

# Attendance on the up

There's an increase in church attendance within our diocese. And these are some of the detailed statistics for specific churches:

**1 ST JOHN'S, LOCKS HEATH**  
The church (*right*) has launched two extra services, its average weekly attendance is up by 39 - and it had the highest number of people taking Communion on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day in the diocese at 276.



**2 EMSWORTH-with-WARBLINGTON**  
Average attendance is up by 44 here. The parish hosted 45 funerals in 2025, and 33 baptisms, the joint-highest in the diocese with Bedhampton.

**3 ST CUTHBERT'S COPNOR**  
The average weekly attendance at this church has been growing steadily - the increase in 2025 was the **eighth** year in a row that the worshipping community has grown.

**4 ST MARY'S, PORTSEA**  
Average weekly attendance increased by 29 across the parish, including 64 children. Its 136 funerals in 2025 was the highest number in the diocese.



**5 ST PETER AND ST PAUL, HAWKLEY**  
This church had 114 people taking Communion on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day. Remarkably, that's 32 per cent of the parish's overall population.

**6 HOLY TRINITY, BEMBRIDGE**  
Its average weekly attendance was up by 39 in 2025, and the church now has a thriving children's ministry, partly thanks to its Flourish project, which links it to the local CofE school.

**7 CROFTON PARISH**  
Average weekly attendance was up by 46 at Holy Rood Church and St Edmund's Church, Stubbington, in 2025. Its worshipping community of 590 is the second largest in the diocese.



**8 HAVEN CHURCH, GOSPORT**  
The worshipping community in this parish (*pictured left*) grew by 134 to 413 - more than double the attendance before strategic funding began. Its Easter Day attendance of 512 was the highest in the diocese.

**9 ST PETER'S CHURCH, PETERSFIELD**  
More than 4,000 attended school and civic services here during Advent - the most people attending Advent services in our diocese in 2025.

**10 ST MARY'S, PORTCHESTER**  
As well as the group for new believers featured on pages 4-5, St Mary's had the highest number of weddings in the diocese in 2025. Fifteen couples got married here during the year.