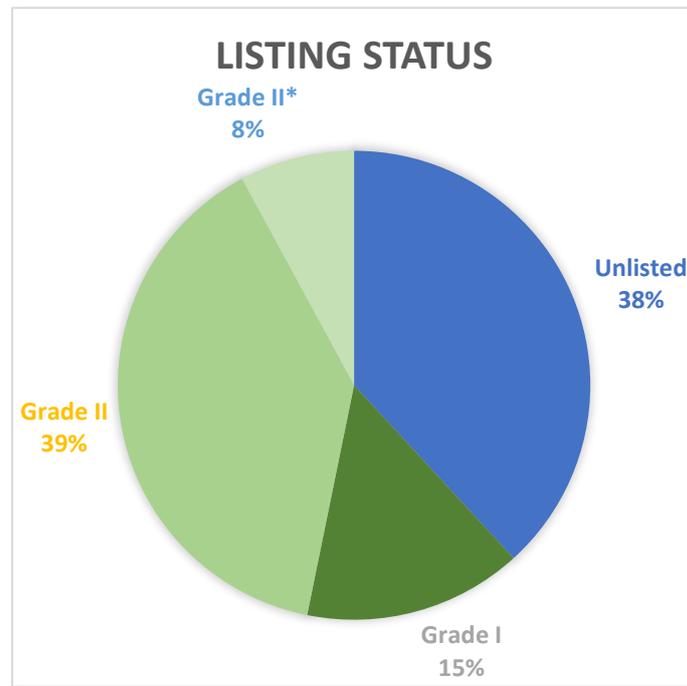


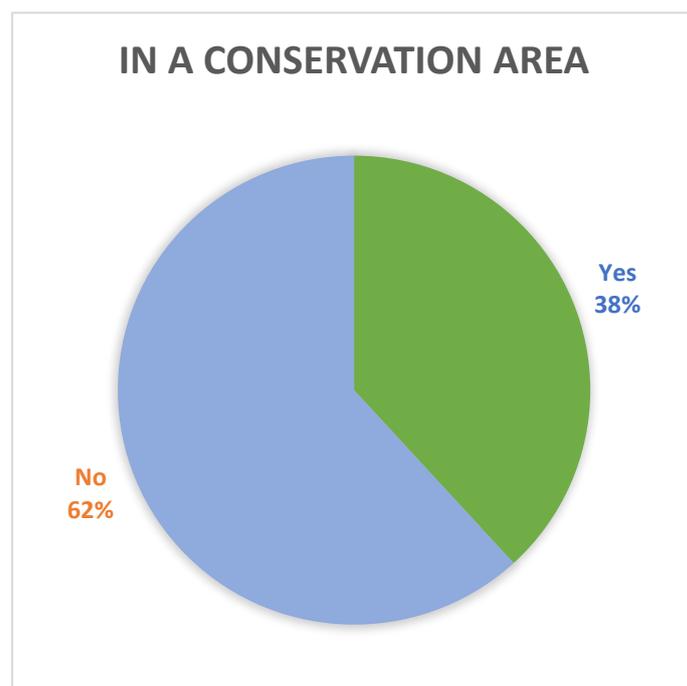
Our Churches

Within our diocese we currently have 267 church buildings the majority of which are used for regular worship. The graphs below give information about those buildings.

It is often assumed that most churches are listed buildings, in our diocese only 62% of the buildings are listed.

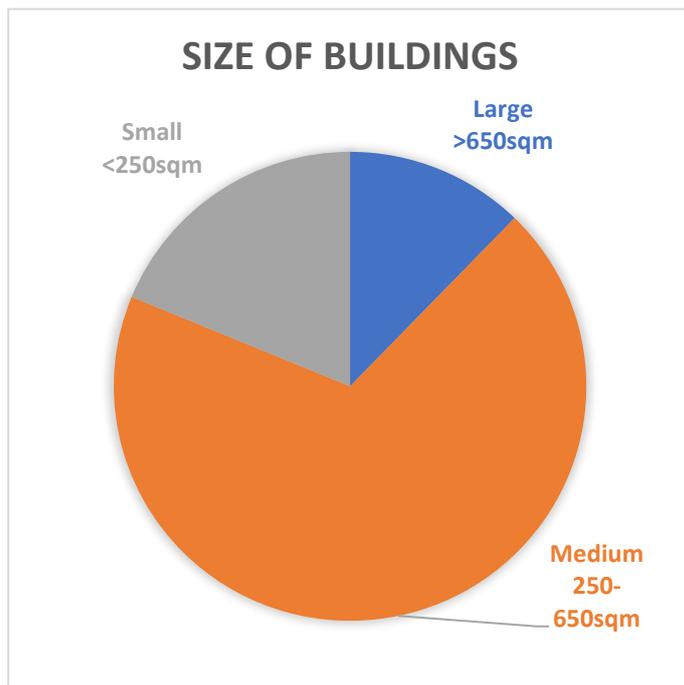


Just over half (53%) of our Listed Churches are in designated Conservation Areas whereas for Unlisted churches it is only 14%. This means that 67% of our have some restrictions imposed on the development of the buildings.

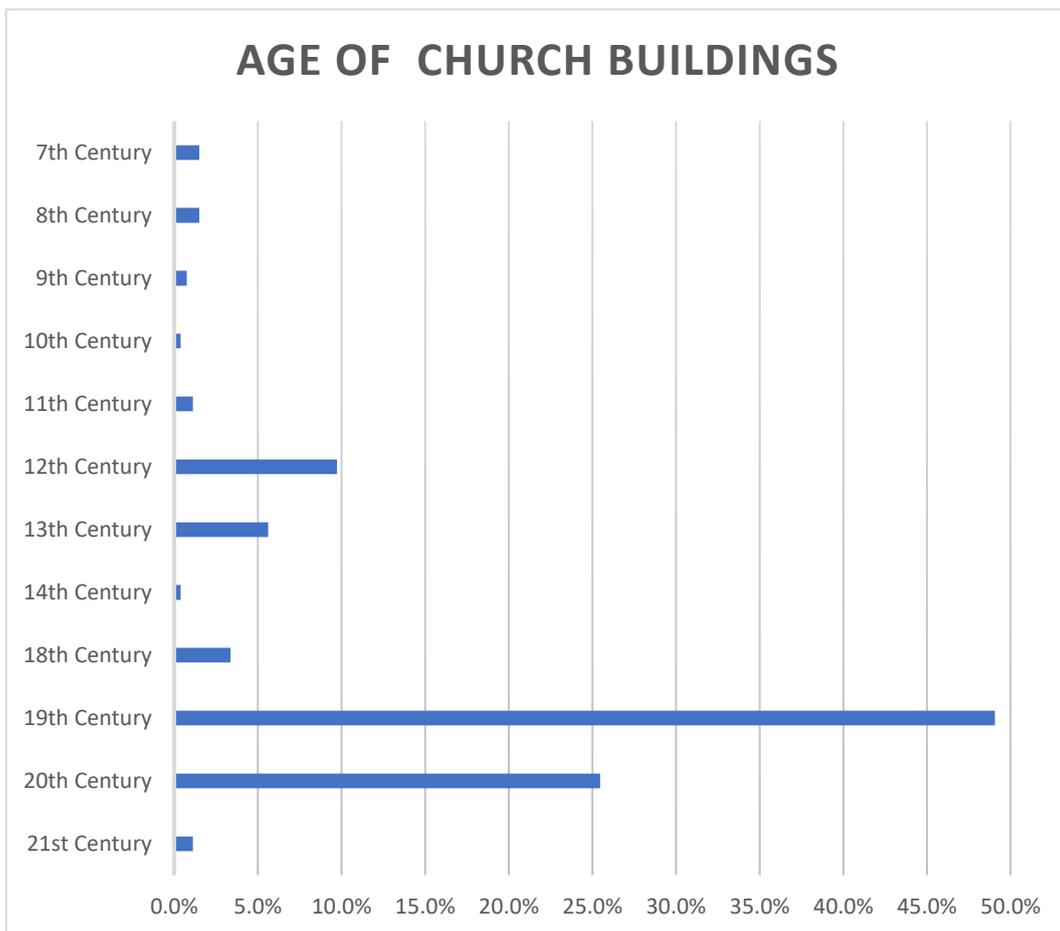


The vast majority of our churches (96%) fall under Faculty Jurisdiction and therefore need permission from the Diocesan Chancellor for some works to their church buildings.

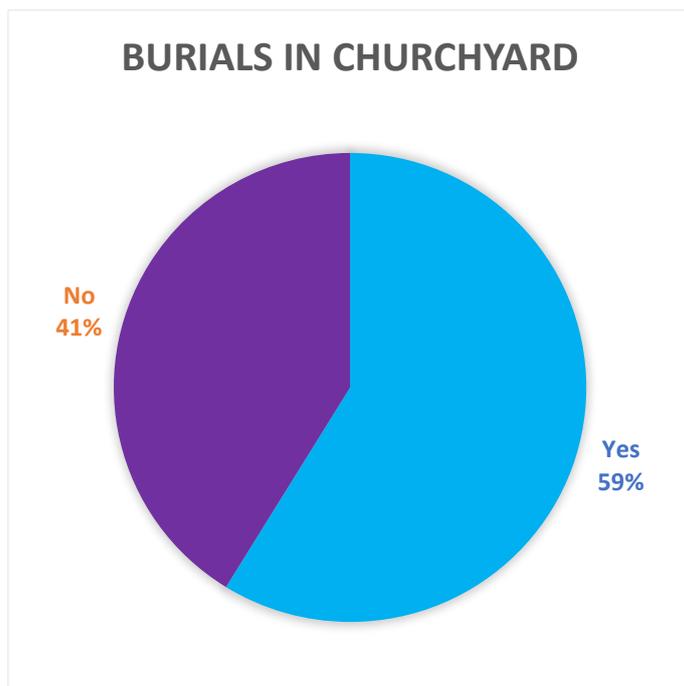
We do have some very large churches in the diocese of over 1000sqm and some churches less than 100sqm in area. However, 70% of our buildings are between 250 & 650sqm.



We have churches dating back to the 7th century with some sites being from an even earlier period. The majority, almost 50% of the churches were built in the 19th Century but at least 15% of those are known to have replaced older churches on the same site.



The vast majority of our churches have some external space around them and nearly 2/3 have churchyards that have been used for burials.



An increasing number of churches have decided to pursue Eco Church status with one church achieving Gold Status.

