Church Annual Return System (CARS)

Information required for the BUGB Statistics of Membership and Attendance as at **30 November**, the day before the annual return opens, or as near to that date as possible.

Membership and Attendance

Attendance During the week:
Please give the number of children/young people/adults with whom the church has regular contact through church organised activities on Sundays **and** mid-week - e.g. Sunday school, uniformed organisations, youth clubs, Drop-in centres, Seniors Groups etc. Please note that the ages given are a guide and are not prescriptive. Note also that the **number of adults'** figure should include your church members **as well as any others who attend Sunday services and/or weekday activities on a regular basis**.

Baptisms:
This is the number of Believers Baptisms which took place in the last calendar year.

Ecumenical Church/Partnerships:
If you are **an ecumenical church (LEP)** please put the total number of members in 'Total LEP membership' and the number of Baptist members in 'Church Members'. In some LEPs these figures will be the same as all members are seen as members of all the participating denominations.

Church Members	Those who have been accepted by the fellowship and committed themselves to support, and participate in, the life of the church including discerning the will of God through the church meeting
Children (0-10) & Young People (11-17)	Those you have regular contact through church organised activities on Sundays **and** mid-week, eg Sunday school, uniformed organisations, youth clubs, etc
Adults (18+)	Include church members as well as any others who attend Sunday services and/or weekday activities on a regular basis such as drop-in centres, seniors groups etc

Main weekly service of worship

For these figures, please give your current average attendance at your main weekly service of worship. We will leave you to decide how you work these figures out. For example, you could choose a 'normal' service and count all those who attend that day, or you could work out the average over two or more weeks – or you may have your own method! Please give your estimated best guess for those people who join you online for your main service of worship.

Children (0-10) **Young People (11-17)** **Young Adults (18-30)** **Other Adults (31-64)** **Seniors (65+)**	The current average attendance at your main weekly service of worship.
Online Attendance	Those attending services online as a best guess, either live or during the week

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Congregations

How many additional distinct congregations / worshipping communities does your church have? Please count each additional congregation / worshipping community that meets separately, for example a church plant, a congregation for a particular people group, a missional community, a congregation for adults with additional needs, or a satellite congregation or another emerging expression of church life.

Additional congregations	The number of additional distinct congregations or worshipping communities that meet separately from your main congregation. If you have none, please enter 0.
New expressions in 2027	Is your church planning to establish any new expressions like this during 2027? Please answer Yes, No or Not sure.

Minister's DBS check

Does your Minister(s) have a current DBS check with barred list in place? Please answer Yes, No or No minister at present. You will not be able to submit your return without answering this question.

DBS check with barred list	Yes or No, or No minister at present if your church is in a vacancy. This question must be answered before you can submit your return.