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Place of worship	837 83%	399 81%	438 86%	92 83%	142 74%	163 84%	155 90%	121 92%	163 81%	193 81%	237 85%	177 85%	231 83%	216 81%	218 84%	208 83%	119 86%	76 85%
Venue for baptisms, weddings and funerals	836 83%	414 84%	421 82%	90 80%	146 76%	167 87%	149 87%	117 89%	167 83%	199 83%	229 82%	176 84%	233 84%	211 79%	228 88%	206 82%	118 86%	72 81%
Quiet place or sanctuary	737 73%	344 70%	393 77%	83 75%	129 67%	135 70%	129 75%	110 84%	150 74%	167 70%	212 76%	158 76%	200 72%	185 69%	199 77%	188 75%	101 73%	66 74%
Local Landmark	590 59%	288 59%	302 59%	52 46%	104 54%	115 59%	105 61%	84 63%	131 65%	131 55%	163 58%	122 58%	174 63%	142 53%	156 60%	155 62%	77 56%	60 67%
Social/ Community venue (eg for concerts, school Nativity plays)	560 56%	257 52%	304 59%	67 60%	100 52%	101 52%	93 54%	77 58%	122 60%	124 52%	156 56%	112 53%	168 61%	142 53%	150 58%	146 58%	72 52%	51 57%
Historic place	536 53%	266 54%	270 53%	51 46%	103 53%	104 54%	95 55%	80 61%	103 51%	121 51%	153 55%	111 53%	150 54%	132 49%	147 57%	124 49%	77 56%	56 63%
Has no relevance in this community/ I don't go there	13 1%	7 1%	6 1%	3 3%	4 2%	- -	2 1%	2 2%	2 1%	6 2%	3 1%	3 1%	1 *	3 1%	4 2%	1 *	1 1%	4 4%
Day centre for various activities/ socialising	4 *	1 *	3 1%	- -	1 1%	1 *	- -	2 2%	- -	2 1%	1 *	- -	1 *	- -	2 1%	1 *	- -	1 1%
Place of worship	4 *	1 *	3 1%	- -	1 *	2 1%	- -	- -	1 1%	1 *	1 1%	- -	1 *	4 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -
Not a nice place/ old fashioned	3 *	2 *	1 *	- -	1 1%	1 1%	- -	- -	1 *	- -	1 *	2 1%	- -	- -	1 *	1 *	- -	1 2%
Nice place to be in	2 *	1 *	1 *	- -	- -	1 *	- -	* *	1 *	- -	- -	1 1%	1 *	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	1 1%
Essential part of our community	1 *	- -	1 *	- -	- -	1 *	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -	- -
Other	9 1%	4 1%	5 1%	- -	4 2%	1 1%	- -	2 1%	3 1%	5 2%	- -	* *	4 1%	1 *	5 2%	- -	3 2%	- -

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None of these	57 6%	32 7%	25 5%	4 4%	15 8%	12 6%	6 3%	4 3%	16 8%	17 7%	13 5%	11 5%	16 6%	21 8%	11 4%	17 7%	6 4%	3 3%
Don't know	4 *	2 *	2 *	- -	4 2%	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 1%	2 1%	- -	- -	- -	- -	4 2%	- -	- -

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Table 3

Q.3 Do you think your local church/chapel should be used for activities other than worship?

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Yes	754 75%	372 76%	382 75%	84 75%	141 73%	155 80%	128 74%	94 72%	152 75%	189 79%	212 76%	151 72%	202 73%	189 71%	205 79%	193 77%	96 69%	71 80%
No	221 22%	107 22%	113 22%	21 19%	45 23%	31 16%	41 24%	37 28%	44 22%	42 18%	58 21%	54 26%	66 24%	63 23%	51 20%	53 21%	39 28%	15 17%
Don't know	29 3%	12 3%	17 3%	6 6%	7 4%	7 3%	3 2%	- -	6 3%	7 3%	9 3%	5 2%	9 3%	16 6%	3 1%	5 2%	4 3%	3 3%

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Funeral	589 59%	285 58%	303 59%	46 41%	98 51%	106 55%	111 65%	88 67%	140 69%	134 56%	150 54%	126 60%	178 64%	128 48%	148 57%	164 65%	86 62%	63 71%
Wedding	492 49%	258 52%	234 46%	67 60%	111 58%	87 45%	79 46%	59 45%	89 44%	122 51%	145 52%	112 54%	113 41%	130 49%	122 47%	126 50%	70 51%	45 50%
Christmas	392 39%	173 35%	219 43%	27 24%	65 34%	84 43%	73 43%	54 41%	88 43%	105 44%	118 42%	72 34%	96 35%	106 40%	107 41%	101 40%	34 25%	43 48%
Christening/Baptism	370 37%	178 36%	192 38%	31 28%	85 44%	76 39%	65 38%	48 37%	64 32%	90 38%	96 34%	74 35%	109 39%	85 32%	108 42%	105 42%	41 30%	31 35%
Memorial service for someone who has died	335 33%	164 33%	171 33%	36 33%	58 30%	47 24%	56 32%	50 38%	88 43%	65 27%	80 29%	64 31%	125 45%	83 31%	81 31%	102 41%	39 28%	29 33%
Normal Sunday service	312 31%	123 25%	189 37%	27 24%	51 26%	52 27%	53 31%	49 37%	81 40%	81 34%	94 34%	57 27%	81 29%	80 30%	88 34%	81 32%	28 21%	35 39%
Easter	247 25%	100 20%	147 29%	18 16%	42 22%	45 23%	47 27%	32 24%	63 31%	66 27%	68 25%	43 21%	70 25%	66 25%	70 27%	64 25%	19 14%	28 31%
Harvest Festival	198 20%	74 15%	124 24%	10 9%	35 18%	39 20%	32 19%	24 18%	58 29%	46 19%	59 21%	30 14%	63 23%	46 17%	64 25%	51 20%	21 15%	16 17%
Service of Remembrance on Nov 11	191 19%	87 18%	104 20%	8 7%	31 16%	23 12%	44 26%	23 17%	61 30%	44 18%	46 17%	35 17%	65 24%	42 16%	56 22%	46 18%	21 15%	25 28%
I was seeking a quiet space	190 19%	63 13%	127 25%	15 13%	34 18%	31 16%	39 22%	30 22%	42 21%	47 20%	44 16%	34 16%	66 24%	57 21%	51 20%	45 18%	22 16%	16 17%
For a concert or theatrical performance	175 17%	65 13%	109 21%	16 14%	34 18%	29 15%	31 18%	25 19%	39 19%	49 21%	56 20%	28 14%	41 15%	55 21%	46 18%	33 13%	28 20%	13 15%
When visiting family or friends	175 17%	71 14%	103 20%	19 17%	30 16%	27 14%	35 20%	24 18%	39 20%	46 19%	37 13%	30 14%	62 22%	52 19%	53 20%	40 16%	10 7%	20 22%
Through my children's school	163 16%	72 15%	91 18%	8 7%	31 16%	48 25%	27 15%	19 15%	29 14%	36 15%	44 16%	42 20%	41 15%	44 16%	46 18%	38 15%	18 13%	16 18%
Mothering Sunday/ Mothers' Sunday	133 13%	43 9%	90 18%	14 13%	22 11%	21 11%	29 17%	13 10%	34 17%	36 15%	35 12%	21 10%	41 15%	40 15%	39 15%	27 11%	13 9%	14 15%

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I was walking past and I felt the need to go in	127 13%	42 9%	85 17%	13 12%	17 9%	19 10%	28 16%	28 21%	22 11%	25 11%	37 13%	22 10%	44 16%	41 15%	34 13%	27 11%	16 12%	9 10%
Normal weekday service	109 11%	39 8%	70 14%	13 12%	21 11%	17 9%	20 11%	15 12%	21 11%	35 14%	29 11%	20 9%	25 9%	33 12%	25 10%	31 12%	9 7%	11 12%
First communion/ confirmation	98 10%	36 7%	62 12%	7 6%	14 7%	20 10%	18 11%	13 10%	25 13%	23 10%	30 11%	18 9%	26 9%	27 10%	29 11%	23 9%	3 2%	15 17%
Other	24 2%	10 2%	14 3%	1 1%	6 3%	5 3%	5 3%	5 4%	2 1%	7 3%	8 3%	3 1%	6 2%	8 3%	11 4%	3 1%	- -	2 3%
None of these	138 14%	75 15%	63 12%	13 12%	24 12%	34 18%	25 15%	12 9%	30 15%	33 14%	36 13%	32 15%	37 13%	43 16%	30 12%	28 11%	25 18%	12 13%
Refused	1 *	1 *	- -	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	- -