

Stourbridge Deanery Stats from the Visitation 2008

	Population 1 * (Note 1)	Population 2 * (Note 2)	ER	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals	ASA	Under 16	Easter	Christmas
STOURBRIDGE DEANERY										
Amblecote	11103	11103	103	39	7	19	71	2	462	1104
Belbroughton with Fairfield	2591	2591	52	7	4	12	35	3	77	303
Clent	971	971	102	4	5	16	35	5	80	279
Churchill with Blakedown	1319	1319	110	8	2	8	58	5	91	74
Broome	2279	2279	52	0	0	6	13	0	27	47
Hagley	4387	4387	275	29	32	24	120	11	221	644
The Lye & Stambermill	9784	9784	84	11	1	11	76	15	130	61
Norton	5587	6637	121	8	1	32	76	12	126	27 5
Oldswinford	7034	7984	325	54	25	44	141	25	366	55 4
Pedmore	7491	5491.	128	24	9	28	125	12	209	49 0
Stourbridge, St Thomas	6150	6150	122	28	8	34	98	16	241	19 0
Wollaston	7944	7944	109	9	9	17	77	15	94	42 9
Wollescote	4477	4477	45	6	1	9	33	0	40	31
Amblecote + Stourbridge	17253	17253		67	15	53				
Country Team (2 clergy) ("each")	11547	11547		48	43	66				
Lye + Pedmore	17275	15275		35	10	39				
Norton + Wollaston	13531	14581		17	10	49				
Otdswinford + Wollescote	11511	12461		60	26	53				

Note 1: Technical stuff !

Population 1 shows the data obtained from the census figures. But ecclesiastical parishes do not perfectly match the areas covered by the Census Office - a parish might include parts of eight or nine SOA's (Super Output Areas).

The problem comes when an SOA crosses a parish boundary. How many people are in one parish, and how many in the other?

The computer software that the diocese uses simply divides the population in the SOA in the ratio of the **area** of the SOA in each parish: eg if the population of the SOA under question is 1800, and 60% of the area is in Pedmore and 40% is in Oldswinford, then the software concludes that 60% x 1800 people are in Pedmore and 40% of 1800 are in Oldswinford. This may be fairly accurate - but if the area in Pedmore is a farm and the area in Oldswinford is a housing development, the result will be very inaccurate.

Note 2: This happens, for example, in the area around Love Lane - to the north is Swinford Road and the residential roads all round (Oldswinford) and to the south, Stourbridge Golf Course and Trehermes Farm (Pedmore). Similarly in the area around the Greyhound pub - which actually spans three ecclesiastical parishes (Norton, Oldswinford and Pedmore.)

The population figures in the Population 2 column represent my best estimates of figures corrected for these anomalies.

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