



National Churches Trust - 2nd July 2024

Methodology: Whitestone Insight interviewed 2667 UK adult Christians online between 12th and 20th June 2024. Data were weighted to be representative of all UK adults.

Whitestone Insight is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

All press releases or other publications must be checked with Whitestone Insight before use. Whitestone Insight requires 48-hours to check a press release unless otherwise agreed.

For information about commissioning research please contact hello@whitestoneinsight.com or call +44 (0)20 3582 9864.

To register for regular commentary and insight from the Whitestone Insight team, please visit www.whitestoneinsight.com/insights

Church Closure - June 2024
ONLINE Fieldwork: 12th to 20th June 2024

Absolute/col percents

Table 2
What is your denomination?
Base: Christian respondents

Table with columns: Gender, Age, Social Grade, Region, Employment Sector, Attend Church, Pray (alone or in a group), Read the Bible (alone or in a group), Type of Christian Church, and Which of the following best describes what you live? (Urban, Town and Fringe, Rural, Hamlet & isolated). Rows include Unweighted base, Weighted base, and various denominations like Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Methodist, Baptist, Independent, New church charismatic, Presbyterian, Orthodox, and Other.

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - d/e/f/g/h/i - j/k/l/m - n/o/p/q/r/s/t/u/v/w/x/y - A/B - C/D/E - F/G/H - I/J/K - L/M/N/O - P/Q/R/S/T/U
Overlap formulae used. * small base



Church Closure - June 2024
ONLINE Fieldwork: 12th to 20th June 2024

Absolute/col percents

Table 3
How often do you do each of the following? - Attend Church and take part in a service
Base: Christian respondents

Table with columns for Gender, Age, Social Grade, Region, Employment Sector, and various frequency categories (Unweighted base, Weighted base, Every day, A few times a week, Once a week, Every fortnight, Once a month, Every two or three months, Once or twice a year, Once every few years, Never, Don't know, Prefer not to say). Each cell contains numerical data and percentages.

Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - d/e/f/g/h/i - j/k/l/m - n/o/p/q/r/s/t/u/v/w/x/y - A/B - C/D/E - F/G/H - I/J/K - L/M/N/O - P/Q/R/S/T/U
Overlap formulae used. * small base

Church Closure - June 2024
ONLINE Fieldwork: 12th to 20th June 2024

Table 4
How often do you do each of the following? - Pray, either alone, with another person or with a small group
Base: Christian respondents

Absol./les/ool percents

Table with columns for Gender, Age, Social Grade, Region, Employment Sector, Attend Church, Pray (alone or in a group), Read the Bible (alone or in a group), Type of Christians, and Which of the following best describes where you live? Rows include Unweighted base, Weighted base, and various frequency categories from 'Every day' to 'Don't know'.

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - d/e/f/g/h/i - j/k/l/m - n/o/p/q/r/s/t/u/v/w/x/y - A/B - C/D/E - F/G/H - I/J/K - L/M/N/O - P/Q/R/S/T/U
Overlap formulae used. * small base



Church Closure - June 2024
ONLINE Fieldwork: 12th to 20th June 2024

Absolutes/ool percents

Table 6
Q.1 What would you do if your local church building closed?
Base: All Christian respondents

	Gender		Age							Social Grade					Region										Employment Sector	Attend Church...				Pray (alone or in a group)...				Read the Bible (alone or in a group)...				Type of Christians Church					Which of the following best describes where you live?					Hamlet & isolated Dwellings (U)	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (d)	25-34 (e)	35-44 (f)	45-54 (g)	55-64 (h)	65+ (i)	A8 (j)	C1 (k)	C2 (l)	DE (m)	Scot-land (n)	North East (o)	North West (p)	Hum-ber-land (q)	Mid-lands (r)	East-ern (s)	Wales (t)	East-ern (u)	Lon-don (v)	South East (w)	South West (x)	North-ern Ire-land (y)	Pub-lic (A)	Pri-vate (B)	Opin-ion In-flu-encer (C)	At least once a week (D)	At least once a month (E)	Less than once a week (F)	At least once a month (G)	At least once a week (H)	Less than once a month (I)	At least once a week (J)	At least once a month (K)	Less than once a week (L)	Practising Christians (M)	Attend-ing Christians (N)	Cul-tur-al Christians (O)	Con-fid-ent Christians (P)	Urban Pop-10k+ (Q)	Urban Pop-10k- (R)	Town and Fringe (S)	NET: Rural (T)	NET: Vil-lage (U)	NET: Dwell-ing (V)		
Unweighted base	2676	1302	1372	147	283	356	474	503	913	722	715	571	668	216	114	307	185	243	181	110	249	361	365	218	127	421	995	259	490	645	993	920	1082	529	319	397	334	329	90	1186	248	2146	1135	1011	530	449	81		
Weighted base	2667	1299	1366	160	296	345	454	483	929	675	745	590	656	222	118	333	197	226	188	109	232	338	364	226	115	442	983	268	476	629	995	889	1053	536	304	385	339	322	90	1191	241	2122	1119	1003	544	465	79		
No longer attend church services at all	806	424	383	29	70	91	144	166	306	189	235	177	204	77	45	116	69	60	54	38	77	70	95	70	35	107	279	28	17	35	318	126	167	176	9	20	85	12	16	453	5	639	303	336	167	130	38		
Attend services at the nearest church building as often as you do at present	368	198	170	40	48	52	55	53	122	112	83	93	80	31	15	41	19	26	24	20	26	70	46	31	19	65	152	72	165	205	122	225	254	62	93	113	58	104	28	101	78	299	175	114	80	69	10		
Attend another church building that is not the nearest, but that you believe is good, as often as you do at present	236	100	136	21	37	20	41	37	81	87	61	35	32	15	9	25	18	25	12	7	19	38	36	18	13	47	82	36	136	162	57	170	190	150	24	52	100	100	36	96	19	46	85	200	107	93	36	26	10
Attend church services online only	134	70	64	14	32	27	19	11	30	45	30	32	27	8	5	8	8	11	12	6	8	36	13	8	14	25	65	39	51	79	44	88	98	21	51	60	17	52	16	6	32	34	111	65	46	23	20	3	
Attend services at the nearest church building less often than you do at present	132	72	60	13	28	23	12	22	35	37	32	29	34	9	3	12	13	12	11	2	15	23	20	9	4	27	60	25	46	64	57	56	82	33	18	31	35	27	13	46	14	104	61	43	29	24	5		
Attend services in a new form of church such as a cafe, a community centre, school or mission hub	66	22	44	3	8	11	13	13	17	22	22	10	12	6	1	11	-	3	4	3	6	10	12	8	3	11	28	7	23	26	27	35	41	12	12	16	12	13	-	20	10	53	27	26	12	12	-		
Don't know/ Prefer not to say	924	414	510	40	74	121	169	183	337	183	263	213	266	79	41	120	70	88	71	31	84	91	143	80	26	160	318	61	39	59	370	188	221	208	30	45	96	18	10	492	15	727	382	345	197	184	13		

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - d/e/f/g/h/i - j/k/l/m - n/o/p/q/r/s/t/u/v/w/x/y - A/B - C/D/E - F/G/H - I/J/K - L/M/N/O - P/Q/R/S/T/U
 Overlap formulae used. * small base



Church Closure - June 2024
ONLINE Fieldwork: 12th to 20th June 2024

Table 7
Q.1 What would you do if your local church building closed?
Base: All Christian respondents

	What is your denomination?											
	Total	Anglican (including Church of England, Scottish Episcopal Church, Church of Wales, Church of Ireland)	Roman Catholic	Pentecostal	Methodist	Baptist	Independent	New church charismatic (e.g. Vineyard, New Frontiers, Pioneer etc.)	Presbyterian (including Church of Scotland)	Orthodox	Other	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	2676	1228	539	88	146	104	61	30	169	75	145	91
Weighted base	2667	1232	542	78	152	104	58	27	163	71	145	95
No longer attend church services at all	806 30%	382 31%	180 33%	4 5%	39 26%	24 23%	19 32%	2 8%	67 41%	23 32%	35 24%	33 34%
Attend services at the nearest church building as often as you do at present	369 14%	126 10%	101 19%	25 32%	25 17%	15 15%	10 18%	7 27%	18 11%	9 13%	25 17%	6 6%
Attend another church building that is not the nearest, but that you believe is good, as often as you do at present	226 9%	81 7%	34 6%	18 24%	13 9%	25 24%	10 17%	9 35%	13 8%	6 8%	22 15%	6 6%
Attend church services online only	134 5%	41 3%	43 8%	19 24%	4 3%	6 6%	4 7%	3 13%	2 1%	4 5%	7 5%	2 2%
Attend services at the nearest church building less often than you do at present	132 5%	67 5%	31 6%	2 3%	10 6%	5 5%	1 2%	-	6 4%	6 8%	5 3%	-
Attend services in a new form of church such as a cafe, a community centre, school or mission hub	66 2%	27 2%	15 3%	3 4%	5 3%	3 3%	1 2%	3 12%	2 1%	3 4%	2 2%	1 1%
Don't know/ Prefer not to say	924 35%	508 41%	139 26%	8 10%	55 36%	25 24%	13 22%	1 5%	56 34%	22 30%	50 34%	48 50%

RESULTS FOR NON-CHURCH ATTENDERS

Church Closure - June 2024
ONLINE Fieldwork: 12th to 20th June 2024

Table 3
How often do you do each of the following? - Attend Church and take part in a service
Base: Christian respondents

Absolutes/col percents

	Gender		Age										Social Grade										Region										Employment Sector		Attend Church		Pray (alone or in a group)					Read the Bible (alone or in a group)					Type of Christians					Which of the following best describes where you live?				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scott-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	North-ern	Public	Private	Opin-ion	At least once a week	At least once a month	At least once a week	At least once a month	At least once a week	At least once a month	At least once a week	At least once a month	Practising	Attending	Cultural	Confident	NET: Urban	Urban Pop-ulation	Town and Fringe	NET: Rural	Wil-lage	Homes & Iso-lated										
Unweighted base	1751	841	908	123	226	254	288	307	553	530	477	350	394	138	59	182	117	157	120	66	155	276	232	151	98	309	678	240	490	645	993	800	948	410	310	384	287	329	90	585	248	1411	778	633	340	285	55									
Weighted base	1745	837	906	132	238	242	272	295	566	496	498	360	392	146	60	200	122	144	122	60	146	263	231	157	90	304	662	248	476	629	995	772	923	419	297	372	295	322	90	593	241	1398	772	626	347	292	55									
Every day	29	17	13	8	12	7	1	2	3	13	5	4	7	2	2	7	1	1	1	1	1	12	4	1	1	10	14	15	29	29	26	29	1	15	18	3	18	3	15	27	18	9	2	2												
A few times a week	132	79	60	22	37	20	15	9	30	53	32	29	19	10	2	15	8	9	5	5	6	37	19	9	6	33	55	48	132	132	124	131	1	78	80	4	80	2	49	116	81	34	17	14	3											
Once a week	315	162	152	36	44	32	47	44	112	113	97	47	57	21	11	30	20	29	21	14	22	59	39	25	23	62	109	57	315	315	282	293	9	148	163	23	163	48	148	267	164	103	48	41	6											
Every fortnight	55	31	24	10	16	12	5	5	8	12	25	13	6	4	2	6	1	6	2	3	7	12	9	1	3	9	36	14	55	55	28	49	5	9	22	3	22	9	46	21	26	9	7	2												
Once a month	98	49	49	14	15	18	9	16	26	33	26	23	16	9	2	10	2	13	7	6	7	15	10	8	9	15	51	21	98	98	48	86	5	20	39	20	39	27	19	42	31	24	19	5												
Every two or three months	117	45	71	5	14	15	24	23	36	38	33	25	21	9	1	12	11	3	7	1	14	20	18	14	7	24	41	10	117	117	44	58	42	7	14	49	12	72	89	46	41	28	21	7												
Once or twice a year	398	165	233	19	38	51	64	81	146	108	102	93	95	33	14	44	29	35	35	13	39	41	52	42	21	51	156	36	398	398	110	142	163	9	21	102	225	308	158	150	90	81	10													
Once every few years	480	236	244	13	42	65	89	101	171	108	136	105	131	41	19	66	40	35	34	21	43	48	60	50	19	87	163	29	480	480	89	115	182	5	9	88	298	367	175	192	113	92	21													
Never	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-											
Don't know	41	19	22	3	4	7	7	8	12	8	15	7	13	8	4	3	1	3	5	1	5	3	6	3	1	10	12	2	41	41	8	10	6	2	1	11	2	34	16	18	7	7	1													
Prefer not to say	80	41	39	5	17	16	12	8	22	12	27	14	27	9	5	12	3	8	5	2	3	17	10	5	1	23	25	16	80	80	12	12	7	5	6	1	70	49	22	9	9	1														

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - d/e/f/g/h/i - j/k/l/m - n/o/p/q/r/s/t/u/v/w/x/y - A/B - C/D/E - F/G/H - I/J/K - L/M/N/O - P/Q/R/S/T/U
 Overlap formulae used. * small base



Church Closure - June 2024
ONLINE Fieldwork: 12th to 20th June 2024

Table 4
How often do you do each of the following? - Pray, either alone, with another person or with a small group
Base: Christian respondents

Table with columns: Gender, Age, Social Grade, Region, Employment Sector, Attend Church, Pray (alone or in a group), Read the Bible (alone or in a group), Type of Christians, and Which of the following best describes where you live? (Urban, Town and Fringe, Rural, Hamlet & isolated dwellings).

Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a-b - d/e/f/g/h/i - j/k/l/m - n/o/p/q/r/s/t/u/v/w/x/y - A/B - C/D/E - F/G/H - I/J/K - L/M/N/O - P/Q/R/S/T/U
Overlap formulae used. * small base



Church Closure - June 2024
ONLINE Fieldwork: 12th to 20th June 2024

Table 5
How often do you do each of the following? - Read the Bible, either alone, with another person or with a small group
Base: Christian respondents

Absolutes/col percents

Table with columns for Gender, Age, Social Grade, Region, Employment Sector, Attend Church, Pray (alone or in a group), Read the Bible (alone or in a group), Type of Christians, and Which of the following best describes where you live? (Urban Pop, Town and Fringe, Rural, Hamlet & isolated Dwellings).

Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a-b - d/e/f/g/h/i - j/k/l/m - n/o/p/q/r/s/t/u/v/w/x/y - A/B - C/D/E - F/G/H - I/J/K - L/M/N/O - P/Q/R/S/T/U
Overlap formulae used. * small base



Church Closure - June 2024 ONLINE Fieldwork: 12th to 20th June 2024

Absolutes/col percents

Table 6
Q.1 What would you do if your local church building closed?
Base: All Christian respondents

	Gender			Age												Social Grade										Region												Employment Sector		Attend Church			Pray (alone or in a group)			Read the Bible (alone or in a group)			Type of Christians					Which of the following best describes where you live?				
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (d)	25-34 (e)	35-44 (f)	45-54 (g)	55-64 (h)	65+ (i)	AB (j)	C1 (k)	C2 (l)	DE (m)	Scotland (n)	North East (o)	North West (p)	Yorkshire & Humberside (q)	West Midlands (r)	East Midlands (s)	Wales (t)	East of England (u)	London (v)	South East (w)	South West (x)	North East (y)	North West (z)	Public (A)	Private (B)	Optimistic (C)	At least once a week (G)	At least once a month (D)	Less than monthly (E)	At least once a week (F)	At least once a month (H)	Less than monthly (I)	At least once a week (J)	At least once a month (K)	Less than monthly (L)	Practising Christians (M)	Attending Christians (N)	Cultural Christians (O)	Confident Christians (P)	NET: Urban (Q)	Urban Fringe (R)	Town and Rural (S)	NET: Village (T)	Hamlet & isolated Dwellings (U)											
Unweighted base	1751	841	908	123	226	254	288	307	553	530	477	350	394	138	59	182	117	157	120	66	155	276	232	151	98	309	678	240	490	645	993	800	948	410	310	384	287	329	90	585	248	1411	778	633	340	285	55											
Weighted base	1745	837	906	132	238	242	272	295	566	496	498	360	392	146	60	200	122	144	122	66	146	263	231	157	90	324	662	248	476	629	995	772	923	419	297	372	295	322	90	593	241	1398	772	626	347	292	55											
No longer attend church services at all	303	195	188	20	38	54	68	74	130	98	130	70	85	40	18	62	24	23	24	19	33	36	47	36	21	59	143	18	17	35	318	79	113	138	8	18	72	12	16	186	5	305	147	158	79	59	20											
Attend services at the nearest church building as often as you do at present	334	177	155	37	48	44	52	46	109	105	74	88	67	28	9	35	18	24	22	19	23	65	42	30	19	62	135	72	165	205	122	217	245	57	93	113	53	104	26	77	79	265	160	105	69	60	10											
Attend another church building that is not the nearest, but that you believe is good, as often as you do at present	221	94	126	20	35	16	37	36	77	83	75	32	30	14	9	22	18	22	12	7	18	36	33	17	12	46	74	34	136	162	57	163	162	22	90	99	33	96	19	36	85	184	97	87	36	26	10											
Attend church services online only	127	68	59	14	11	31	24	17	11	29	34	26	26	8	5	8	4	10	7	6	10	10	8	5	14	23	61	38	51	79	44	86	96	21	51	60	17	52	6	27	34	104	60	43	23	20	3											
Attend services at the nearest church building less often than you do at present	123	68	55	12	28	20	12	20	31	34	32	27	29	9	3	11	13	10	11	2	13	23	16	9	4	27	57	25	46	64	57	53	79	33	18	31	34	27	13	38	14	95	58	37	27	23	5											
Attend services in a new form of church such as a cafe, a community centre, school or mission hub	55	17	37	3	8	10	11	11	12	18	18	8	10	3	1	7	-	2	4	1	5	10	9	8	3	11	22	6	23	26	27	33	39	11	12	15	11	13	-	14	10	44	24	21	10	10	-											
Don't know / Prefer not to say	503	218	285	25	51	75	77	87	179	112	142	104	145	43	16	56	41	53	37	11	48	61	72	49	16	87	170	54	39	59	370	141	167	148	25	36	74	18	10	214	36	400	226	175	103	85	7											

Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a-b - d/e/f/g/h/i - j/k/l/m - n/o/p/q/r/s/t/u/v/w/x/y - A/B - C/D/E - F/G/H - I/J/K - L/M/N/O - P/Q/R/S/T/U
Overlap formulae used. * small base



Church Closure - June 2024
ONLINE Fieldwork: 12th to 20th June 2024

Table 7
Q.1 What would you do if your local church building closed?
 Base: All Christian respondents

	What is your denomination?											
	Total	Anglican (including Church of England, Scottish Episcopal Church, Church of Wales, Church of Ireland)	Roman Catholic	Pentecostal	Methodist	Baptist	Independent	New church charismatic (e.g. Vineyard, New Frontiers, Pioneers etc.)	Presbyterian (including Church of Scotland)	Orthodox	Other	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1751	717	399	87	94	78	42	28	102	53	105	46
Weighted base	1745	721	402	77	98	77	39	25	97	53	106	48
No longer attend church services at all	383	164	101	4	18	12	12	1	31	11	17	13
	22%	23%	25%	5%	18%	15%	29%	4%	32%	21%	16%	27%
Attend services at the nearest church building as often as you do at present	334	107	88	25	24	15	8	7	14	9	22	4
	19%	15%	24%	32%	24%	20%	20%	25%	15%	18%	20%	8%
Attend another church building that is not the nearest, but that you believe is good, as often as you do at present	221	76	30	18	13	23	7	9	13	5	21	4
	13%	11%	7%	24%	13%	30%	18%	36%	13%	10%	20%	9%
Attend church services online only	127	35	41	19	4	6	4	3	2	4	7	2
	7%	5%	10%	24%	4%	8%	11%	13%	2%	7%	7%	3%
Attend services at the nearest church building less often than you do at present	123	60	31	2	8	5	1	-	6	6	5	-
	7%	8%	8%	3%	8%	7%	2%	-	6%	10%	4%	-
Attend services in a new form of church such as a cafe, a community centre, school or mission hub	55	23	10	3	3	3	1	3	2	3	2	1
	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	2%	13%	2%	6%	2%	2%
Don't know/ Prefer not to say	503	256	91	7	27	12	7	1	29	16	33	24
	29%	35%	23%	9%	28%	16%	18%	6%	30%	29%	31%	50%