

21st Century Evangelicals February 2013 - Church life

Welcome

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

These surveys are designed by the Evangelical Alliance working with a group of other Christian organisations.

This quarter's survey is about church life – our experiences, involvements, preferences and practices. Please note that throughout this questionnaire we are asking questions about your particular local church, congregation, fellowship or Christian community and NOT about denominations, wider networks of churches or the Church as the worldwide body of Christ.

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 20 minutes.

About you

In every survey we need to ask everyone (both regular panel members and newcomers) a few short background questions so that we can easily break down the responses from different groups of people. We apologise if you have completed this for a previous survey. Unfortunately we cannot carry over your demographic data.

1. Your gender:

- Male Female

2. In which decade were you born?

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| <input type="radio"/> 1920s | <input type="radio"/> 1960s |
| <input type="radio"/> 1930s | <input type="radio"/> 1970s |
| <input type="radio"/> 1940s | <input type="radio"/> 1980s |
| <input type="radio"/> 1950s | <input type="radio"/> 1990s |

Where do you live?

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

- London (within M25)
- South-east England outside London (Kent, Hampshire, Sussex, Surrey, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, 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

Are you a Christian?

4. 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

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

Yes

No

Unsure

Your church background

6. How would you describe the church (congregation) you most often 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, Newfrontiers 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, Assemblies of God, New Testament Church of God, Redeemed Christian Church of God)
- Uncommitted to any church at present
- Other (please specify)

7. Would you say this church is an evangelical church in terms of its shared beliefs, teaching and practices?

- Definitely
- In general
- Find it hard to say
- In part
- Not at all

Using no more than 10 keywords how would you describe the ethos, characteristics, leadership style and pattern of organisation, shared beliefs, teaching and practices of this church?

Are you a church member or leader?

8. Please tick any of the following which describe your relationship with this church?

- I am a full member of the church (on a membership list or electoral roll)
- I am very involved and committed but the church does not have a formal membership list
- At least one other member of my family or household usually attends with me
- I am paid by the church for work I do
- I am part of a Christian community or household (wider than my nuclear family) which has made a commitment to serve the church
- None of the above

9. Are you a leader or minister in this church?

- Yes, with lone (or senior) responsibility for one (or more) congregation(s)
- Yes, as part of a team of leaders, elders or ministers
- No, but I am married to an ordained minister or church leader
- No, I am not a recognized church leader

For church leaders

10. Which of the following describe your circumstances as a church leader?

(Please tick all that apply)

- I am responsible for ministry in more than one congregation
- I am earning at least part of my livelihood by other employment or business
- I am ordained or officially recognised as a minister by my denomination or network of churches
- I am formally trained or qualified in theology or ministry
- I am one of the founders or church planters of my congregation
- I am married and living with my spouse
- I am living alone
- I am a parent or guardian of at least one child who is still living with me

11. Approximately how many hours each week do you spend working in your church leadership or ministry role?

- 1 to 10 hours
- 11 to 20 hours
- 21 to 30 hours
- 31 to 40 hours
- 41 to 50 hours
- over 50 hours

Experience of ministry

12. As a church leader, to what extent do you agree with each of the following?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I place a high priority and spend a lot of my time preparing for preaching and teaching	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My ministry often involves travel where I need to spend nights away from home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I greatly enjoy my leadership ministry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is difficult to find time for rest, relaxation and leisure activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think the congregation expect me to do everything, and to be a perfect saint	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I place a high priority and spend a lot of my time in outreach among non-Christians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I try to be a strong and decisive church leader, leading from the front	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am overwhelmed by administrative tasks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am paid enough for the work I do in my ministry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have very good support from the members of the church(es) which I lead	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I place a high priority and spend a lot of my time in pastoral ministry with members of the congregation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like to delegate tasks and build a broad team of people to take responsibility for ministry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have good supportive relationships with leaders of other local churches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I try to set aside time every day to pray for the church I lead	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My marriage, family life or friendships suffer because of the demands of my ministry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

About your church leader or minister

13. Please think about the one person who you consider the main leader or minister of this church. Is this person --- ?

Tick as many as apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> A parent of children living at home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible for ministry in more than one local church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aged under 40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Paid for their work in the church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aged 40 to 55 | <input type="checkbox"/> Earning at least part of their livelihood by other employment or business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aged over 55 | <input type="checkbox"/> Recognised or ordained as a minister by your denomination or network of churches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married | <input type="checkbox"/> Formally trained or qualified in theology or ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | <input type="checkbox"/> One of the founders or church planters of your congregation |

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14. Still, thinking about the main church leader, to what extent do you agree with each of the following?:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Our church leader seeks to delegate tasks and build a broad team of people to take responsibility for ministry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think our church leader works long hours (over 40 each week)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our church leader is excellent at pastoral ministry with members of the congregation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I respect the authority of our church leader	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a difficult relationship with the leader of our church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I regularly and personally pray for our church leader	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I consider our church leader to be among my good personal friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our church leader is excellent at preaching and teaching the Bible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think our church leader needs to take off more time to relax	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would usually strive to follow the advice or implement the decisions of our church leader	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think our church leader is not paid enough for their work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our church leader seems strong and decisive, leading from the front	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our church members in general offer good support to our leader	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am inspired by the example of our church leader	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel our leader seeks to control and dominate members of the congregation too much	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our church expects our leader to do everything, and to be a perfect saint	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our church leader spends a lot of time in outreach among non-Christians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Your ministry in the church

15. Are you involved in any of the following aspects of the ministry of this church?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Serving on the governing body of the church (e.g. the church council, PCC, deaconate or trustees) | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing music or singing in a group or choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Representing the church on other governing bodies (eg synod, circuit meeting, Churches Together committee, school governors, as trustee of a linked project or charity) | <input type="checkbox"/> Being part of the technical team for worship (eg sound desk, projectors etc). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leading worship, reading scripture or prayers in Sunday services | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming people on arrival or stewarding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preaching in Sunday services | <input type="checkbox"/> Providing refreshments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leading a home group or Bible study | <input type="checkbox"/> Leading or volunteering for other midweek activities or ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working with children or young people | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning or maintaining church building or grounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taking part in social action projects associated with the church | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping in administration or financial management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taking part in evangelistic outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral visiting. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taking part in prayer groups or prayer chains | <input type="checkbox"/> Working on overseas mission and international church links |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

Ethos of your church

16. Which of the following styles of worship happen regularly at your church and which do you attend and prefer?

	I attend and enjoy this style of worship	I attend but it is not my preferred style of worship	This happens but I do not attend	I would like to see this happen	I am glad this does not happen
Communion service, Lord's Supper or Eucharist	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traditional Prayer Book / Liturgical Service / Service of the Word	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traditional Free Church service with hymns, prayers and sermon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contemporary worship with songs, prayers and a talk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All-age, family or parade service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Charismatic or Pentecostal worship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Healing service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cafe Church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Messy Church or other informal family worship involving creativity and food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interactive / Participatory worship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth service or young people's worship session	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meditation / prayer service (with substantial periods of silence)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

Size and location of your church

17. How large (approximately) is the main Sunday congregation or gathering of this church (including all children and adults)?

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

18. Which of the following best describes the location of this church?

- City or large town centre
- Multiethnic inner city neighbourhood
- Social housing estate
- Suburban neighbourhood
- Small town
- (Ex) industrial or mining village
- Rural village

Other (please specify)

Church buildings

19. Does the church own (or have a long-term lease on) a building of its own?

- Yes, a traditional church/chapel building constructed before 1945
- Yes, a modern church/chapel building constructed more recently
- Yes, a building that doesn't look like a church/chapel
- No, we rent the building(s) where we meet for worship
- No, we meet in homes, cafes or other public space
- None, or more than one of the above (please give your own description in a few words)

Travel to church

20. How far do you travel from your home to your church (when it gathers on Sunday)?

- Less than a mile
- 1 - 3 miles
- 4 -10 miles
- 11- 20 miles
- More than 20 miles

21. How do you usually travel to church? (You may tick more than one if you often use more than one mode of transport)

- On foot
- By bike
- By public transport
- In your own (or family/household) car
- In someone else's car
- In a bus or minibus provided by the church

Other (please specify)

What attracts me to my church

22. How important were (or are) the following factors in drawing you to (or keeping you at) your current church?

NB. If you are a leader of this church please consider these as factors that people in general might find attractive.

Please rate each of the following suggestions:

	Very important	Of some importance	Not very important	Not at all important
The music	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The pattern of worship or liturgy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The theological and doctrinal stance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The standard of the preaching	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The depth and relevance of Bible teaching to my personal growth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The denomination the church belongs to	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The inspirational leadership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A good recommendation or invitation from people you know	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The inclusive welcome to everyone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The quality of relationships between members	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regular home groups for fellowship, learning and prayer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The programme of activities for children and young people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The openness to and practice of gifts of the spirit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The community involvement and outreach of the church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The fact that it is the church where my family / friends have always belonged	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities to serve God using my gifts and talents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being a church where lots is happening	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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The availability and quality of refreshments or food

The type of building where the church meets

The convenient location or ease of transport

Other (please specify)

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Attending meetings and activities

23. How often (approximately) do you attend / take part in the following activities (not including times when you may be on holiday, unwell or have to go to work)?

Please tick only one box in each row:

	At least once a week	At least once a fortnight	At least once a month	At least once every few months	At least once a year	Less often or never	Not available at my church
Sunday morning worship (including Sunday school or young people's groups at same time)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sunday afternoon or evening worship (including Sunday school or young people's groups at same time)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Midweek worship services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Messy Church or similar sessions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Home / small fellowship group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Midweek Bible study or classes for the whole church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prayer meetings/groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Midweek children's activities (as a leader or helper)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Midweek youth activities (as a leader, helper or member)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Music or choir practice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leadership or activity planning meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Evangelistic activities run by the church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A meal in your home with other members of the church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A coffee or a drink in a cafe, pub or at home with (an)other member(s) of the church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A one to one talk at more than a superficial level about your personal faith or Christian life with another church member	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other activities or meetings (please specify)							

24. How many hours a week on average do you spend on church activities, (including preparation, planning meetings, administrative tasks and other church-related work)?

- 0 - 2 hours 6 - 10 hours 21 - 40 hours
 3 - 5 hours 11 - 20 hours More than 40 hours

Your current involvement in church

25. When did you first start attending this church on a regular basis?

- During the last year 5 - 10 years ago More than 40 years ago
- 1 - 3 years ago 11 - 20 years ago
- 3 - 5 years ago 21 - 40 years ago

26. Do you attend (as more than an occasional visit), or consider yourself to belong to any other church(es)?

- Yes No

If yes would you please tell us more about the church(es) and your reasons for attending.

27. Before joining or attending your current church have you belonged to or regularly attended any other church(es)?

- No - my current church is the only one I have attended
- Yes - one
- Yes - two or three
- Yes - more than three

Your previous church(es)

28. Was your previous church of the same denomination, tradition or stream as the current one?

- Yes No

If you have ever changed denomination, tradition or stream, what was the denomination, tradition or stream of your previous church(es)?

29. How long had you been at your previous church?

- Less than a year 6 - 10 years
 1 - 2 years 11 - 20 years
 3 - 5 years More than 20 years

30. What were the main reasons for moving to your current church?

You may tick more than one option.

- Following moving home
- A change in your personal circumstances made it easier to attend a different church
- Problems or frustrations with your previous church
- You felt the new church offered you a better spiritual environment
- You felt the new church offered a better ministry for your child(ren)
- You had a calling to serve in your new church
- Conflict between you and the leadership at your previous church
- You felt you were not growing spiritually at your previous church
- You were part of group commissioned to plant a new church or ministry
- A split in the previous church when a group of you left and formed or joined a new fellowship

Other or more detailed reasons (please specify)

What every church should do

31. We are interested to discover what you feel every church should be doing in order to fulfil its calling as the body of Christ.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that every church should:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Faithfully teach the Bible as the word of God	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Frequently celebrate communion (the Lord's supper, Eucharist, breaking of bread)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use lively contemporary music and songs in its worship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be involved in supporting worldwide mission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make efforts to bring children and young people to faith in Christ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Go out to non-Christians, not expecting them to come to us and our buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make effective communication of the Gospel to unbelievers a priority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make sure all (regardless of age, gender or background) feel accepted, valued, loved and supported	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensure that any of its members who are facing poverty or severe need are helped	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Be involved in meeting the social needs of its surrounding community, including those who are not Christians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seek to transform unjust structures of society	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage all its members to develop and use their spiritual gifts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have some form of shared leadership and ministry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allow women to preach or teach in the context of public worship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allow women to hold senior leadership positions in the church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recognise and support the callings of its members in the secular world of employment and society	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seek to work with and honour the ministries of other local Christian churches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Church discipline

32. In most churches, conflict or sinful behaviour sometimes comes to light. How should a church deal with the following situations?

You may tick more than one box in each row, for example if you think there should be a stage-by-stage process.

	This is not a matter of concern to the church	A pastoral conversation with those involved	Leaders should draw up some clear guidelines of behaviour and terms of involvement in church life	A formal church disciplinary procedure including a public statement of the outcome	A formal process involving the authorities, police or the courts
Gossiping or backbiting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dishonesty or lying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theft or financial irregularity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Racism, sexism or bullying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domestic violence in a church family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adultery among church members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adultery involving the church leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A couple who live together without being married wanting to be involved in church life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An openly gay or lesbian couple wanting to be involved in church life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A convicted sex offender wanting to be involved in church life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A disagreement that has become an ongoing feud or power struggle in the church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A church member with a job in a 'dubious' industry such as gambling or the arms trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A dispute with a church employee over pay, conditions or performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other comments about the practice of church discipline.

Feelings about your own local congregation

33. Thinking about the church you attend, to what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following?'

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
There are too many cliques and exclusive groups in my church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am happy to give a substantial part of my income to support the work of my church.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have often thought about leaving and finding another church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
As a church we often know that God has answered our prayers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being involved in my church brings me into contact with many people in the wider community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
As part of my church I feel I belong to a strong caring community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When my church meets I usually sense the presence of God	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am growing spiritually as a result of being part of my church.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are a lot of conflicts and discontent in my church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My church is being shaped by a clear strategy based on an inspiring vision for the future	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am very happy with church life at the moment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel confident I could invite a non-Christian to my church and that they would feel welcomed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel my gifts and talents are being well used in the work of God through my church.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Demographic make-up of your congregation

34. Still thinking about this church, to what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following?

The church...:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
is predominantly elderly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is predominantly middle class	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
has people from most of the different ethnic and social groups living in our locality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
has noticeably more women than men	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
has lots of children attending	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
has a large number of committed young people (under-25) attending	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is good at providing for and including people with disabilities, learning disabilities and mental health issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is noticeably growing in numbers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
has good links and partnerships with other local churches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
has good links and partnerships with overseas churches and mission organisations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is always struggling financially	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

35. Do you think that the number of people in church is likely to increase, decrease or stay about the same over the next 20 years?

	Increase dramatically	Increase somewhat	Stay the same	Decrease somewhat	Decrease dramatically	Don't know
Attending your church regularly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attending church in the UK generally	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Strengths, weaknesses, hopes and fears

36. What do you think are the best things about this church?

Please use only a list of up to a dozen key words rather than sentences.

37. Are there any weaknesses or problems with this church?

Please use only a list of up to a dozen key words rather than sentences.

38. What are your hopes for the future of your church?

39. What, if any, are your fears for the future of your church?

Any other comments

40. Please tell us anything else about about your experience of church and what it means to you, or about the subjects raised by this survey.

41. If you would like to give us feedback or have questions or suggestions about this questionnaire please enter them here.

Our partners

42. These surveys are brought to you by the Evangelical Alliance working with a group of other Christian organisations.

We would like to know if you consider yourself to be a member or supporter of any of these groups. Please tick each one you support.

	Member, partner or activist	By regular prayer	By financial giving
Evangelical Alliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CARE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christians Against Poverty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Compassion UK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CWR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MAF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open Doors UK and Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prospects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wycliffe Bible Translators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Have you read the latest report?

Finally, we would like to know if you have seen or heard about our most recent report.

43. Have you read our 'Confidently Sharing the Gospel?' report published in November 2012?

Yes No Can't recall

Any comments about the report

44. Have you in the last few months:

	Yes	No	Can't remember
heard a church leader refer to our 'Confidently Sharing the Gospel?' report published in November 2012?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
read, seen or heard any media coverage about that report?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please confirm your contact details

***45. We would like to tell you about the findings of this survey and invite you to take part in future research.**

So, to make sure we can reach you, please enter your (preferred/current) email address below.

You have finished.

Thank you for completing this survey.

For more details about the project and to read our previous reports, please visit www.eauk.org/snapshot

Please tell your Christian friends and people at your church about our surveys and encourage them to go to the website and take part.