#### Welcome

Thank you for taking part in the Evangelical Alliance's Online Research Panel.

This quarter's survey is about evangelism – our experiences, thoughts, challenges and hopes.

All answers are anonymous and will only be used to compile statistics for our reports. And if you'd really rather not answer a particular question you can always leave it blank.

People vary, but the survey shouldn't take longer than about 15 minutes.

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About you	
As usual we begin with a few short background qu	estions which we will ask you to repeat in each wave of the panel survey.
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1. Your gender:  O Male	○ Female
2. In which year were you born?	

#### Where do you live?

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

#### Your Church background

4. I	low would you describe the church you most often attend (or where you are in membership)?
0	Anglican (Church of England /Church in Wales / Episcopalian)
0	Baptist
0	Charismatic - independent or non-denominational (e.g. Vineyard, Pioneer, Newfrontiers or local community church)
0	Church of Scotland or other Presbyterian
0	Free Church denomination (e.g. Methodist, URC, Salvation Army)
0	Other evangelical church, denomination, assembly or fellowship
0	Pentecostal (e.g. Elim, Assemblies of God, New Testament Church of God, Redeemed Christian Church of God)
0	Uncommitted to any church at present
0	Other (please specify)

#### Are you a Christian

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

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<del>-</del>	swer is "no" you are likely to find this surve is. We won't be upset if you choose to exit	ey is not really appropriate for you and we wat this point.	ill not include your
○ Yes	C No	C Unsure	
6. Do you consider yourself	to be an evangelical Christian?		
C Yes	C No	C Unsure	

#### Your Christian Background and Experience To begin we'd like to know how you personally began your journey of faith in Christ, so we can undestand the part different types of evangelism may have played for you. 7. At what stage of your life did you first come to faith as a Christian? © Early childhood (6 or under) As a young adult (20-25) C Later Childhood (7-11) As an adult (26-40) Early Teens (12-15) As a mature adult (41-60) Later Teens (16-19) As an older person (60+) It wasn't like that... (please specify) 8. Which of the following contexts helped you find faith as a Christian? (tick more than one as appropriate) Growing up in a Christian family or church environment Seeing God at work in my life Seeing God at work in other people's lives Making a decision in response to a specific church event, mission or sermon Privately searching for God, reading the Bible etc. A Christian group for students A programme such as Alpha, Christianity Explored, or other discovery groups The influence of Christian friends who shared their faith A film, book, song etc. that made you think very deeeply about life A direct revelation, dream or miracle from God A youth club, camp or similar activity Other (please specify)

Your personal contacts as your "mission field".

# 9. In each of the following areas of your life what proportion of the people you interact with in a typical week do you know to be committed Christians already?

	They are all Christians	Most of them are Christians	Some of them are Christians	None of them are Christians	I don't know whether I of any are Christians	don't have any such contacts
My family or household.	O	0	0	0	0	0
Extended family or relatives outside my household.	O	0	O	0	0	0
Colleagues, workmates or fellow students.	O	0	0	0	0	0
People I talk with at church.	O	0	O	0	0	0
My circle of friends.	0	0	0	0	0	0
People who do leisure activities or voluntary work with me.	O	0	O	0	0	0
Neighbours.	0	0	0	0	0	0
People I serve through my work or volunteering.	0	O	0	0	0	0
People I only interact with online.	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Sharing you faith with non Christians**

10. Could you estimate the total number of people, in the areas of your life mentioned earlier, who you have had a substantial face to face conversation with in the last three days, who

	None at all	One or two only	3 to 10	11 to 20	21 to 50	over 50
You know to be committed Christians.	C	•	$\circ$	0	0	0
As far as you know are not yet committed Christians.	O	0	0	0	0	0

#### 11. Thinking about people with whom you are in frequent face to face contact who YOU KNOW are NOT yet committed Christians -

#### When did you last do any of the following with one (or more) of them?

	Within the last week	In the period since last Easter	Less recently	Never	Don't know o can't recall
Recognise that God was already doing something in their life.	0	0	0	0	0
Feel it was appropriate to offer to pray with or for them.	O	0	0	0	0
Listen to someone's worries or concerns.	0	0	0	$\odot$	0
Become involved in a conversation about some aspect of Christian belief.	0	0	0	$\circ$	0
Feel you missed a chance to speak to them about God.	0	0	0	$\odot$	0
Try to answer a question about faith which they asked you.	0	0	0	$\circ$	$\circ$
Invite them to an event or activity (other than a church service) which was clearly a form of Christian outreach.	0	0	0	$\odot$	0
Share something of your testimony or explain what your faith means to you personally.	0	0	0	$\circ$	$\circ$
Take part in a social or cultural activity with them.	0	0	0	$\odot$	0
Invite them to come to a service at your church.	0	0	0	$\circ$	0
Use the Web, Facebook or email to share or discuss something about Christian faith with them.	0	0	0	$\odot$	0
Do a practical act of service or kindness for them which you hoped was a witness to Christ's love.	0	0	0	$\circ$	0
Please use this space to tell us about any recent experiences of sharing your faith with non Christians.					

#### **Seeing Reactions**

# 12. Still thinking about people with whom you are in frequent face to face contact who YOU KNOW are/were NOT yet committed Christians, when did any of the following last happen?

,,,,,,,	Within the last month	In the period since	Less recently	Never	Don't Know or can't recall
Someone criticised, mocked or treated you badly because you are a Christian.	O	i dist Chinstillas	0	O	O
You were talking with a group of people (for example at work, at the gym or in the pub) when the conversation turned to spiritual or religious questions.	O	O	O	O	O
Someone you had prayed for or talked to about faith became a committed Christian.	0	0	0	0	O
Someone you had talked to about your church started attending on a fairly regular basis.	0	0	$\circ$	0	0
Someone was surprised to find out that you are a Christian.	0	0	0	0	0
Someone you had invited attended an activity, group, special event or service to explore or hear about Christianity.	0	0	0	O	O
Please give some details if you wish					
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#### Your involvement in outreach ministries

Now we'd like to know if you get involved in any programmes of outreach and evangelism organised by your own church or other Christian organisations.

Please do not include Sunday worship, Sunday School classes for children, or Bible study groups, nurture or learning activities aimed mainly at people who are already Christians.

# 13. When did you last play an active part (that could be anything from leading or organising to stewarding or distributing publicity) in any of the following evangelistic outreach activities - either on behalf of your own church or organised by other Christian organisations?

	Within the last month	In the period since last Christmas	Less recently	Never	Don't Know or can' recall
alking to or befriending a 'new' visitor to a Sunday service at your church.	0	0	O	0	0
A door to door visitation programme.	$\circ$	O	O	0	0
A small group for people to explore Christian faith.	0	O	O	0	0
An outreach event or club aimed mainly at unchurched children or young people.	0	0	0	0	O
An activity, event or meeting (other than a regular weekly worship service) aimed at attracting seekers or fringe' people.	O	0	O	0	O
A broadcast or media ministry (radio, TV, internet).	$\circ$	O	O	0	O
Producing or distributing printed Christian literature.	0	O	O	0	0
ou preached or spoke in public with an evangelistic intent.	0	0	0	0	0
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#### Your opinions on evangelism, conversion and salvation

#### 14. What are your beliefs and attitudes about salvation and evangelism?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The central message of the gospel is the Kingdom of God.	O	0	O	0	0
Becoming a Christian is not easy - you should expect to face opposition.	0	0	0	0	0
The best reason for sharing the gospel is to offer unbelievers the chance to escape hell.	0	0	0	0	0
The central message of the gospel is that on the cross Jesus bore the punishment for my sins.	O	0	O	0	0
God accepts people from every background who fear him and do what is right.	0	0	0	0	0
If a person becomes a Christian they will have to give up things or make sacrifices.	0	0	0	0	0
Jesus is the only way to God.	0	0	0	0	0
Everyone needs to be born again (i.e repent of their sins and trust in Christ) in order to become a Christian and be saved	0	0	0	0	0
Nurturing disciples and getting new Christians established in church life is just as important as getting them to make a commitment.	O	O	0	O	O
People who come to Christ will see their lives transformed.	0	0	0	0	0
Every Christian should be able to tell the date when they were converted.	0	0	0	0	0
God's love is so wide and unconditional that he will welcome everyone into his Kingdom.	0	0	0	0	$\circ$

#### What stops you?

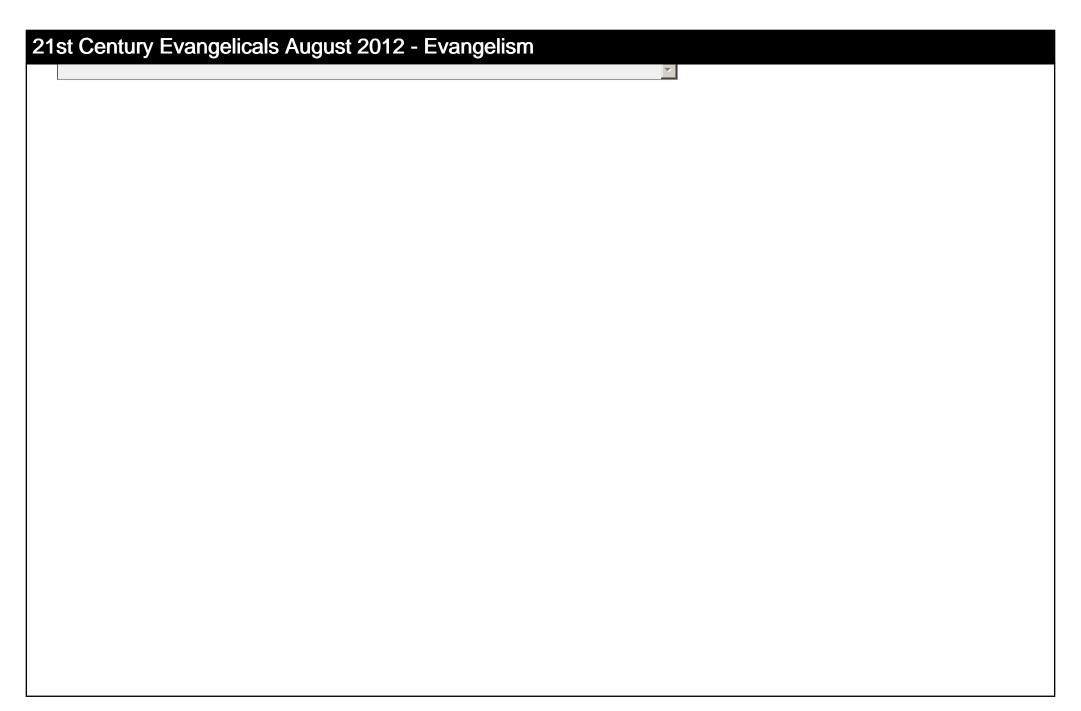
#### 15. To what extent do each of the following factors hinder you personally from talking about your faith with non Christians?

	To a great extent	To some extent	Not at all
None of my non Christian contacts seem interested in talking about spiritual things.	O	0	0
I'm not really very motivated to share my faith.	O	O	O
I don't come into contact with many non Christians.	0	O	0
I feel evangelism is a special gift which God has given to some people but not to me.	0	0	0
The devil always seems to prevent me from sharing the gospel.	0	0	O
My church doesn't support or encourage me to evangelise.	O	0	0
I am just too scared to talk about my faith with non Christians.	0	0	0
I don't feel very well equipped or trained to share my faith, so don't know what to say.	0	0	O
I feel I can share the gospel well enough without needing to use words.	0	0	0

#### **Best ways of sharing the gospel**

#### 16. Which of the following approaches are effective ways of sharing the Christian gospel today?

	I've seen it work effectively in the last couple of years.	I think it might be effective these days.	I don't think it is very effective these days.	Don't know or not sure.
Services for baptisms, weddings, funerals etc.	0	0	0	0
Mass meeting evangelism.	O	O	0	0
Work in schools.	0	O	0	0
Church run events at Christian festivals such as Christmas and Easter.	O	O	O	0
Local church-based mission weeks.	0	O	0	0
Social action and community involvement (such as food banks and drop ins for homeless people.)	O	O	0	0
TV, radio and the mass media.	O	О	0	0
Street Pastor teams.	0	С	0	0
CAP Money Courses and Debt advice work.	0	О	0	O
Messy Church sessions.	O	0	O	O
Youth clubs, cafes, camps etc.	O	0	0	O
Healings, miracles, signs and wonders.	0	С	0	0
Small group work - with sharing food - as in the Alpha or Christianity Explored courses.	0	О	0	O
Social networking via the internet.	0	С	0	0
Faithful biblical preaching in church.	0	О	0	O
Taking part in current public debates about religion, different faiths, and atheism.	0	С	0	0
Building friendship.	0	О	0	O
Open air preaching.	0	С	0	0
Please write in your comments about this section if you wish.				
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#### Barriers to sharing the gospel

#### 17. What do you think are factors in British culture today that hinder people responding to the gospel?

	A very important factor	A significant factor	Not really an important factor	It is not the case
The attacks of atheists like Richard Dawkins.	0	0	О	O
With all the leisure (and work) alternatives on offer, most people don't want to be in church on a Sunday.	0	0	O	O
Most Christians in Britain lack confidence in talking about their personal testimony.	0	0	0	O
The unattractive public image of the church and its leaders.	0	0	O	O
Christians aren't able to give easy answers to the problem of suffering.	0	0	0	O
People reject Jesus because the church has such narrow condemnatory views on sex.	0	0	O	O
Christians don't pray enough for revival.	0	0	0	O
The multi-faith environment means that people are uneasy about saying that Jesus is the only way.	0	0	O	O
It is hard to convince people about Christianity because of what they have learned about science.	0	0	0	O
Some of the ways preachers and evangelists talk about Jesus make people cringe.	0	0	O	O
It is very hard for a church with a middle class ethos to communicate the gospel effectively to working class and less affluent people.	0	O	O	O
It's becoming more difficult for Christians to speak freely about what they believe.	$\circ$	0	0	0
People don't want to join formal organisations such as churches.	0	0	O	O
Many churches and organisations are placing too much emphasis on social action.	0	O	O	0
Please feel free to write in any other factors you think are important				
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Your Church		
We now go on to ask about your church or Christ	ian community and the ways it pro	omotes Christian faith to outsiders.
18. How large (approximately) is the mochildren and adults)?	nain Sunday congregation	or gathering in the church you currently attend (including all
O Under 25 people	© 51 - 100 people	C 201 -300 people
C 25 - 50 people	C 101 - 200 people	Over 300 people
19. Which of the following best describ	bes the location of your cl	hurch?
C City or large town centre		C Small town
Multi-ethnic inner city neighbourhood		C (Ex) industrial or mining village
O Social housing estate		C Rural village
Suburban neighbourhood		
Other (please specify)		

#### Your church reaching its local community

20. Which of the following best describes the relationship of your church, ar	nd its building(s) with the local community?

- Our church buildings are a busy community centre used by a wide range of local people and community groups for activities not directly managed by the church.
- Our church runs a full programme of Christian or missional activities so the buildings are well used throughout the week.
- Our church buildings are only used for Sunday worship and maybe just a few times in the the week.
- Our church doesn't have a building of its own to worship in, but many of our members are very involved in community life in our neighbourhood.
- Our church doesn't have a building and our members are gathered from many different localities and don't relate much to the immediate neighbourhood.
- None of the above (please give your own description in a few words)

Responsibilty and training for evangelism	
21. Does your church employ or appoint people with a pa	particular remit for evangelism or outreach?
You may tick more than one.	
One or more paid staff member(s) with responsibility for evangelism	We leave it to the minister / vicar / church leader
An unpaid co-ordinator or team leader	$\square$ We all just get on with it as part of our lifestyle
A group of volunteers managed by a church minister/leader	None - we don't do evangelism.
Medium to long term residential volunteer(s) (e.g. gap year worker(s), Eden network	team)
communicating the gospel? (Please include activities w	O No
○ Yes - but I didn't take part	C I don't know
If Yes please give some details and tell us in what ways people found it helpful	

#### You church's experience of evangelism

# 23. Please tell us how often this has happened in your church or Christian community in the last five years or so (or in the time you've been going there)

you've been going there)					
	Five or more times	More than once	Once only	Never	Can't recall
I've heard a sermon or talk about the need to evangelise.	O	0	0	O	0
We've put on an outreach event that I was willing and able to invite my non Christian friends or colleagues to attend.	0	0	0	0	0
We've run a mission or outreach activity but this had no great positive impact on our attendance or membership.	0	0	0	0	0
We've had so many conversions that you could say a revival has taken place.	0	0	0	0	0
Someone has had a dramatic and life transforming conversion.	0	0	0	0	0
We've received a new convert but we haven't known how to nurture and retain them successfully.	0	O	0	0	0
We've run a mission or outreach activity which brought more than three people to faith and church involvement.	0	0	0	0	0
We've held a service of believers' baptism, confirmation, or commitment to church membership where people have affirmed and celebrated their new-found faith.	0	O	O	0	O
Please give some details if you wish					

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Any Other comments
24. Please tell us anything else about the subjects raised by this survey, or give us more information about your own situation which helps to explain your answers.
*25. We need to make sure we can contact you again. So please enter your (preferred/current) email address below.

# 21st Century Evangelicals August 2012 - Evangelism Have you read the latest report? Finally, we would just like to know if you have seen or heard about our most recent report. 26. Have you read our 'The World on our Doorstep?' report published in May 2012? Yes O No Can't recall Any comments about the report 27. Have you in the last few months No Can't remember Yes 0 Heard a church leader refer to our 'The World on our Doorstep?' report published in May 2012? 0 0 Read, seen or heard any media coverage about that report?