

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO TELL US WHAT YOU BELIEVE

This weekend, we are conducting a survey across **[around 50]** Bristol Churches to find out more about what practising Christian really believe. All responses are anonymous. No postage is required. Simply put in an envelope and send by **[deadline date]** to:

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ABOUT YOU

How often do you go to church? (Please tick)

Every week / almost every week	
2-3 times a month	
around once a month	
Less than once a month	

Please tick the option that most closely describes your church.

Catholic		Evangelical	
Orthodox		Pentecostal	
Church of England		Other Protestant	
Methodist		Other	
Baptist			

Are you male or female? (please circle)

How old are you?

Under 18		18-35		36-50		51-65		over 65	
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WHY DO YOU GO TO CHURCH?

Below is a list of common reasons why people go to church. Rank how important they are for you, with 1 being the most important reason, 2 the second most important and so on. If a reason is not important for you at all, you do not need to rank it.

Ranking (1= most important, 2 = 2 nd most important, etc,	Reasons for going to church
	The church is a community I feel I belong to
	Church provides quiet time for reflection
	I go to worship God
	I go to receive spiritual guidance from readings and sermons
	I go to seek salvation and life after death in heaven
	I go for the music and singing

If you have a different reason for going to church, please write it here.

How would you rank this reason if you could add it to the list above?

WHAT YOU BELIEVE (1)

The following are five things that people believe about God, Jesus and the Bible. Please read carefully and tick the box that most closely describes your own view.

	I agree	I tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Disagree
1. The stories in Genesis, such as that of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, really happened – they are historically accurate					
2. Jesus performed miracles, such as the feeding of the five thousand, which no human ever could.					
3. Jesus was an extraordinary human being, a great moral teacher, but not the divine, only son of God.					
4. Jesus needed to die on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven.					
5. Although in the Bible, God is called “our father”, God is neither male nor female.					
6. If science contradicts the Bible, I will believe the Bible, not science.					

WHAT YOU BELIEVE (2)

Below are three sets of statements. For each set, please tick the one that **most closely matches** your own view, even if your own view is not completely the same.

Jesus's resurrection was a bodily one, leaving the tomb in which he was buried empty	
Jesus's resurrection was a spiritual one: his body did not come back to life	
Jesus died on the cross and did not come back to life in any literal sense.	

The Bible is the true word of God	
The Bible was written by human beings, inspired by God, and so is always correct	
The Bible was written by human beings, inspired by God, but may not always be completely correct	
The Bible was written by human beings, using their own imaginations and intelligence, and is not always correct	

We can achieve eternal life only by accepting Jesus as our lord and saviour	
We can achieve eternal life only through Jesus, but we don't necessarily need to become Christians to do so	
Jesus is just one way to eternal life	
There is no eternal life	

What I believe matters more for my Christian faith than how I live	
What I believe and how I live are both equally important for my Christian faith	
How I live matters more for my Christian faith than what I believe	

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY; PLEASE RETURN BY [DEADLINE DATE] TO:
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