

A UK SURVEY OF CHRISTIAN YOUNG PEOPLE

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Hi, this is a survey for 14-19 year olds who would consider themselves to be Christians Is that you?

- Yes (1)
 - No (2)
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Great, thanks for taking part!

The survey is being run by Tearfund and Youthscape, and explores young people's views on the future, church and faith. The results will be used to write a report that will be available online for everyone to read. The survey is anonymous. We won't ask for your name, and no one will know that you took part.

All the questions are optional - you don't have to answer any questions you don't want to.

Q1 First, a few questions about you.

How old are you?

- 14 (1)
- 15 (2)
- 16 (3)
- 17 (4)
- 18 (5)
- 19 (6)

Q2 What is your gender?

- Female (1)
 - Male (2)
 - Prefer not to say (3)
 - Other (please tell us in your own words) (4)
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Q3 What region do you live in?

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|-----------------------|
| Scotland |
| Ireland |
| South West |
| London and South East |
| West Midlands |
| East of England |
| Wales |
| North West |
| North East |
| Yorkshire and Humber |
| East Midlands |
| Northern Ireland |

Q4 How would you describe your ethnicity?

- White (1)
 - Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups (2)
 - Asian/Asian British (3)
 - Black/ African/Caribbean/Black British (4)
 - Prefer not to say (5)
 - Other (please tell us in your own words) (6)
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Q5 How often do you take part in a church service?

This might be on a Sunday or midweek. It includes youth groups where you might talk about faith, discuss the Bible and/or worship.

- Every day (1)
 - Three to four times a week (2)
 - Once a week (3)
 - Every month (4)
 - Every two or three months (5)
 - Once or twice a year (6)
 - Never (7)
 - I don't know (8)
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Q6 How important is your Christian faith to you?

- Very important (1)
- Important (2)
- Moderately important (3)
- Not very important (4)
- Not at all important (5)

Thanks.

This section explores how you have felt during lockdown and your concerns about the future.

Q7 Please pick **up to three** emojis that capture how you've felt over lockdown.



ANGRY



ANNOYED



CALM



CONFUSED



DISAPPOINTED



EMBARRASSED



EXCITED



FRUSTRATED



HAPPY



HURT



LEFT-OUT



LOVING



JEALOUS



NERVOUS



OFFENDED



OUTRAGED



PROUD



RELIEVED



SAD



SCARED



SILLY



SURPRISED



TIRED



UNAMUSED



UNCOMFORTABLE

Q8 Are there any things that have been worrying you during lockdown?

**Q9 When you think about the future, do you feel concerned about any of these things?
Please drag each item into one of the boxes.**

By 'concerned' we mean that you think about or worry about them.

Yes, I feel concerned about this	I feel somewhat concerned about this	No, I don't really feel concerned about this
_____ Climate change (1)	_____ Climate change (1)	_____ Climate change (1)
_____ Extremism and terrorism (2)	_____ Extremism and terrorism (2)	_____ Extremism and terrorism (2)
_____ Conflict and war (3)	_____ Conflict and war (3)	_____ Conflict and war (3)
_____ Discrimination e.g. racism, sexism, homophobia (4)	_____ Discrimination e.g. racism, sexism, homophobia (4)	_____ Discrimination e.g. racism, sexism, homophobia (4)
_____ Global pandemics (5)	_____ Global pandemics (5)	_____ Global pandemics (5)
_____ Poverty in the UK or abroad (6)	_____ Poverty in the UK or abroad (6)	_____ Poverty in the UK or abroad (6)

Q10 Have you become more concerned about any of these over the last few months?

	No	Somewhat	Yes
Climate change ()			
Extremism and terrorism ()			
Conflict and war ()			
Discrimination e.g. racism, sexism, homophobia ()			
Global pandemics ()			
Poverty in the UK or abroad ()			

Q11 How would you like the world to be better in 10 years time?

Q12 Please tell us how far you agree or disagree with these statements

	Agree (1)	Neutral (2)	Disagree (3)
My faith gives me role models to follow, who make a difference in the world (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My faith teaches me to care about injustice (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My faith gives me opportunities to make a difference (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My faith helps me feel less anxious about the world's future (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My faith makes me feel hopeful about the world's future (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q13 What three words first come to mind when you see the word 'climate'?

- 1. (1) _____
- 2. (2) _____
- 3. (3) _____

These next few questions are about climate change. When we talk about climate change we mean the way that human activity is seriously damaging the environment, and the impact this has on poorer communities across the world.

Q14 How inspiring do you find the following types of people, when it comes to responding positively to climate change?

	Not inspiring at all	Very inspiring
Parents and family members (1)		
Church and youth leaders (2)		
Friends (3)		
Climate activists (e.g. Greta Thunberg) (4)		
Politicians (5)		
Teachers (6)		
Social media influencers (7)		

Q15 How many of your friends care about climate change?

- None of them (1)
 - A few of them (2)
 - Some of them (3)
 - Most of them (4)
 - All of them (5)
 - I don't know (6)
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Q16 Would you be willing to do any of the following to prevent climate change from getting worse?

	Yes (1)	Maybe (2)	No (3)
Eat less meat (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recycle things you don't need anymore (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use less plastic (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Persuade your family to make positive changes for the environment (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Campaign e.g. sign petitions or attend a march (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Post on social media (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pray about climate change (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q17 Have you done any of the following in the last year, as part of caring for the environment?

- Eaten less meat (1)
- Recycled things you don't need anymore (2)
- Used less plastic (3)
- Persuaded your family to make positive changes for the environment (4)
- Campaigned e.g. signed petitions or attended a march (5)
- Posted on social media (6)
- Prayed about climate change (7)

This final section is about the church and climate change.

Q18 How important do you think it is for Christians to take action in response to climate change?

- Very important (1)
 - Important (2)
 - Moderately important (3)
 - Not very important (4)
 - Not at all important (5)
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Q19 Do you think leaders in your church see climate change as something they should care about

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Somewhat (3)
- I don't know (4)

Q20 Have you experienced leaders in your church ever doing any of the following?

This includes vicars, ministers, youth leaders and anyone else with some kind of leadership responsibility.

	Yes (1)	No (2)	I don't know (3)
Preached about climate change during a Sunday service? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Talked to you about climate change? E.g. at youth group, a weekend away or perhaps in a 1-1 conversation (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helped you take part in practical action to respond to climate change? E.g. encouraged you to use less plastic (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taken practical steps to help the church respond to climate change? E.g. using re-useable cups on a Sunday (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prayed about climate change in church meetings (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q21 Do you think your church is doing enough to tackle climate change?

- Yes (4)
 - No (5)
 - I don't know (6)
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Q22 What could adults in your church do, that would most help you respond to climate change?

Please move these into order, so that the most important is at the top and the least important is at the bottom

- _____ Help me understand climate change (1)
 - _____ Show me practically how to make a difference in the world (2)
 - _____ Give me opportunities to make a difference (3)
 - _____ Help me manage anxiety about the world's future (4)
 - _____ Give me hope about the world's future (5)
 - _____ Pray with me (6)
 - _____ Any other ideas? (7)
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Q23 And finally!

Do you have a message for churches, about climate change?
