Welcome

Thank you for taking part in the 21st Century Evangelicals online research.

These surveys are designed by the Evangelical Alliance. Articles based on the findings will now appear in Idea and other Alliance publications.

This quarter's survey is about living in a society which is both religiously diverse and strongly shaped by secular thinking, values and norms. How do we as Christians understand and navigate our way in this complexity while remaining faithful and secure in Christ?

All answers are anonymous. If you'd really rather not answer a particular question you can always leave it blank. People vary, but we estimate the survey shouldn't take longer than about 15 - 20 minutes, unless you choose to write a lot in open-ended comment boxes.

About you

In every survey we need to ask everyone 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:

| $\bigcirc$ | Male             | $\bigcirc$ | Female    |
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| 2. Ir      | n which decade w | vere       | you born? |
| $\bigcirc$ | 1920s            |            |           |
| $\bigcirc$ | 1930s            |            |           |
| $\bigcirc$ | 1940s            |            |           |

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| 1990s | $\bigcirc$ |
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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

| Religions, Belief and       | d Unbelief  |   |  |
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| Are you a Christian?        |   |   |  |
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|                             | self to be a committed Christian (i<br>ith, prays and attends church as y | ie someone who believes in God, tries to follow<br>/ou are able)? |  |
| Yes                         | Νο  | Unsure  |  |
| 5. Do you consider your     | self to be an evangelical Christian                                       | 1?  |  |
| Yes                         | Νο  |   |  |
| 6. Are you a church lead    | ler or minister?  |   |  |
| Tick all that apply         |   |   |  |
| Yes, with lone (or senior   | ) responsibility for one (or more) congrega                               | ation(s)  |  |
| Yes, as part of a team of   | f leaders, elders or ministers  |   |  |
| I serve on a church Cou     | ncil (PCC), Board of Trustees or deacons                                  | group   |  |
| I have responsibility for I | eading a group, ministry or activity within                               | the church (eg home group or children's work)                     |  |
| I preach or teach someti    | mes, but don't have leadership responsib                                  | ilities   |  |
| No, I am not a recognise    | d church leader   |   |  |
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#### Your church background

7. 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 (eg Vineyard, Pioneer, Newfrontiers or local community church)
- Pentecostal (eg Elim, Assemblies of God, New Testament Church of God, Redeemed Christian Church of God)
- Church of Scotland or other Presbyterian
- Free Church denomination (eg Methodist, URC, Salvation Army)
- Other evangelical church, denomination, assembly or fellowship
- Roman Catholic
- Uncommitted to any church at present
- Other (please specify)

| Religions, Belief and Unbelief                            |  |
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| Ethnicity   |  |
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| 8. How would you describe your ethnic background          | l or heritage?   |
| White British   | South Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri-Lankan background)                  |
| White (but not British) Black (Caribbean background)      | Chinese or other East Asian background   |
| Black (African background)                                | <ul> <li>A mixture of two or more of the above</li> <li>Prefer not to say</li> </ul> |
| Other background or preferred description (please specify | $\bigcirc$   |
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| 9. Were you born in the UK?                               |  |
| Yes   | Νο   |
| If no, please specify the country where you were born.    |  |
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# Britain - Christian, secular or religiously plural?

### 10. How far do you agree ... ?

|  |                |            | Neither<br>agree<br>nor<br>disagree |            |                      |
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|  | Strongly agree | Agree      | (or don't<br>know)                  | Disagree   | Strongly<br>disagree |
| Britain is essentially a Christian country   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Religion tends to divide communities   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Religion is a frequent cause of war  | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Growing religious diversity has enriched British society   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| The media generally does not understand religion very well   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Politicians generally do not understand religion very well   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| All religions in the UK operate on a level playing field.  | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Religion is becoming more, rather than less, important in public life.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| The government does not seem to understand the difference between organised religion and living Christian faith.           | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| People with no religious faith are just as likely to be as selfless, kind, good, and moral as people of faith.             | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| No government should try to impose a single religion or ideology on its citizens.  | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| The established church in England and Scotland gives Christianity an unfair advantage over other faiths and denominations. | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| The established church is a strong defence against secularism.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |

| Religions, | <b>Belief and</b> | Unbelief |
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#### Secularism

#### 11. How far do you agree ... ?

|  |                |            | Neither<br>agree<br>nor<br>disagree |            |                   |
|--|----------------|------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
|  | Strongly agree | Agree      | (or don't<br>know)                  | Disagree   | Strongly disagree |
| Britain is an essentially secular country.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Secularism has led to a moral vacuum in society.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Secularism is not morally and politically neutral.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| A secular state is the best way to protect freedom of religion.  | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Secularism may think of itself as liberal but in fact wants to impose its own worldview.                                   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Britain is not so much a secular country as a tolerant, religiously plural one.  | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| A benefit of secularism is that it seeks to be neutral and tries to treat every religious and cultural group equally.      | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Secularism seeks to promote lifestyles that will damage society.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| The secular state is only interested in the Church because of the economic and social contribution it makes.               |                | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Secularism implies that religious beliefs and values are purely private and personal and should not influence public life. | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Secularists are using arguments about LGBT/gay rights to attack Christianity.  | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| The majority of people in the UK are not hostile to religion but just indifferent.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Most British people are culturally Christian but don't have a meaningful faith.  | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| People with no religious faith are just as likely to be as selfless, kind, good, and moral as people of faith.             | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |

#### Theology of religions

- 12. Which of the following statements is closest to your understanding of other religions?
- God's love and mercy is so vast that ultimately everyone will receive the gift of eternal life.
- There are many different ways to God, all valid and able to bring salvation.
- Becasuse of what Jesus has done, God accepts people from every faith community who fear Him and do what is right.
- Jesus is the only way of salvation all those who have not put their faith in Him will not enter into eternal life.
- Can't decide.

Please feel free to comment

How much do you know about other religions and worldviews?

13. How far have you as a Christian considered the competing claims and beliefs of each of the following religions or worldviews?

|   | I became a<br>committed<br>Christian out of |                          | I know enough<br>of the basic | I don't know<br>very much<br>about them but<br>would be | l wouldn't be       |
|---|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|
|   | this<br>background.                         | with them in some depth. | facts about them.             | interested to find out more.                            | interested in this. |
| Islam   | $\bigcirc$                                  | $\bigcirc$               | $\bigcirc$                    | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$          |
| Judaism   | $\bigcirc$                                  | $\bigcirc$               | $\bigcirc$                    | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$          |
| Hinduism  | $\bigcirc$                                  | $\bigcirc$               | $\bigcirc$                    | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$          |
| Sikhism   | $\bigcirc$                                  | $\bigcirc$               | $\bigcirc$                    | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$          |
| Buddhism  | $\bigcirc$                                  | $\bigcirc$               | $\bigcirc$                    | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$          |
| Humanism  | $\bigcirc$                                  | $\bigcirc$               | $\bigcirc$                    | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$          |
| Atheism   | $\bigcirc$                                  | $\bigcirc$               | $\bigcirc$                    | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$          |
| Paganism  | $\bigcirc$                                  | $\bigcirc$               | $\bigcirc$                    | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$          |
| New Age Spritualities   | $\bigcirc$                                  | $\bigcirc$               | $\bigcirc$                    | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$          |
| Roman Catholicism   | $\bigcirc$                                  | $\bigcirc$               | $\bigcirc$                    | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$          |
| Eastern Orthodox Christianity   | $\bigcirc$                                  | $\bigcirc$               | $\bigcirc$                    | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$          |
| Mormonism   | $\bigcirc$                                  | $\bigcirc$               | $\bigcirc$                    | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$          |
| Jehovah's Witnesses   | $\bigcirc$                                  | $\bigcirc$               | $\bigcirc$                    | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$          |
| Traditional indigenous religions from other parts of the world (e.g. Africa, China, the Americas) | $\bigcirc$                                  | $\bigcirc$               | $\bigcirc$                    | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$          |

Other religions you may be interested in (please specify).

Or feel free to comment about the ones listed above.

## Christian involvement in a multi-faith society

#### 14. How far do you agree ... ?

|   | Strongly agree     | Agree      | Neither<br>agree<br>nor<br>disagree | Disagree   | Strongly<br>disagree |
|---|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Christians should be actively involved in religious dialogue with people of other faiths  | $\cdot$ $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Christians should take the opportunities they are given to visit mosques, synagogues, temples and gurdwaras.                                      | $\bigcirc$         | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Christians should invite people from other faith communities to visit their churches.   | $\bigcirc$         | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Christians should be willing to take part in multi-faith events where each community offers its own form of scripture reading, prayer or worship. | $\bigcirc$         | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Christians who are present in the activities of other faith communities are at risk spiritually.  | $\bigcirc$         | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Christians should oppose the building of mosques or temples in their neighbourhood.   | $\bigcirc$         | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Christians should share the gospel with those of other faiths.  | $\bigcirc$         | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Christians should work together with other faith communities on social projects and political issues.   | $\bigcirc$         | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Some Christians teach that "Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism are of the devil" - I think that view is too extreme.                                     | $\bigcirc$         | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Christians should befriend and listen to people of other faiths before jumping in to proclaim the gospel to them.                                 | $\bigcirc$         | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| I personally have been involved in local interfaith activities and events.  | $\bigcirc$         | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Christians should gain some understanding of other faiths before sharing the gospel with their adherents.   | $\bigcirc$         | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| For me Christianity is not a 'religion' - it is a personal relationship with Christ.  | $\bigcirc$         | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                          | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |

### Facing hostility as a Christian

15. How often in the last five years or so have you personally, (because it was known you are a Christian) .....?

| 1   | Never      | Once or twice | Several<br>times | Very<br>often |
|---|------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Felt that you were being discriminated against (for example over a job, a service you needed, or as a consumer) | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$    | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$    |
| Felt that you were being favoured   | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$    | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$    |
| Experienced being teased, mocked or insulted  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$    | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$    |
| Thought you were being mocked or insulted behind your back  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$    | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$    |
| Please feel free to give details  |            |               | ٦                |               |
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#### Pressure to remain silent as a Christian

16. In the last five years, have you been made to feel uncomfortable or pressured to be quiet about your faith when...?

|  | Never      | Once<br>or<br>twice | Several<br>times | Very<br>often | Not<br>applicable<br>- never<br>wanted<br>do this |
|--|------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|---|
| Talking in general terms about God or religion   | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$          | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$    | $\bigcirc$  |
| Talking about your personal faith in Jesus   | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$          | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$    | $\bigcirc$  |
| Speaking about the uniqueness of Christ and the call to conversion   | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$          | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$    | $\bigcirc$  |
| Displaying your allegiance to Christ by carrying or wearing symbols such as a cross, a Bible, or a sticker with a scripture verse etc. | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$          | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$    | $\bigcirc$  |
| Speaking out as a Christian on issues of social justice, poverty or racism   | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$          | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$    | $\bigcirc$  |
| Speaking out as a Christian about your views on marriage or sexuality  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$          | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$    | $\bigcirc$  |
| Expressing a political opinion or voting intention   | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$          | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$    | $\bigcirc$  |
| Please feel free to give details   |            |                     |                  |               |   |

Causes of secularisation

17. There is is strong evidence that the proportion of people in the UK attending church, believing in God and following Jesus has declined over the last century. It also seems clear that the influence of the Church in our culture is much reduced.

Many factors could have contributed to this secularisation. Which of the following do you think have been most important?

|   | Most<br>important<br>of all (tick<br>only one<br>in this<br>column) | Very       | Important  | Not very<br>important | Not at all important |            |
|---|---|------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| The challenge presented by science, such as the theory of evolution | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$            | $\bigcirc$           | $\bigcirc$ |
| The breakdown of family and community life                          | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$            | $\bigcirc$           | $\bigcirc$ |
| The problem of suffering, such as the world wars and the Holocaust  | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$            | $\bigcirc$           | $\bigcirc$ |
| The influence of liberal theology                                   | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$            | $\bigcirc$           | $\bigcirc$ |
| Internal conflicts and scandals in the Church                       | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$            | $\bigcirc$           | $\bigcirc$ |
| The growth of non-Christian faiths                                  | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$            | $\bigcirc$           | $\bigcirc$ |
| Consumerism and individualism                                       | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$            | $\bigcirc$           | $\bigcirc$ |
| Our failure to preach and share the gospel                          | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$            | $\bigcirc$           | $\bigcirc$ |
| Other (please specify)  |   |            |            |                       |                      |            |

| Religions, Belief and Unbelief  |
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| Your church's experience  |
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| 18. Has your church or local Christian community been involved in recent years in any of the following?   |
| Please tick all that apply  |
| A situation where a member has faced discrimination because An occasion where it got recognition from the authorities or of something they have said or done as a Christian media for something it has contributed to the community |
| A partnership or funding relationship with the secular A conflict or dispute with the secular authorities   |
| Civic events with a religious element   |
| Interfaith activities, partnerships or dialogue   |
| 19. Has your church or local Christian community in recent years been prevented by the authorities in doing something it feels led to do in   |
| Mission or outreach       Developing or using a       Social action or community         property       work  |
| None of these   |
| Please feel free to give details  |
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#### Attitude to Christianity in different sectors

20. How would you describe the prevailing attitude towards Christian faith in each of the following institutions?

Please rate on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is extremely hostile and 10 extremely favourable

|                               | 0<br>Hostile to<br>Christianity | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          | 5          | 6          | 7          | 8          | 9          | 10<br>Favourable<br>towards<br>Christianity |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|
| The UK state                  | $\bigcirc$                      | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                                  |
| The current government        | $\bigcirc$                      | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                                  |
| Local government in your area | $\bigcirc$                      | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                                  |
| The health service            | $\bigcirc$                      | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                                  |
| Popular culture               | $\bigcirc$                      | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                                  |
| The media                     | $\bigcirc$                      | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                                  |
| The school system             | $\bigcirc$                      | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                                  |
| Universities and academia     | $\bigcirc$                      | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$                                  |

## Religious liberty issues

#### 21. Some issues around equalities and religious liberty have been in the news in recent times.

#### How far do you agree ...?

|   | Strongly<br>agree | Agree      | Neither<br>agree<br>nor<br>disagree<br>(or don't<br>know) |            | Strongly<br>disagree |
|---|-------------------|------------|---|------------|----------------------|
| A business should have the right to refuse to print, publish (or write in icing on a cake)<br>a message with which it does not agree.   | ) ()              | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| An employee should have the right to wear at work clothing, jewellery or another small item that symbolises their religious identity or beliefs.  | $\bigcirc$        | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| An employee should have the right to refuse to carry out practices that go against<br>their conscience (e.g. sell alcohol or religiously-forbidden food, take part in abortion<br>procedures, conduct a same-sex marriage), | $\bigcirc$        | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| An employee or student should have the right to speak or write openly and without fear of being disciplined about religious beliefs or values they hold, even where these may cause offence.                                |                   | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| No one should be prevented from expressing religious, moral or political views by being shouted down or by a "no-platforming" policy.   | $\bigcirc$        | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Parents should have the right to teach their children (including adopted and foster children) the values, beliefs and sexual morality found in their religion.  | $\bigcirc$        | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Preachers should have the right to express their beliefs about sin, judgement and hell even if people find these offensive.   |                   | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| No one should be allowed to speak or write about another religious or social group in ways that stir up hostility, hatred or violence towards them.   | $\bigcirc$        | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| There should be no legal right of protection from being offended by spoken or written words.  | $\bigcirc$        | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |

#### Children and education

22. Children today are growing up and going to school in a religiously diverse society.

### How far do you agree ..... ?

|  | Strongly<br>agree | Agree      | Neither<br>agree<br>nor<br>disagree<br>(or don't<br>know) |            | Strongly<br>disagree |
|--|-------------------|------------|---|------------|----------------------|
| Children benefit from growing up in a multi-faith environment.   | $\bigcirc$        | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Religious education in mainstream schools should cover a wide range of faiths.   | $\bigcirc$        | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Children today can be confused and misled by the variety of religious beliefs they encounter.                                    | $\bigcirc$        | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Parents should have the right to send their children to schools where ONLY their owr faith is represented, taught and practised. | n                 | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| Mainstream state schools have an overwhelmingly secular ethos which damages children's spiritual development.                    | $\bigcirc$        | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |
| State-maintained education should be distinctly Christian in character.  | $\bigcirc$        | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$           |

Any other comments

23. In your own words, please tell us anything else you would like to say about secularism and religious pluralism...

#### Had enough?

24. Do you need to finish now?

There are two more optional blocks of questions specifically about your views of Islam and Judaism.

Would you like to continue and complete these?

I'd rather finish now

I'm happy to go on

Islam

# 25. How far do you agree ...?

|   |                |            | Neither<br>agree |            |                   |
|---|----------------|------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|
|   | Strongly agree | Agree      | nor<br>disagree  | Disagree   | Strongly disagree |
| Christians and Muslims both pray to the one true God (or the same God ).  | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Muslims generally are well-disposed towards Christians.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Muslims in Britain should continue to have the right to produce and consume halal food.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Halal food should always be labelled so that people can choose whether or not to consume it.  | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Christians should never consume halal food.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Muslims should have the right to wear whatever modest clothing they wish in the street, including the hijab (headscarf) and niqab (full face veil). | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| In certain settings and roles such as in courts, or as teachers or medical professionals Muslim women should be required to uncover their faces.    | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| I personally find it difficult when I see Muslim women wearing the niqab (full face veil).  | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Islam is basically a religion of peace.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Violent extremism is very common among Muslims living in Britain.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| The Western powers are right to take military action against Da'esh/Isis (the so-<br>called "Islamic State").                                       | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Christians should challenge Muslims about the right of all people to choose and change their faith.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Muslims are aiming to become the dominant religion in Britain and to impose Islamic rule in this country.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Muslims and Christians share a similar set of moral values.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Christians should admire Muslims' devotion to prayer and their scriptures.  | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| The UK should allow Muslims to settle issues of family law and inheritance through their own courts.  | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| There should be no place in the UK legal system for sharia law.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |

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### Judaism

#### 26. How far do you agree ... ?

|   |                |            | Neither<br>agree |            |                   |
|---|----------------|------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|
|   | Strongly agree | Agree      | nor<br>disagree  | Disagree   | Strongly disagree |
| Christians and Jews both pray to the one true God (or the same God).                                      | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Jewish people in Britain should continue to have the right to produce and consume kosher food.            | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Christians should never consume kosher food.  | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Jewish people should have the right to wear whatever clothing they wish.                                  | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Christians should always support the state of Israel in its conflicts with its enemies.                   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Christians should challenge Jewish people about the right of all people to choose and change their faith. | d O            | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Judaism and Christianity share a similar set of moral values.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| A Jewish person who accepts Jesus as the Messiah does not need to change their cultural identity.         | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Jewish people in the UK face serious problems of discrimination and anti-semitism.                        | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| Christians need to repent of a long history of anti-semitism.   | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| It is possible to criticise Zionism and the actions of the state of Israel without being antisemitic.     | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |
| I believe that the state of Israel is responsible for much of the suffering of the Palestinian people.    | $\bigcirc$     | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$       | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$        |

Ways to God

This is a standard question that has been used in other surveys of the UK population. We'd like to check out how the responses of our panel compare.

27. Which of the following comes closest to your view of Christianity and other religions?

Please select one only.

- Christianity is the only path to God.
- Christianity is the best path to God, but other religions may offer paths as well.
- All the major world religions offer paths to God.
- People can find their own paths to God, whether inside or outside a world religion.
- Other
- Don't know

Have you read the latest research?

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

28. Articles about our recent research on being ethical consumers was published in IDEA magazine and online early in 2016.

In the last few months have you ...?

|  | Yes        | No         | Can't recall |
|--|------------|------------|--------------|
| Read any of the articles?                                  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$   |
| Heard a church leader refer to the research?               | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$   |
| Read, seen or heard any media coverage about the research? | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc$   |
| If you have seen it do you have any comments about the re  | eport?     |            |              |

#### Email address

29. We would like to invite you to take part in future research.

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

30. This email address is

The same one by which I was invited.

A different one that I would prefer you to use in future.

A completely new one - I responded via the Alliance website, or in response to an invitation through social media or from a friend.

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.