



the Company of Servers

Membership Report to the Annual General Meeting

Saturday, 3rd May 2014

The Company has continued to statistically grow overall in terms of membership, both lay and ordained, during the last twelve months. We now have chapters covering the dioceses of Bristol, Blackburn, Chelmsford, Exeter, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, London, Norwich, Salisbury, Southwark, and St Albans in England; Bangor in Wales; Newcastle in Australia.

Chapter	Companions	Change	Associate Companions	Change	Affiliate Companions	Change	Total
Bangor	9	9	2	2	0	0	11
Blackburn and Liverpool	15	6	3	1	1	0	19
Bristol	29	29	0	0	0	0	29
Chelmsford	21	21	3	3	0	0	24
Exeter	51	5	6	1	0	0	57
Leicester	41	6	3	0	0	0	44
London	62	2	4	0	0	0	66
Newcastle (AUS)	13	13	1	1	0	0	14
Norwich	16	1	1	0	3	1	20
Leeds	47	2	1	1	0	0	48
Salisbury	47	0	2	0	0	0	49
Southwark	72	12	5	2	0	0	77
St Albans	28	0	14	0	0	0	42
TOTALS	451	106	45	11	4	1	500

Statistics may not be completely accurate as they rely on individual chapters keeping Central Committee not only informed of new companions, but also of those who have not renewed their subscriptions or whose membership has lapsed. Therefore, while 106 new companions in one year is very positive, it may not reflect an overall growth in numbers.

It is important that individual chapters keep the National Membership Officer informed of changes to its membership, both new companions and those who have left. These figures are used to calculate the proportion of subscriptions each chapter pays to the Central Committee. The figures are also influential in determining the location of the National Festival. Membership lists are available to Chapter Committees from the National Membership Officer if they would like to check what details are held.

Central Committee has discussed the future role of the National Membership Officer and it has been agreed that the role should be divided. Subscriptions, badges and medals are now dealt with directly with the Treasurer General. The Membership Officer will focus on promotion, general chapter enquiries, and the development and spread of chapters.