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*The first question considers the* ***October Count*** *of the number of people attending your church for* ***services and other acts of worship*** *during the first 4 weeks of October. This includes the number of people attending on Sundays and during the week (Monday – Saturday). Please include any innovative and/or fresh expressions of church. (an activity or worship service created primarily for the benefit of those who are not yet or lapsed members of the congregation.)*

*You are asked to enter a count for each of the first 4 weeks of October. The count is split into Sundays and weekdays; adults and children; and type of gathering (worship, fresh expression and community based).*

***Number of services:*** *The number of worship service or fresh expressions held on Sundays & weekdays. Enter ‘0’ if there were none.*

***Fresh Expressions:*** *Gatherings focused primarily on those who are not yet members of the parish. Fresh expressions can be quite varied. (See last page for chart)*

***Community gatherings:*** *These are services not held in your building(s) that are focused on the community.*

***Adults:*** *16 years old and over; please include those leading the gathering(s).*

***Children & Young People:*** *Under 16 years old.*

***Please include:***

* *Clergy and other ministers attending and/or leading gatherings;*
* *Adults and children attending Sunday schools and/or similar activities;*
* *Attendance at baptisms (including any visitors);*
* *Any other church-based activities in which worship is the primary purpose;*
* *Attendance at services outside the building(s) – e.g., in homes, nursing/seniors’ homes, prisons and/or hospitals.*

***Please do not include:***

* *Attendance at weddings or funeral services;*
* *Activities with only some worship element (in home groups, parents & tot groups, youth groups, Alpha courses, social events – suppers, etc…)*

**1. How many people attended your church in October?**

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| **Week 1** | **# of Services** | **Adult** | **Children & Young People** |
| **Church** | **Fresh Expressions** | **Community Based** | **Church** | **Fresh Expressions** | **Community Based** |
| Sunday |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weekdays |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Week 2** | **# of Services** | **Adult** | **Children & Young People** |
| **Church** | **Fresh Expressions** | **Community Based** | **Church** | **Fresh Expressions** | **Community Based** |
| Sunday |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weekdays |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Week 3** | **# of Services** | **Adult** | **Children & Young People** |
| **Church** | **Fresh Expressions** | **Community Based** | **Church** | **Fresh Expressions** | **Community Based** |
| Sunday |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weekdays |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Week 4** | **# of Services** | **Adult** | **Children & Young People** |
| **Church** | **Fresh Expressions** | **Community Based** | **Church** | **Fresh Expressions** | **Community Based** |
| Sunday |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weekdays |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**2. How often do you (and your ministry team) lead acts of worship in the community?**

*This question refers to acts of worship in building(s) that are not owned/occupied by your parish (or the diocese); e.g., a nursing home. Include any community gatherings of worship led by a person who holds a license for ministry (lay or ordained) within the diocese. Select the best option.*

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| **Never** | **Occasionally** | **Once or twice a year** | **Once a month** | **Bi-monthly** | **Weekly** | **More than once a weekly** |
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*The following questions are your* ***worshipping community****. Think about your regular community at the end of the previous year.*

* *Include anyone who attends your church regularly (at least once a month);*
* *Include all congregations in your parish (including fresh expressions);*
* *Do not include visitors (e.g., Christmas/Easter, baptism guests, etc…);*
* *Do not include people who consider their ‘home’ church to another parish or church;*

**3. How many people were in your worshipping community at the end of the previous year (average)?**

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| **Total** | **Children (0-10)** | **Young People (11-17)** | **Adults (18-69)** | **Adults (70+)** |
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**4. How has your worshipping community changed during the previous year?**

* *If you know how many people have left/joined your worshipping community but you do not know their reasons for leaving or joining, please enter the total figures (or your best estimate) only.*
* *If there is no one in a particular category, place a ‘0’.*
* *Do not count as joiners or leavers members of your worshipping community who move from ‘children and young people’ to ‘adult’.*

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| **How many adults and children JOINED your worshipping community during the previous year?** |
|  | **TOTAL** | **First Time** | **Moved into Area** | **Moved from a local church** | **Returned to church** |
| **Adults (18+)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Children & Youth People** |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **How many adults and children LEFT your worshipping community during the previous year?** |
|  | **TOTAL** | **Death or Illness** | **Moved away** | **Moved to another church** | **Not worshipping anywhere** | **Other/Don’t know** |
| **Adults (18+)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Children & Youth People** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**5. What regular fresh expression(s) of church are supported by your parish?**

*There is space for three fresh expressions. If you have more, please continue on an additional sheet.Do not include Alpha courses or outreach activities that do not include worship.*

**[ ] None**. (If your parish did not support any fresh expressions during the previous year, place an x here and leave the rest of this section blank.)

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| Name |  |
| Description of activity |  |
| Where is it held? (check all that apply) | [ ] Church [ ] Church Hall[ ] Other (please note where): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| How often? | [ ] Weekly [ ] Bi-Weekly [ ] Monthly[ ] Quarterly [ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Target age group? (check all that apply) | [ ] All ages [ ] Family [ ] 0-4 [ ] 5-10[ ] 11-17 [ ] 18-39 [ ] 40-69 [ ] 70+ |
| Who attends? (check all that apply) | [ ] Attendees include people who regularly come to other services.[ ] Attendees include people who occasionally come to other services.[ ] Attendees include people who never come to other services. |

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| Target age group? (check all that apply) | [ ] All ages [ ] Family [ ] 0-4 [ ] 5-10[ ] 11-17 [ ] 18-39 [ ] 40-69 [ ] 70+ |
| Who attends? (check all that apply) | [ ] Attendees include people who regularly come to other services.[ ] Attendees include people who occasionally come to other services.[ ] Attendees include people who never come to other services. |

**6. How many baptisms of a child where held in your parish during the previous year?**

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|  | Infants(<1 year) | Children(1-4) | Children(5-12) | Youth(13-18) | Adults(19+) |
| Number of **baptized** individuals |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thanksgiving for A Birth |  |  |  |  |  |

**7. How many marriages and services of prayer and blessings after a civil marriage were held in your parish during the previous year?**

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| Number of couples **married** in your parish. |  |
| Number of couples for whom a **service of blessing** was held (after a civil marriage). |  |

**8. How many funeral services were held at or on behalf of your parish during the previous year?**

* *Include all funerals that were held in your church;*
* *Include all funerals or burials officiated by any member of your ministry team (layreaders, clergy, deacons, evangelists, parish workers) at a funeral home or cemetery.*

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| Number of deceased for whom a **funeral service was held at your church.** |  |
| Number of deceased for whom a full **funeral service** was officiated by a member of your ministry team at funeral home or cemetery. |  |

Looking back across the previous year, were there any **exceptional circumstances** (e.g., an interim ministry or building projects) or **significant changes** that may have led to **unusual** figures in this return?

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**9.** Finally, there is a special focus question about **social action/community impact**. A parish’s engagement with their communities and response to social issues can take many forms. This question asks about your parish’s involvement in those activities. *Please only include organized activities that are primarily hosted for the benefit of the wider community (not primarily focused on members of the parish).*

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| *Please select all that apply to your parish – as many columns as apply for each activity.* | **Our parish is responsibility for running this activity.** | **Our parish hosts this activity in our own building(s).** | **Our parish does this activity in partnership with others (e.g., another church, charity, community group, etc..)** | **Our parish supports this activity in other ways (e.g., volunteering, donations – financial & supplies)** | **Frequency** |
| Community Café |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food Bank |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vacation Bible Club |  |  |  |  |  |
| Breakfast Club |  |  |  |  |  |
| Afterschool Program |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lunch Program |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drop-in Program |  |  |  |  |  |
| Money Matters and/or Debt Advice |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emergency Shelter |  |  |  |  |  |
| Homeless Shelter |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parents Support |  |  |  |  |  |
| Play group |  |  |  |  |  |
| Addiction Services |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pastoral Services(street pastors, counseling, etc..) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Youth work (community focused) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (please specify) |  |  |  |  |  |

Is there **any additional** information we should be looking to capture within the **Statistics for Mission**?

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**Thank you for completing your annual return on behalf of your parish.** Your contribution is essential to the on-going care and understanding of our parishes and congregations; your diligence, time, and effort are greatly appreciated. Please take a moment to review your answers. Make sure that you have completed every question as far as possible and not left any answers blank (use ‘0’ or N/A as necessary).

*- Bishop and Synod*



Figure 1 - Fresh Expressions determination chart