

COMMON MISSION FUND

Calculating your Community of Worshippers

Your Community of Worshippers (CoW) is the core membership of your parish aged 18 years or over. This will likely include the majority of people on your electoral roll as well as others who regularly attend church worship and activities both on Sunday and/or during the week.

This **includes** those who:

- come to midweek services
- are ill and unable to come to church
- are away on holiday or business
- have home communions
- live in care or residential homes and would consider themselves to be full members of your church
- give regularly to the church and who attend services sometimes
- Clergy¹ and ordained members of the parish

We **do not include** as members those who

- are visitors: holiday makers, baptism parties etc.
- consider their 'home' church to be another church
- those who only attend a Fresh Expression such as 'Messy Church'
- receive ministry but have no other connection with your parish such as residents of care or residential homes who receive Holy Communion because the home is in the parish.

We will use a 3 or 5 year rolling average of worshipping community figures (whichever is lower) when calculating the Common Mission Fund request.

The form on the following page has been developed to assist parishes in calculating their Community of Worshippers in a consistent manner.

If you have any queries or questions about how to complete this form, please contact the Diocesan Office on **01962 737358** or email: sam.scott@winchesterdiocese.org

¹ In multi parish benefices clergy should indicate to their PCCs which WC they wish to be included in, taking account of their personal giving.

Community of Worshippers Calculation Form

Parish:	On the electoral roll	Not on electoral roll	Community of Worshippers
Count as part of your Community of Worshippers	A	B	A+B
Sunday attendees: Attend monthly or more frequently			
Midweek attendees who do not also attend on a Sunday			
Less regular attendees who are financial contributors and would consider themselves as part of the Worshipping community			
Those who are ill but would attend Sunday or midweek if well enough to do so			
Home communicants and/or those who live in residential homes and would consider themselves as members			
Clergy (but count each member of the clergy only once per benefice)			
Other (please specify)			
Total Community of Worshippers			
Do not count as part of Community of Worshippers			
Under 18s, and students living away from home			
Those attending irregularly (eg. less than once a month) who are not regular financial contributors and do not consider themselves part of the Worshipping community			
Those who only attend a Fresh Expression such as 'Messy Church'			
Wedding couples			
Those who used to attend but no longer do so			
Other (please specify)			
Total on Electoral Roll			

Please ensure your final Community of Worshippers figure is entered through the Parish Portal.