**Diocese of Blackburn – Data Collection Form 2023**

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Section 1 – Adult Regular Weekly Attendance (RWA)

**This data is vital from a missional perspective and in relation to accessing national funding for the Diocese of Blackburn. Unlike the data entered into Statistics for Mission, it *excludes* occasional visitors giving a far more accurate view of attendance. The data entered below will be used in the Parish Share calculation for your parish.**

* Please count only **regular members** of your congregation attending on Sunday and for services during the week.
* **Exclude** anyone under the age of 18 and anyone not a regular attender of your church.
* Each regular attender should only be counted **once each week** even if they attend more than one service.
* Please **do not count** people only attending because it is a harvest festival, baptism or other special occasion **unless** they regularly attend the church.
* Regular attendees are those who you would expect to attend a service at least once a month, whether on a Sunday or during the week.
* **Include** attendance atNew local congregations (fresh expressions) services where the word of God is read and, over a balance of services, the sacraments are incorporated, once these are part of your usual weekly service pattern.

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| **Week commencing** | **Number of regular attendees aged 18 and over at worship on Sunday** | **Number of regular attendees aged 18 and over at weekday services and worship activities who have not also attended on Sunday** |
| Sunday 1st October |  |  |
| Sunday 8th October |  |  |
| Sunday 15th October |  |  |
| Sunday 22nd October |  |  |

Section 2 – Children and Young People’s Attendance

**This data is not used in the calculation of Parish Share but is vital from a missional perspective and in relation to accessing national funding for the Diocese of Blackburn.**

* Please count children and young people who attend on a Sunday and also those who attend weekday service or worship activities during the week.
* Separate out the children and young people into age categories of: -
  + Pre-school (Age 0-4)
  + Primary school (Age 4-11)
  + High school plus – those at High school/College or in an apprenticeship (11-17)
* Please count each child or young person **once each week** even if they attend more than one service/worship activity.
* Please **do not** **include** children or young people attending activities such as Youth Groups or uniformed organisations. Please **do include** those attending for services or worship activities eg attendance at a monthly service including parade services or a new local congregation.
* Please do not include school services ie whole school or class services.

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| **Week commencing** | **Age of child/young person** | **Number of children/young people at worship on Sunday** | **Number of children/young people at weekday services and worship activities who have not also attended on Sunday** |
| Sunday 1st October | Pre school |  |  |
| Primary school |  |  |
| High school plus |  |  |
| Sunday 8th October | Pre school |  |  |
| Primary school |  |  |
| High school plus |  |  |
| Sunday 15th October | Pre school |  |  |
| Primary school |  |  |
| High school plus |  |  |
| Sunday 22nd October | Pre school |  |  |
| Primary school |  |  |
| High school plus |  |  |

Thank you very much for your support in completing this form. Once completed, please return it before 1 December 2023 to:

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