
18							
25							
Dec 2							
9							
16							
23							
30							
Total							

How to complete the form:

1. Please complete 1 form for each church building in the parish.
2. Include everyone **over** the age of 16 in your figures, including vicar, organist, Sunday School leaders, choir, music group, etc.
3. Include all main Sunday services. If you think baptisms are unfairly increasing you congregation numbers, please see over.
4. Estimate the number of people attending more than one service and include each additional service in column 6. For example, if a church warden attends 2 services in one day then add 1 to the figure in column 6; if s/he attends 3 services in one day, add 2 to the figure in column 6.
5. 'Total for today' (column 7) = total attending all the services that day (columns 1 – 5) **minus** those attending 2 or more services (column 6).

Churchwarden: Churchwarden:

Baptisms and Church Attendance

If you think that baptisms are unfairly increasing the numbers counted in your congregation then you can, if you wish, adopt the following procedure:

1. For the purposes of this form ignore the morning service where the baptism(s) took place.
2. Count the other main morning services over the rest of the month.
3. Put down an average of those other services instead of the baptism services.
4. Put down an asterisk (*) against that figure to show that this is what you have done.

For example, assuming your church had the following attendances at your main Sunday morning service:

Week 1	126
Week 2	108
Week 3	163 (including baptism families)
Week 4	120

When completing this return in the return to St James' House you would:

1. Ignore the service in week 3 (the service which includes baptisms).
2. Count up the other services for the month and divide them by 3 (if there are 3 other services that month, or 4 if it is a 5-Sunday month). This gives an average figure of 118 on the above example (i.e. $126 + 108 + 120 \div 3$).
3. Put 118 down for week 3.
4. Put an asterisk (*) against week 3. So your actual return would look like this:

Week 1	126
Week 2	108
Week 3	118 *
Week 4	120

Please note:

1. This policy only applies to services including baptisms. Other 'one-off' services, such as Mothering Sunday, Harvest and Christingle, should be counted in the normal way.
2. You must base the average figure on at least 3 other services that month.