

# Counting Religion in Britain

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## OPINION POLLS

### Fieldwork date: 19–31 August 2025

JL Partners: attitudes to proposed new official definition of Islamophobia and its consequences

<https://jlppartners.co.uk/polling-results>

### Fieldwork date: 19–22 September 2025

Ipsos: divisions in Britain, including religious

<https://www.ipsos.com/en-uk/85-britons-continue-believe-britain-divided-over-half-think-differences-peoples-political-views-are>

### Fieldwork date: 3 October 2025

YouGov: extent to which it matters whether the Archbishop of Canterbury is a man or woman

<https://yougov.co.uk/topics/politics/survey-results/daily/2025/10/03/31f29/1>

### Fieldwork date: 3–16 October 2025

YouGov: requirements for being British/English, including being Christian/of Christian heritage

[https://ygo-assets-websites-editorial-emea.yougov.net/documents/YouGov\\_-\\_British\\_and\\_English\\_identity\\_qHwIS5s.pdf](https://ygo-assets-websites-editorial-emea.yougov.net/documents/YouGov_-_British_and_English_identity_qHwIS5s.pdf)

### Fieldwork date: 6 October 2025

YouGov: acceptability of pro-Palestine protesters holding rallies in immediate aftermath of recent stabbings at a Manchester synagogue

<https://yougov.co.uk/topics/politics/survey-results/daily/2025/10/06/fe7bb/1>

### Fieldwork date: 10–13 October 2025

More in Common: attitudes to Israel-Palestine conflict, including UK domestic implications

<https://www.moreincommon.org.uk/our-work/polling-tables/november-2025-polling-tables/>

### Fieldwork date: 17–20 October 2025

More in Common: heaven or hell

<https://www.moreincommon.org.uk/our-work/polling-tables/october-2025-polling-tables/>

### Fieldwork date: 25–27 October 2025

YouGov: attitudes to Sunday trading hours in England and Wales

[https://d3nkl3psvxxpe9.cloudfront.net/documents/P\\_Main\\_Political\\_Tracker\\_Survey\\_Rotation14\\_sr\\_13.pdf](https://d3nkl3psvxxpe9.cloudfront.net/documents/P_Main_Political_Tracker_Survey_Rotation14_sr_13.pdf)

**Fieldwork date: October 2025**

Opinium Research/Policy Institute, Kings College London: feelings of thankfulness, awe, and wonder and religious/spiritual/transcendental beliefs

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2026/2-january/news/uk/young-people-twice-as-likely-as-older-groups-to-say-they-feel-thankful-to-god-survey-finds>

**Fieldwork date: 31 October–2 November 2025**

JL Partners: attitudes to proposed new official definition of Islamophobia

<https://jlparters.co.uk/polling-results>

**Fieldwork date: 5–11 November 2025**

Ipsos: *Ipsos UK Veracity Index, 2025* – trust in clergy/priests and other professions to tell the truth

<https://www.ipsos.com/en-uk/ipsos-veracity-index-2025>

**Fieldwork date: 13 November 2025**

YouGov: attitudes to Shamima Begum being allowed to return to the UK

<https://yougov.co.uk/topics/politics/survey-results/daily/2025/11/13/c7497/2>

**Fieldwork date: 15–16 November 2025**

Savanta/Church of England: contact with local church and attitudes to historic churches

<https://savanta.com/knowledge-centre/press-and-polls/church-attendance-polling-church-of-england-22-november-2025/>

**Fieldwork date: 20 November 2025**

YouGov: political party to which senior figures in Church of England were perceived most sympathetic

<https://yougov.co.uk/topics/politics/survey-results/daily/2025/11/20/c6b13/2>

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**Fieldwork date: 28 November–1 December 2025**

Savanta/Tearfund: Christmas churchgoing

<https://savanta.com/knowledge-centre/press-and-polls/christmas-churchgoing-tearfund-14-december-2025/>

**Fieldwork date: 9–10 December 2025**

YouGov/Institute for Public Policy Research: importance of being a Christian in order to be truly British

[https://d3nkl3psvxxpe9.cloudfront.net/documents/IPPR\\_Britain\\_RESULTS\\_251210.pdf](https://d3nkl3psvxxpe9.cloudfront.net/documents/IPPR_Britain_RESULTS_251210.pdf)

**Fieldwork date: 22 December 2025**

YouGov: attitudes to Sunday trading hours in England and Wales

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<https://greenchristian.org.uk/press-release-disregarding-harvest-traditions-in-britains-growing-churches-dishonours-gods-creation-and-disrespects-farmers-warns-green-christian/>

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Jonathan Boyd, *Two Years After the October 7 Attacks: British Jewish Views on Antisemitism, Israel, and Jewish Life*, Institute for Jewish Policy Research, 41 pp.

<https://www.jpr.org.uk/reports/two-years-after-october-7-attacks-british-jewish-views-antisemitism-israel-and-jewish-life>

**Publication date: 6 October 2025**

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**Publication date: 27 October 2025**

Ken Eames, *Church of England, Statistics for Mission, 2024*, Church of England Data Services, 38 pp.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2025-10/statisticsformission2024.pdf>

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*National Churches Survey: Giving Every Church a Voice*, National Churches Trust, 54 pp.

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/survey>

**Publication date: 3 November 2025**

Rania Mohiuddin-Agir, *The Next Generation of Faith: Journeys, Meaning, and Wellbeing*, Institute for the Impact of Faith in Life, 40 pp.

<https://iifl.org.uk/reports/report-the-next-generation-of-faith-journeys-meaning-and-wellbeing/>

**Publication date: 19 November 2025**

*Faith in Wales*, Evangelical Alliance Wales, 24 pp.

<https://www.eauk.org/assets/files/downloads/Faith-in-Wales-ENGLISH-WEB.pdf>

**Publication date: 19 November 2025**

Stephen Bullivant, Fernanda Mee, and Janet Mellor, *Convert Clergy in the Catholic Church in Britain: The Role of the St Barnabas Society*, Benedict XVI Centre for Religion, Ethics, and Society, St Mary's University Twickenham, 22 pp.

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**Publication date: 20 November 2025**

Jonathan Boyd, *The End of Two-Party Politics? Emerging Changes in the Political Preferences of British Jews*, Institute for Jewish Policy Research, 13 pp.

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Evangelical Alliance: evangelical attitudes to welfare policy and voting intentions

<https://www.eauk.org/news-and-views/six-out-of-ten-evangelical-christians-support-removing-two-child-benefit-cap>

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<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2025-12/living-ministry-wave-5-panel-survey-report-lord-for-the-years.pdf>

**Publication date: 2 December 2025**

Charlotte Littlewood and Rania Mohiuddin-Agir, *The Changing Landscape of Faith in Britain: Rebirth, Renewal, and Reimagining*, Institute for the Impact of Faith in Life, 50 pp.

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**Publication date: 4 December 2025**

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**Publication date: 9 December 2025**

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<https://www.jpr.org.uk/reports/celebrating-festival-lights-popularity-chanukah-among-jews-uk>

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hate-crime-england-and-wales-year-ending-march-2025>

**Publication date: 18 November 2025**

Office for National Statistics: *Marriages and Civil Partnerships in England and Wales, 2023*, bulletin and dataset

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<https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/after-secularisation/?srsltid=AfmBOoreZmTMUPBpHEJ-Gp5EHjgXaIV9-ab79E2S0G5M6MINkSBcYcBz>

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Clive Field, 'Churchgoing in London: The Statistical Record, 1830s to Present', *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, 34 pp.

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