

Survey Results

141 completed surveys were returned from a number distributed on November ??? in and outside a number of Bristol churches. Respondents were instructed to leave blank any questions they felt unable to answer. Percentages are rounded up or down to nearest whole and so may not add up to 100.

How often do you go to church?

Every week / almost every week	87%	(123)
2-3 times a month	6%	(9)
around once a month	3%	(4)
Less than once a month	3%	(4)
Did not answer/Void	1%	(1)

Please tick the option that most closely describes your church.

Catholic	7%	(10)	Evangelical	13%	(18)
Orthodox	0%	(0)	Pentecostal	0%	(0)
Church of England	50%	(71)	Other Protestant	1%	(1)
Methodist	18%	(25)	Other	9%	(12)
Baptist	1%	(1)	Blank/Void	2%	(3)

Gender¹

Male	26%	(37)
Female	43%	(61)
Did not answer	30%	(43)

Age

Under 18	0%	(0)	18-35	9%	(12)	36-50	23%	(33)	51-65	30%	(43)	over 65	38%	(53)
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REASONS FOR GOING TO CHURCH

Respondents were asked to rank the reasons why they went to church from a list of six provided. They were told that if a reason was not important for them at all, they did not need to rank it. Many ranked more than one as of equal first importance, hence total number of responses exceeds 141.

Number of respondents ranking as most important	Number of respondents not ranking as important at all	Reasons for going to church
20 % (28)	8% (11)	The church is a community I feel I belong to
13% (19)	21% (30)	Church provides quiet time for reflection
75% (106)	2% (3)	I go to worship God
21% (29)	13% (18)	I go to receive spiritual guidance from readings and sermons
8% (11)	11% (16)	I go to seek salvation and life after death in heaven
9% (13)	22% (31)	I go for the music and singing

¹ Large number of non-respondents suggests survey format led many to simply miss it.

BELIEFS

Number ticking the box that **most closely described** their own view.

	I agree	I tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Disagree	Did not answer / void
The stories in Genesis, such as that of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, really happened – they are historically accurate	16% (23)	13% (18)	23% (33)	16% (22)	28% (39)	4% (6)
Jesus performed miracles, such as the feeding of the five thousand, which no human ever could.	65% (91)	21% (29)	7% (10)	3% (4)	1% (2)	4% (5)
Jesus was an extraordinary human being, a great moral teacher, but not the divine, only son of God.	5% (7)	6% (8)	7% (10)	11% (15)	65% (92)	6% (9)
Jesus needed to die on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven.	72% (101)	12% (17)	8% (11)	4% (5)	3% (4)	2% (3)
Although in the Bible, God is called “our father”, God is neither male nor female.	45% (64)	16% (22)	19% (27)	6% (8)	9% (12)	6% (8)
If science contradicts the Bible, I will believe the Bible, not science.	26% (36)	15% (21)	28% (40)	12% (17)	14% (20)	5% (7)

Number selecting option that **most closely matches** their own view, even if their own view is not completely the same.

Jesus's resurrection was a bodily one, leaving the tomb in which he was buried empty	77% (109)
Jesus's resurrection was a spiritual one: his body did not come back to life	19% (27)
Jesus died on the cross and did not come back to life in any literal sense.	1% (1)
Did not answer/Void	(4)

The Bible is the true word of God	18% (25)
The Bible was written by human beings, inspired by God, and so is always correct	16% (22)
The Bible was written by human beings, inspired by God, but may not always be completely correct	55% (77)
The Bible was written by human beings, using their own imaginations and intelligence, and is not always correct	6% (8)
Did not answer/Void	6% (9)

We can achieve eternal life only by accepting Jesus as our lord and saviour	54% (76)
We can achieve eternal life only through Jesus, but we don't necessarily need to become Christians to do so	21% (30)
Jesus is just one way to eternal life	16% (23)
There is no eternal life	1% (2)
Did not answer/Void	7% (10)

What I believe matters more for my Christian faith than how I live	4% (5)
What I believe and how I live are both equally important for my Christian faith	83% (117)
How I live matters more for my Christian faith than what I believe	9% (12)
Did not answer/Void	5% (7)