

EA Family Survey Autumn 2011

Welcome

Thank you for offering to take part in the Evangelical Alliance's Online Research Panel.

This quarter's survey is on the subject of family life.

You should be able to complete the questionnaire in about 15 minutes, but we'd also be happy for you to take longer if you want to ponder on some of the questions. Do remember that you should be able to break off and complete the survey later if you'd prefer.

The survey is brought to you by the Evangelical Alliance working in partnership with a consortium of Christian organisations whose members are.

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Are you a new panel member?

We begin with a few short background questions. Please be assured all your answers are anonymous and will remain confidential to our research team.

1. Is this the first time you have ever taken part in an online survey for the Evangelical Alliance's 21st Century Evangelicals Research Programme?

Yes

No

Not Sure

About you

To help us understand the characteristics of people who answered our questionnaire, please answer the following seven questions which we will ask you to repeat in each wave of the panel survey.

2. Your gender:

Male

Female

3. Which year were you born?

Where do you live?

4. In which region or nation of the UK do you normally reside?

- London (within M25)
- South East England outside London (ie. Kent, Hampshire, Sussex, Surrey, Berkshire, Bucks, Oxfordshire)
- East Anglia (Essex, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk)
- East Midlands (Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire)
- West Midlands (Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Birmingham & West Midlands conurbation, Worcestershire)
- South West England (Bristol, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Devon, Cornwall)
- North West England (Cumbria, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Cheshire)
- North East England (Northumberland, County Durham, Tyne and Wear, Teesside)
- Yorkshire and the Humber
- Wales
- Scotland
- Northern Ireland
- Elsewhere or outside UK

5. Please type in your postcode

Your Christian Background

6. How would you describe the church you regularly attend (or where you are in membership)?

- Anglican (Church of England /Church in Wales / Episcopalian)
- Baptist
- Charismatic - Independent or "non-denominational" (e.g. Vineyard, Pioneer, New frontiers or local community church)
- Church of Scotland or other Presbyterian
- Free Church denomination (e.g. Methodist, URC, Salvation Army)
- Other Evangelical Church, denomination, assembly or fellowship
- Pentecostal (e.g. Elim, AOG, NT Church of God, Redeemed)
- Uncommitted to any church at present
- Other denomination (please specify)

7. Do you consider yourself to be a committed Christian (i.e. someone who believes in God, tries to follow Jesus, practises your faith, prays and attends church as you are able)?

- Yes No Unsure

8. Do you consider yourself to be an evangelical Christian?

- Yes No Unsure

Background questions: Who lives in your household?

For this family survey it is important for us to know something about the size and makeup of the household in which you live.

9. Which of these best describes your household?

- An adult living alone
- A couple living together
- A nuclear family - two parents with child(ren)
- A single parent family
- An extended family (e.g. with grandparents or aunts/uncles)
- A combined family (i.e. with children from more than one couple)
- Unrelated adults sharing a property (e.g. students, young adults)
- An intentional community

Other (please specify)

10. How many people live in your household?

11. How many of these are aged under 18?

12. How many of the people in your household are committed Christians?

WHO LIVES IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

13. Are there any people with disabilities or care support needs living in your household?

- Yes No

If "yes" please give some details as to who and the nature of their condition. This is so that we can gain a better understanding of the variety of needs in the church community and encourage and support churches in offering better support and pastoral care.

14. Are you a parent (or step parent)?

- No (and never have been)
- Yes with youngest child in the household under 5
- Yes youngest child in the household aged between 5 and 11
- Yes youngest child in the household aged between 11 and 17
- Yes I have children at home but all are aged 18 or over
- I am a parent but none of my children are now living with me

Other (please specify)

Your children

15. How many children do you have in total (by birth or adoption - even if they do not live with you)?

16. How many of your children aged are aged over 11 years (including adults and any not living with you)?

None

two

four

one

three

more than four

Your children's faith

If you have teenage or adult children we would like to know whether they share your Christian faith.

17. How many of your children aged over 11 are committed Christians?

18. How many of your children aged over 11 are actively involved in some form of leadership or ministry within a local church?

19. How many of your children aged 18 or over are involved in full time Christian work?

- None
- One
- More than one
- Not applicable (no children aged 18+)

Background questions : single or married?

20. Which of these best describes your current marital status?

- Single
- Living with someone, in a relationship but not married
- Married
- Separated or divorced
- Widowed

About your marriage

21. How many times have you been married?

- Only once Twice Three or more times

22. What age were you when you first married?

Your current or most recent marriage

Please answer questions on the next three pages with reference to your current or most recent marriage.

23. Were you a committed Christian when you married?

- Yes No Not sure

24. Was your spouse a committed Christian when you married?

- Yes No Not sure

25. Is your spouse a committed Christian now (or if widowed or divorced - at the end of your marriage)?

- Yes No Not sure

26. How many years have you been / were you married?

27. Where or how did you first get to know your marriage partner? (tick as many as apply)

- In our local church Through a dating or introduction agency In community or social life
 In another Christian group, activity or holiday Through an arrangement made by our families Online
 At work At school, college or university

Other (please specify)

28. Did you live together as a couple before you were married?

- Yes No

Support and enhancement of your marriage

29. Did you take part in church based or other marriage preparation before you married?

- Yes - a course over more than one session organised by the church or minister
- Yes - a single session organised by the church or minister
- Yes - session(s) organised by a secular group
- No - we were not aware of or offered any marriage preparation
- No - We didn't think it was important or that we needed it

30. Would you recommend marriage preparation to other engaged couples?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

31. Have you ever done any of these things to strengthen or enrich your marriage?

- Read a book about marriage or relationships
- Gone on a marriage enrichment event (a seminar, event, course or weekend)
- Talked to a church leader or pastor
- Looked online for help or advice on relationships
- Talked to friends
- Benefitted from specific teaching on marriage through your church

If you have done anything else to try to improve your marriage what was it?

How good is / was your marriage?

On this page we are asking some questions that may be difficult or sensitive for you. Anything you do disclose to us will be anonymous and confidential - we are only interested in gathering statistics which will help churches and other Christian organisations provide better pastoral care and support in the area of marriage.

But if you would rather not answer please feel free to skip these questions.

32. How happy are you with your marriage relationship at the moment?

- Very happy Fairly happy It's OK Fairly unhappy Very unhappy Not applicable

33. Have you ever sought counselling or other professional help during a difficult period(s) in your marriage?

- Yes, just once Yes, more than once No

If "yes" please give some details as to what happened. This is so that we can gain a better understanding of the variety of needs in the church community and encourage or support churches in offering better pastoral care.

34. In your marriage has there been abusive behaviour or unfaithfulness?

	Frequently	On more than one occasion	Once only	Never
I have received emotional or verbal abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have given emotional or verbal abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have received physical violence or abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have given physical violence or abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have been unfaithful to my partner.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To my knowledge my partner has been unfaithful to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Grandparents and grandchildren

35. Are you a grandparent?

- Yes all grandchildren aged under 11
- Yes with at least one grandchild aged 11 or over
- No I have no grandchildren

Grandparents and grandchildren (2)

36. How many grandchildren do you have altogether?

37. How frequently do you see your grandchildren? Please tick the answer that best approximates your situation.

- All of them at least weekly
- One or some of them at least weekly
- One, some or all of them at least every month
- One, some or all of them at least every three months
- I don't see any of them as often as that

38. Have you been involved in the Christian upbringing or nurture of any of your grandchildren, for example by taking them to church with you, reading Bible stories to them or talking with them about Jesus?

- Yes I am one of the main Christian influences in their life
- Yes I sometimes play this kind of role in their upbringing
- No I am not very involved but at least some of them are being brought up as Christians by their parents
- No none of my grandchildren are being brought up as Christians

About your childhood upbringing

39. When you were a child, which of the following best describes your family or household situation for most of the time?

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> In a two parent family with own birth parents | <input type="radio"/> In a single parent family with father following bereavement | <input type="radio"/> In a family with father and a stepmother |
| <input type="radio"/> Adopted or fostered in a two parent family | <input type="radio"/> In a single parent family with father following divorce or family breakup | <input type="radio"/> In an extended family where relatives other than parents brought me up |
| <input type="radio"/> In a single parent family with mother following bereavement | <input type="radio"/> In a single parent family with a lone mother and absent father | <input type="radio"/> In institutional care |
| <input type="radio"/> In a single parent family with mother following divorce or family breakup | <input type="radio"/> In a family with mother and a stepfather | <input type="radio"/> In a variety of frequently changing situations |

Other (please specify)

40. When you were growing up which of your parents (or adults who raised you) were committed Christians?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Mother only | <input type="radio"/> Others who raised me |
| <input type="radio"/> Father only | <input type="radio"/> None of them |
| <input type="radio"/> Both parents | <input type="radio"/> Not sure about their faith |

How you operate in your own family

For this next set of questions, please think about the last time in your life when you were part of a family with at least one child of primary school age (5-11). This may be your situation at the moment, when you were a child, or when your children were younger.

41. What period of your family life are you thinking about when answering this block of questions?

- My family situation today
- When I was a child at primary school
- When my children were at primary school

Other (please specify)

42. In which decade was most of that period of your life?

- current
- 2000's
- 1990's
- 1980's
- 1970's
- 1960's or earlier

How you operate in your own family

43. As a primary school aged family, about how often do (or did) you ...?

	at least once every day	at least once every week	at least once every month	less often than once a month	never
pray together.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
all have meals together.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
read the Bible together	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
watch TV together	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
go to church together	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
go on day trips together	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
share together in leisure activities, sports, hobbies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
talk about our financial giving to the church or charities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
talk about missions and Christian life in other parts of the world	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
child(ren) spend/spent time with grandparents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
child(ren) go/went to church or other Christian activity with grandparents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How you operate in your own family

44. Still thinking of this period of your family life, please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements. If you find it impossible to answer a question because it does not fit your particular circumstances you may check the not applicable box.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not applicable
It is/was father who makes/made all the important decisions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our family life is/ was affected by the poor health or disability of one or more member(s).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The adults are/were so busy with church activities there is/was little time left for family life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is/was mother who does/did almost all the child care.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The adults are/were so busy with work there is/was little time left for family life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We are / were always short of money.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is/was mother who did almost all the house work.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mother goes/went out to work most of the time children were growing up.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The child(ren) were/ are looked after by a childminder or nursery from a very early age.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

About your own family relationships and Christian faith

45. Could you now think about your situation today. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not applicable
Our shared faith helps our family get on well together.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are often disagreements about religion our family.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have always had a strong, secure and loving family life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel I was damaged by the way my parents brought me up.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My family is (apart from God) the most important thing in my life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a large extended family whom I can call on for support when needed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Most of my family live near enough to me so we can visit without having to travel more than an hour or so.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are some people in my family with whom I have a very difficult or distant relationship.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am frequently in touch by phone, text, email or facebook with family members who don't live with me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

46. What would you say are the biggest challenges facing Christian families today?

Your church, families and children

Next we would like you to think about your church's ministry to families, and its relationship to families, children and young people.

47. How large (approximately) is the main Sunday congregation in the church you currently attend (including all children and adults)?

- Under 25 people 51 - 100 people 201 -300 people
 25 - 50 people 101 - 200 people Over 300 people

48. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about your church

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
- offers good pastoral support for families facing challenging parenting situations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- offers good pastoral support for couples who would like a family but remain childless.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- welcomes into membership and fellowship people who are in relationships other than marriage.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- welcomes single parent families, understands their particular needs and offers good pastoral support.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- has offered parenting classes or support groups for families with children at least once in the last two years.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- understands the needs of families who have suffered a close bereavement and offers good pastoral support to them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- provides good support for families who are struggling to manage financially.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- provides good marriage preparation courses.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- offers good pastoral support for people who are carers for relatives who are old or have chronic illnesses or disabilities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Your church, families and children

49. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
We have seen many young people come to faith in Christ at my church over the last five years.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Most Christian parents usually feel ill equipped to nurture the faith of their child/ren at home.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In our church I feel we are all part of a large loving family.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sport and leisure activities on Sundays prevent many children, young people and families who I know from attending church.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My church actively engages children and young people in positions of responsibility in the life of the church.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In my church many young people have stopped attending on Sundays in their teenage years.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Many under 16s from unchurched families attend our church. on Sunday without any adult family members accompanying them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Investing time, people and resources in the outreach and disciple-making of children and young people should be the church's highest priority.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My church is very well aware of child protection issues and has sound safeguarding policies and practices in place.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My church is good at listening to and taking notice of the opinions of children and young people.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Your church's work with children and youth

Now we'd like you to tell us what you know about your church and its ministry with children and youth, and the resources and organisations it draws on for support.

50. Which of the following activities does your church run - please tick as many boxes as apply

	for children aged 5-11 years old	for young people aged 11-14 years old	for young people aged 15+ years old	no such activities for any age group	don't know or not sure
Weekly Sunday School / youth church or equivalent groups linked to Sunday worship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weekday programme for those from church / Christian families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regular outreach club for non-churched young people which does have some Christian content	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regular youth club for non-churched young people which does not have any overt Christian content	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special events e.g. bowling trips, cinema, parties, concerts etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Residentials / camps e.g. weekends away.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Projects - getting young people involved in local community action	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overseas mission - getting young people traveling overseas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training young people to be leaders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christian music events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Youth or Children's activities with other churches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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51. If your church offers the following groups and activities for children and families and how good do you think they are?

	it is excellent	I don't think it is good enough	I'm not sure about its quality	there is no such provision	I don't know if it's available
Sunday School, junior church or Christian education classes for children of primary school age.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sunday School, junior church or Christian education classes for teenagers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
activities for children and young people belonging to Christian families.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
outreach activities for children and young people from non Christian families.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
outreach activities for local families such as parent and toddlers groups , messy church etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
regular all age or family services.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

52. Which of the following nationwide organisations are you familiar with, and are used by your church?

	I know of them but my church is not involved	My church is involved with or uses them as a resource	I don't really know much about them
Urban Saints (formerly Crusaders)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth For Christ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soul Survivor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scripture Union	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Girls Brigade	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boys Brigade	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Frontier Youth Trust	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CURBS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other organisation(s) or resource point(s) used by my church for childrens or youth work

Your church's approach to singleness and marriage

On this page we would like to ask some questions about your views of singleness and marriage among Christians, and about how your church deals with these issues.

53. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements.

For these questions the term "single" includes all those who are not currently married, including those who are divorced or widowed.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Singleness provides an opportunity for a lifestyle dedicated to God and mission.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My church offers good pastoral support for those who are struggling with relationships.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There's a good integration of married and singles in the community life of the church.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My church recognizes and affirms the gifts and contribution of single people in most aspects of its ministry and leadership.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My church expects that if a Christian gets married, then it should be to another Christian.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My church values married couples and families more highly than singles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My church provides good teaching and Biblical reflection on issues around divorce and re-marriage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Many single Christians have a difficult life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My church provides good teaching on issues around singleness and support of singles.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Christian singles should be encouraged to use introduction agencies and on-line dating agencies if they are looking for a marriage partner.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Christian singles face lots of sexual frustrations and temptations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Your church and people with disabilities and care needs

There are more than 10 million disabled people in Britain, of whom 770,00 are children, 2 million people with sight problems and 1.5 million with a learning disability. Around 6 million people are involved providing unpaid care for these people.

54. Were you surprised by the statistics just presented?

- Yes - because I thought the figures would be much lower.
- No I already knew the figures were something like these.
- Yes - because I thought the figures would be much higher.
- I had never really thought about such figures before.

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55. Are you aware of people with special needs who attend your church and whether the church has made any efforts to ensure they are supported and welcomed.

	Yes	No	Not sure
In our regular church congregation there is at least one family who attends with a child with a physical or learning disability, or other special needs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is there anyone with sight loss beyond correction with spectacles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does your church provide provide "minders" or assistance to offer parents or carers some "respite" while they worship?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In our regular church congregation there is at least one adult with a learning disability.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know at least one person or family in our church community with a learning disability who feels so embarrassed or unaccepted in church that they sometimes prefer to stay away from worship.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is anyone with a learning disability involved in the service - reading, serving, welcoming?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does anyone with sight loss play an active part in the leadership of your church?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does your church organise any specific activities or groups for people with learning disabilities?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does your church mark Disability Sunday with a special service?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does your church have signers interpreting services for deaf people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does your church offer help with appropriate transport for people with disabilities or problems with mobility?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Does your church make provision to help people with sight problems e.g. large print Bibles, magnifiers, or other technology?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is the language in prayers, sermons, worship songs inclusive and simple enough to be understood by people with limited reading abilities?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Your views on families and children in society

56. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Many children in the UK today suffer from poverty.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children and young people today are subject to too much pressure and stress.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fathers should be fully involved in caring for and raising their children.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Young people today usually behave well and achieve great things.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children today are given too many things and not enough time and love.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A woman's main role in a family is to care for and nurture the children.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Christians should vigorously oppose proposed changes in the law which would allow "gay marriage".	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are many different types of family today and we should accept all of them as equally valid.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Many children today suffer because there is no good male role model in the home.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Government should take action through the tax and benefit system to encourage and support marriage.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A Christian husband should exercise headship over the wife.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You have finished... Thank you for your help

Thank you for your help in completing this survey.

To submit your data please press the DONE button below.

57. Because you have completed the survey to this point we are assuming you are happy for us to use the data you have provided compiled with other people's responses as statistics in our next report.

If you feel you are unable to help us in future waves of this research and would rather not be contacted again please check the box below. We will be sorry to lose you but thank you for your contribution so far.

I wish to leave the panel

58. If you had difficulty using the original personalised text sent in the original email invitation and used the web link sent in an email after you had contacted us... Many apologies.. we don't really know why this happened... If this is the case would you please enter your email address below.

Many thanks