

## **Achievements and Performance at All Saints' Church, Dogmersfield during 2015**

### Church Attendance

There were **68 (75)** services held at All Saints' in 2015 with **3,152 (3,481)** attending – **320 (434)** children under 16 and **2,833 (3,047)** adults). Compared to 2014 this is a decrease of 9.5% through the door but the average per service stayed at **46** in the congregation attending). The total revenue *per capita* increased 8% from £2.97 per person to £3.20 with the total collections slightly down from £10,348 to £10,091 compared to last year. The percentage of collection gift aided from services increased from 81.1% to 82.3%

The main reason for this large decrease in footfall was partly due to only 6 weddings compared to 9 in 2014, 13 in 2013 (26 in 2012) but attendance at some services has fallen also again this year. Also, there were no recorded statistics for Mess Church and only one School Service recorded.

The total "normal" Sunday morning services showed an increase in total attendance but with the same average (27) per service. There was a 9% decrease in *per capita* giving. We have an "average" congregation on these "normal" Sundays of **27**, (27 in 2014) providing an average contribution of **£4.74** per person, down 9% from **£5.39** last year.

Average attendance figures for all "Sunday" services throughout the year 2015 have remained roughly 2% lower at 1,737 ('14=1,874), with the average down to **34** ('14=35) with average giving during these Services the same at **£4.83** ('14=£4.83).

There was only one School Service (Carol Service) recorded during the year, with attendance at 92 (115) children and up to 59 (53) parents and teachers. No figures were recorded for Messy Church (4 in 2014).

During 2015, there were 11 (11) "special" services which included the Carol Service, Christingle, Midnight Holy Communion, Easter Sunday, Mothering Sunday, the legendary 'Pet Service', Remembrance Sunday and a traditional Harvest Festival. There were also a contemplative service on Good Friday and the Christmas Day Family Service. The attendance at special services fell 3% with an average attendance of 68 (70) but the collections increased 10% at £4.71 (£3.95).

Numbers at the traditional full Choral Evensong, sung by the Dogmersfield Church Choir held once (once) during the year on the fifth Sunday in November attracted a congregation of 24 (29).

There were four (seven) Baptisms this year, one at a separate service and three combined with a Family Service and two with Holy Communion BCP 1662. In all, there were only six Weddings or Blessings, down from nine in 2014, 13 in 2013 and 23 in 2012.

There were six (one) funeral services held during the year.

The monthly Family Service has shown an increase in attendance of 19% and reversed the previous trend from an average of 35 up from 29 in 2014, but with a decrease in average giving of 4% down from £5.14 to 4.09 *per capita*. During the year Sung Matins showed a similar 19% upturn in numbers 26 (22) but a decrease in individual average giving from £5.92 to £5.65 per person.

There was a decrease in communicants at 1662 BCP Holy Communion services; average 20 (26) and with a 19% decrease in total average attendees of 32 down from 39 with a 10% decrease in the value of the collections taken averaging £4.59 (£5.19).

The attendance at Family Holy Communion Service compared with 2014 shows the average attendance at this service is down 3% from 29 to 28 in 2015 and with average collections falling 3% from £5.20 to £5.06 with the total number of communicants down 15% to 18 (21).

Total attendance at all Holy Communion Services shows the average attendance at these services is down 8% from 33 to 30 with average collections falling 7% from £5.15 to £4.79 and the average number of communicants down 19% to 19 (23).

Sarah Groombridge took 32 (34) services in 2015; Robin Ewbank took one (one) wedding; Arnold Bennett took four (six) services; Martin East took 16 (18) and Mark Tanner 15 (13) with one service taken by Ian Coster and two services lay ministers.

Attendance on all occasions: Total **3,152** (3,481)  
Average **46** unchanged ('14=46)  
Total revenue received **£10,090.93** ('14=£10,348.45)  
Average giving **£3.20** ('14=£2.97) up 8%

Average Attendance at all Sundays: **34** down 2% ('14=35)  
Average giving **£4.83** ('14=£4.83) unchanged

Average Attendance at "Normal" Sundays: **27** unchanged ('14=27)  
Average giving **£4.74** ('14=£5.39) down 12%

Average Attendance at Sung Matins: **26** up 19% ('14=23)  
Average giving **£5.65** ('14=£5.92) down 4%

Average Attendance at 1662 BCP Holy Communion: **32** down 19% ('14=39)  
Average giving **£4.59** ('14=£5.13) down 10%  
Communicants 259 (average 32) down from 362 (average 39)

Average Attendance at Family Holy Communion: **28** down 3% ('14=29)  
Average giving **£5.05** ('14=£5.20) down 3%  
Communicants 193 (226); average down 15% from 21 to 18

Average Attendance at all Holy Communions: **30** ('14=33)  
Average giving **£4.79** ('14=£5.15) down 7%  
Total Communicants 452 (560) average down 19% from 23 to 19

Average Attendance at Family Service: **35** up 19% ('14=29)  
Average giving **£4.09** ('14=£5.14) down 20%

Average Attendance at Choral Evensong: **24** down 17% ('14=29)  
Average giving **£4.84** ('14=£5.03) down 4%

Average Attendance at 11 "Special Services": **68** down 3% ('14=70)  
Average giving **£4.71** ('14=£3.95) up 19%

Average Attendance at Weddings: **105** up 9% ('14=96)  
Average giving **£0.39** ('14=£0.45) down 14%

(Note that there were only 6 (9) weddings)

Average Attendance at Funerals: **61** down 44% ('14=108)  
Average giving **£2.00** ('14=£2.74) down 27%

(Note that funeral service collections often do not go to All Saints' Church funds)

Average Attendance at Messy Church: not recorded (2014=38)

Figures for 2015 showed only one school services

Gift Aid contributions at services, for which the Church can claim back 25% from HMR&C have risen again, up 2.0% from 81.1% to 82.3%.

All Saints' Church in Dogmersfield appears to be continuing overall decreases in numbers attending but with greater generosity from those who do...

