

## **Of things not seen: Further Information**

This section contains selected materials and sources under the following headings:

1. Participation in religion
2. Ministry in the Church of England
3. Some perspectives of the clergy
4. Some perspectives on the role of the Church in Society

New materials will be added as they become available.

### **1. Participation in religion**

#### **Church of England attendance statistics (January 2016)**

Latest statistics (2014) on Church of England attendance, as well as the long-term trend-lines.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/2432327/2014statisticsformission.pdf>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/12095251/Church-of-England-attendance-plunges-to-record-low.html>

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2016/15-january/news/uk/another-drop-in-attendance-not-a-surprise-says-bishop>

#### **UK religion participation (January 2016)**

Lancaster University/YouGov research into % of population identifying themselves with a religion

<http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/news/articles/2016/why-no-religion-is-the-new-religion/>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3403472/Is-end-Christian-Britain-Majority-white-adults-say-no-religion-number-set-rise.html>

#### **Christianity in the UK (2015 and 2016)**

Press coverage of survey findings that show that people of no religion outnumber Christians in England and Wales

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/may/23/no-religion-outnumber-christians-england-wales-study>

Global research into religion around the world, including in the UK

[http://www.pewforum.org/files/2015/03/PF\\_15.04.02\\_ProjectionsFullReport.pdf](http://www.pewforum.org/files/2015/03/PF_15.04.02_ProjectionsFullReport.pdf)

## **2. Ministry in the Church of England**

### **Latest Church of England Ministry Statistics (2016)**

Commentary by Ven Julian Hubbard, the Director of Ministry for the Archbishop's Council

<https://churchofengland.org/media/2521876/commentary.pdf>

The statistics and report, released in 2016

[https://churchofengland.org/media/2521560/ministry\\_statistics\\_2012\\_to\\_2015.pdf](https://churchofengland.org/media/2521560/ministry_statistics_2012_to_2015.pdf)

### **Are you being called to Ministry? (Current)**

Church of England materials on Ministry in the Church of England, what the role involves, and whether you might have what it takes.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/clergy-office-holders/vocation.aspx>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/56416/Ministry%20in%20the%20Church%20of%20England.pdf>

### **Recruiting new ministers**

Two contrasting perspectives on the challenge of recruiting ministers (2014)

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/feb/15/vicars-needed-church-england-fight>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/this-britain/a-new-generation-of-vicars-more-young-people-are-choosing-a-life-of-wing-tips-and-clerical-collars-9142497.html>

CoE's ambition to grow Ethnic Minorities amongst clergy (2015)

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/dec/25/church-of-england-fast-track-minority-ethnic-clergy-senior-roles>

<http://www.southwark.anglican.org/downloads/ministry/Everyday-People.pdf>

### **Trust in the clergy (January 2016)**

Latest Ipsos MORI research (January 2016) into how trusted individual professions are. Clergy rank 8<sup>th</sup> with 67% polled trusting them to tell the truth; Clergy used to be ranked 1<sup>st</sup>

<https://www.ipsos-mori.com/researchpublications/researcharchive/3685/Politicians-are-still-trusted-less-than-estate-agents-journalists-and-bankers.aspx>

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2016/29-january/news/uk/clergy-fail-to-make-the-cut-on-truth>

### **Clergy Pay and Conditions of Service in the Diocese of Southwark**

The 2015 terms and conditions of employment for clergy in the Southwark Diocese (within which Kit's church falls).

<http://www.southwark.anglican.org/downloads/resources/PayAndConditions2015.pdf>

## **3. Some perspectives of the clergy**

### **Clergy have the best jobs (March 2014)**

2014 Cabinet Office survey showed that clergy had highest job satisfaction of 274 UK jobs (with 4<sup>th</sup> lowest income amongst top 20 jobs). The BBC link includes the full ranking.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-26671221>

<http://godandpoliticsuk.org/2014/03/25/it-makes-perfect-sense-that-vicars-are-ranked-as-the-happiest-people/>

### **Research into the views of Clergy (2014)**

2014 research into the views of the clergy on a wide variety of issues...contains the press release plus the full research findings:

<http://faithdebates.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Clergy-survey-Press-Release.pdf>

[http://cdn.yougov.com/cumulus\\_uploads/document/5f5s31fk47/Results-for-Anglican-Clergy-Survey-08092014.pdf](http://cdn.yougov.com/cumulus_uploads/document/5f5s31fk47/Results-for-Anglican-Clergy-Survey-08092014.pdf)

#### **4. Some perspectives on the role of the church in society**

##### ***The contribution of the Church to today's society: A perspective (April 2015)***

A perspective on the difference the Church makes to UK society today: 'In Defence of Christianity' (from 'The Spectator': April 2015).

<http://www.spectator.co.uk/2015/04/in-defence-of-christianity/>

##### ***Interview with Justin Welby (Archbishop of Canterbury) (December 2015)***

Includes how he would respond if one of his children were gay and were to fall in love with another person of the same sex (the CoE's approach to homosexual relationships is one of the most contentious issues facing the Church today). From 'The Spectator': December 2015.

<http://www.spectator.co.uk/2015/12/the-tide-is-turning-in-this-country-justin-welby-interviewed/>