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1	it is not easy to get to	Oct 22, 2012 3:20 PM
2	feel uncomfortable	Sep 23, 2012 1:03 PM
3	I don't believe you have to go to a physical building to show an appreciation to God	Sep 23, 2012 12:20 AM
4	Work at weekends Find it hard going to church as a single person	Sep 21, 2012 3:43 PM
5	Got out of the habit. Nobody of my age at the local church.	Sep 18, 2012 3:58 PM
6	Why would anyone attend Church?	Sep 18, 2012 8:02 AM
7	Some people at church use being a Christian as a badge when they are really just hypocrites.	Sep 17, 2012 3:13 PM
8	1) I won't associate with churches part of the world council of churches 2) I won't attend pentecostal churches as 95-100% of them have become severely corrupted 3) I won't attend a church that isn't spiritual or where most of the members are "liberals"	Sep 13, 2012 7:14 PM
9	Mental Health Disability	Sep 13, 2012 2:26 PM
10	Couldn't find a suitable church for me when I moved, most churches here have an elderly congregation.	Sep 13, 2012 10:21 AM
11	i attend 2 churches, a local one and a bigger one further away.	Sep 12, 2012 3:07 PM
12	Moved and not found a church I want to go to regularly	Sep 8, 2012 3:07 PM
13	Work on a Sunday and odd hours and don't believe you need to go to a church to pray	Sep 4, 2012 11:27 AM
14	just dont like church at all	Sep 3, 2012 3:41 PM
15	curent situation, normally attend weekly	Sep 2, 2012 5:44 PM
16	The Church does not preach the truth, You survey singleness. Are divorced people single in Gods eyes? Or does he release us from our vows. He will NEVER divorce us.	Sep 2, 2012 11:54 AM
17	I am a church organist and no church in my area seems to be in need of my services	Sep 2, 2012 10:37 AM
18	n/a	Aug 31, 2012 6:25 AM
19	Left last church as wasn't being fed spiritually	Aug 30, 2012 2:34 PM
20	The priest left a few months ago and his replacement is not as charismatic.	Aug 29, 2012 2:06 AM
21	I find it very difficult to go to church as a single person. I don't always feel welcome when I attend as a stranger. I would prefer to worship with friends but it takes a long time to make friends at church.	Aug 28, 2012 12:39 PM
22	work sundays and night work	Aug 25, 2012 7:45 AM
23	Our priest left and the new priest is not family friendly. The church is also full of people who do not display a christian attitude	Aug 21, 2012 5:51 AM

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24	i pray at home lithargic,	Aug 21, 2012 4:57 AM
25	illness	Aug 18, 2012 4:04 AM
26	I am now making a conscious effort to attend more but I feel as though the church has disconnected a little with the younger generation. Instilling feelings of guilt rather than encouragement. I also find it frustrating that the church often casts judgement on people who are single. And finally, I find it very frustrating about how many churches push away the gay community	Aug 18, 2012 3:39 AM
27	Difficult to settle somewhere	Aug 17, 2012 3:01 PM
28	Where I live there are no vibrant churches that I like	Aug 17, 2012 2:12 AM
29	poor health	Aug 16, 2012 6:55 PM
30	lost my faith after over 15 'years of high involvement	Aug 15, 2012 1:34 PM
31	The Minister of my Church is completely un-inspiring and I find it hard to stay awake during his sermons! Not helped by the fact that I don't usually finish work and get home until after 3am on Sunday mornings which makes it difficult to be up and at church by 10am with so little sleep. The Minister also wrote an article in the Church magazine just before Christmas which basically said that if you can't be bothered to attend Church every week then don't bother pitching up because it's Christmas!! :-O I thought that was appalling and very un-Christian. Surely he should be encouraging EVERYONE to attend to Church at ANY time.	Aug 13, 2012 6:34 PM
32	I left the church I had actively involved in for a long period of time after a family crisis and a clash of my personal values with that of the newish minister	Aug 13, 2012 10:41 AM
33	Too retractive	Aug 13, 2012 7:49 AM
34	I have struggled with sleep issues, and often sleep late, because I cannot sleep at night.	Aug 9, 2012 12:20 PM
35	just moved house and looking for a new church	Aug 5, 2012 1:05 PM
36	I don't feel I fit in as its focus is on families.	Aug 5, 2012 5:32 AM
37	Bad past experience with Church it felt a very lonely place.	Aug 5, 2012 3:08 AM
38	work committments	Aug 4, 2012 2:17 PM
39	I LEARN A LOT MORE ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES WEN I STUDIE THEM ALONE.	Aug 3, 2012 9:00 AM
40	still searching for the right one for me	Jul 31, 2012 1:06 PM
41	1) Tired from work 2) Shy; find it difficult to sustain involvement in groups and social situations. More comfortable to go occasionally	Jul 30, 2012 6:00 AM
42	just moved house and haven't found a church in my new area	Jul 30, 2012 5:40 AM
43	I always go to Church at least once a week. More recently I've not been able to organize going twice a week because of helping homeless.	Jul 29, 2012 4:01 PM

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44	Beraevement has made this difficult. Why? Answers ona postcard	Jul 29, 2012 12:45 PM
45	N/A	Jul 29, 2012 9:32 AM
46	I have not found a church that I feel I could settle in - having come from abroad where I had been in a church for 15 years.	Jul 28, 2012 4:27 PM
47	Because I have lost faith	Jul 28, 2012 2:22 PM
48	I began to get fed up of hypocritical and judgemental people.... saying they live their lives one way, and do the opposite, but judging others for how they live their lives.	Jul 26, 2012 1:06 AM
49	School Work	Jul 24, 2012 8:58 AM
50	I have not managed to find one that suits me	Jul 23, 2012 4:48 PM
51	Change of Minister has altered things. I'm not adverse to change, but I loved attending before. Currently looking for a new church.	Jul 21, 2012 4:15 AM
52	N/A	Jul 17, 2012 3:42 PM
53	The church is several miles away.	Jul 17, 2012 2:27 PM
54	church is important but spreading the word is greater to plant seeds of life	Jul 17, 2012 5:32 AM
55	Church seems to me to be a place of cliches. The people talk a talk but do not walk a walk. Much is kept on a theological level. sometimes "church" seems like a social gathering to fill the hours and pass the time.	Jul 16, 2012 1:05 AM
56	Work and home commitments make it difficult ... unfortunately	Jul 15, 2012 2:36 PM
57	busy, tired.	Jul 15, 2012 1:45 PM
58	I work some Sundays and mid week evenings	Jul 15, 2012 11:09 AM
59	SINCE I CAME BACK TO LONDON I HAVE BEEN MOVING HOUSE AND NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO SETTLE DOWN TO GO TO ONE PARTICULAR CHURCH AND HAVE PERMANENT RELATIONSHIPS.	Jul 14, 2012 3:49 AM
60	I attend a church, but am currently between churches. Can't find any that are biblical in my local area :(	Jul 13, 2012 2:52 PM
61	I never feel welcome and included	Jul 13, 2012 8:53 AM
62	Small village Anglican full of old people. Very nice but not very inspiring and no-one my age to mix with	Jul 13, 2012 12:14 AM
63	bored no one talks to me	Jul 12, 2012 1:42 PM
64	due to family reasons (ill health)	Jul 12, 2012 8:53 AM
65	no one to go with, don't like going alone, fear of being unwanted, difficult as a single, distance as live in rural area	Jul 9, 2012 2:34 PM
66	Difficult shifts	Jul 8, 2012 1:48 PM
67	was hurt in last church. uncaring and hypocritical attitude put me off	Jul 8, 2012 12:47 PM

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68	Cost benefit analysis returned virtually zero!	Jul 8, 2012 9:43 AM
69	Becausew I am a carer and I have no other suport	Jul 8, 2012 1:23 AM
70	dont really like the modern idea of church	Jul 7, 2012 8:36 AM
71	Because often you get the third degree from the congregation about who you are, that they haven't seen you at 'their' church before etc etc	Jul 6, 2012 9:36 AM
72	I am deaf and presently suffering ill health	Jul 5, 2012 6:33 PM
73	Since moving to the City I now live in, I have been unable to settle in/find a 'home'.	Jul 5, 2012 12:34 PM
74	had differences with my previous and have not yet found another I want to attend regularly	Jul 5, 2012 11:30 AM
75	Not found a niche. Tired of being labelled single and people trying to 'fix' that problem for me.	Jul 4, 2012 2:57 PM
76	Having recently moved into this area I have not yet found a 'home' church	Jul 4, 2012 10:52 AM
77	I lost a sense of community as my contemporaries were married with children. I ended up being the quasi maternal figure for younger single people. The church tended to suggest ministry for women which focused only on being with other women.	Jul 4, 2012 9:14 AM
78	due to illness I'm not always well enough to go out	Jul 4, 2012 8:26 AM
79	church is not something one attends but something one is part of	Jul 4, 2012 6:48 AM
80	Work most weekends	Jul 3, 2012 2:47 PM
81	I moved from Surrey where I was happy at the church I attended - I have not yet found one i am happy with to attend regularly now back in Cheshire	Jul 3, 2012 1:28 PM
82	listen/Watch to home church online. am travelling and so move around a lot. go to church where im at on sundays	Jul 3, 2012 10:15 AM
83	Churches tend to have stereotypical attitudes towards single christians.	Jul 3, 2012 7:28 AM
84	Most churches cannot see beyoond a literalist and/or prescriptive interpretation of the Bible. Also I really do not enjoy singing	Jul 3, 2012 1:15 AM
85	Can't find a good bible based, Spirit led church and find church cliquy and unfriendly. It's a club not the body of Christ	Jul 3, 2012 1:11 AM
86	no	Jul 2, 2012 4:18 PM
87	experienced spiritual abuse, besides that reason the church is not a building. I am apart of the church wherever I am	Jul 2, 2012 2:04 PM
88	My church is very family orintated and I feel on the fringes as one of only two single people. I feel that the church does not appreciate the struggles I have as a single person - the only way I am truly accepted is when I undertake work such as 'children's worker.' I also feel that the 'pastor' is not a pastor merely a business man who is paid a salary to keep the church going. I have no expectations of church at all, but the disappointments are recorded	Jul 2, 2012 1:58 PM

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	above.	
89	Multi reasons including unfriendliness of others towards single people	Jul 2, 2012 1:27 PM
90	Live 60 miles from my preferred congregation. Use online sermons, teachings as well as praying with others.	Jul 2, 2012 12:57 PM
91	Because I travel quite a bit and attend church wherever I am. Also,I like interdenominational	Jul 2, 2012 12:54 PM
92	I was a member of church for 7 years and very involved and highly-visible. However, when my father died, followed by the near-death of my newborn daughter, which was then followed by the breakdown of my marriage a year later, I received no support from my church. This was extremely hurtful and disappointing so I left. I am still a very strong believer and follower in Christ and still remain connected to other believers.	Jul 2, 2012 12:41 PM
93	do not feel included -bias in church for couples only	Jul 2, 2012 12:27 PM
94	I have recently moved and I am still looking for a church that conducts a service that is close to my heart	Jul 2, 2012 11:31 AM
95	working on relationship with God. Had some very difficult times over the last few years and that's when I went from attending church 2/3 times a week to once a week or once a fortnight and going to different churches.	Jul 2, 2012 11:13 AM
96	adf	Jul 2, 2012 11:11 AM
97	Dont feel comfortable going alone	Jul 2, 2012 11:08 AM
98	Feel uncomfortable in a new location	Jul 2, 2012 10:47 AM
99	work related and bereavement	Jul 1, 2012 4:42 AM
100	ive had health problems and left a church last yr been praying where i should go just returned to my old one althopugh havent been on a sunday.	Jun 30, 2012 5:54 PM
101	Work schedule prevents it.	Jun 28, 2012 7:44 AM
102	i dont know really, there is no reason	Jun 27, 2012 2:18 PM
103	Not committed	Jun 26, 2012 2:52 PM
104	hard to find church families ---single women seen as a threat as many marriages not good	Jun 26, 2012 9:39 AM
105	distance to travel to nearest church - i do not drive.	Jun 24, 2012 3:36 PM
106	Work schedule and not sure where/how to look for a church that I can call home.	Jun 24, 2012 3:25 PM
107	Seeking to find a church to settle. Was a part of a large church for many years.	Jun 24, 2012 10:07 AM
108	Work commitments	Jun 24, 2012 6:58 AM
109	do you mean attend a SOLE church?"	Jun 22, 2012 3:45 PM

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110	health problems attend a house group	Jun 22, 2012 1:14 PM
111	Hard to go to a new church on your own	Jun 22, 2012 8:58 AM
112	I have recently moved back to the city from a rural location where I attended an amazing modern Methodist church,I am not yet settled in a particular area so am not sure which church to attend regularly,in the meantime have been trying different ones.	Jun 22, 2012 8:03 AM
113	Away for work, visiting family, no church in immediate vicinity so hard to determine which to go to	Jun 22, 2012 7:59 AM
114	Looking for a new church, but too shy to go on my own and don't have many friends to go with	Jun 22, 2012 7:38 AM
115	Lazyness really. But I really want to start going back regularly as I used to do before.	Jun 22, 2012 3:37 AM
116	Because married women don't speak to me as a single woman and appear to be guarding their husbands, men don't speak- for fear of been seen chatting to the scarlet single woman - it makes me feel dirty when Ive done nothing wrong. I never want to feel like that again. You daren't take an interest in anyone's child for fear of what could interpreted as. I prefer being home alone than have the aloneness and miseryof attending church but being at hme toyou get into other things by losing touch with the faith. I dont go to church to feel like an outsider or a weirdo - nowhere else makes me feel like that.	Jun 21, 2012 6:01 PM
117	N/a	Jun 20, 2012 1:25 PM
118	It was same old, same old after attending from the age of 4 to 35... I also felt that nothing was guaged towards me.	Jun 20, 2012 12:35 PM
119	I attend my church twice on Sunday	Jun 20, 2012 11:49 AM
120	In the last 10 months or so it has been occassional because of the quality of the sermons. Prior to that, I attended church every week. Looking for a pentecostal church around as I don't want to travel far because of my disability.	Jun 20, 2012 8:43 AM
121	I used to go every week for many years, from making a commitment as a teenager right through to about the age of 30. But the older I got the harder it was to fit in without a partner, and the grief of being childless, but surrounded by those with children was harder and harder to bear the older I got. Now in my late 30s, with women I had taught in Sunday School now mothers and myself still alone, I find church more a source of pain and jealousy than comfort. I can just about remain with God if I remain away from church. That's probably not really correct and I'm no doubt getting things very wrong, but it's how I feel. Most times that I try to attend, the jealousy and grief leaves me in tears and bereft. If I stay away, I lose out on some things, but can at least remain mostly numb.	Jun 20, 2012 8:15 AM
122	I attend occasionally as I prefer that to a set routine although I read some scripture every day.	Jun 20, 2012 6:57 AM
123	clash of time constraints due to (work, golf..). Not feeling of belonging as not seen as a valuable member (like a couple with children etc)	Jun 19, 2012 12:10 PM



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124	I did attend a specific church locally, but left because I got fed up with people saying I should come more often and how disappointed they were that I didn't come more often. I am in the position where by a piece of luck (a relative was a writer) a film maker has decided to make a film of that and this has meant that anything to do with that and republishing this relative's work has involved a lot of work in the evenings and at weekends.	Jun 19, 2012 9:58 AM
125	Not gone very often since parents died. Brings back sad memories and I also don't like going on my own. Rest of family (siblings) don't go any more	Jun 17, 2012 12:48 PM
126	Having seen how church leaders can abuse their position in order to control and have power over people, I now find myself questioning the whole authority of the church (that is the man made thing we are told is church!)	Jun 17, 2012 11:38 AM
127	I have found after many years in church that a lot of the people were not genuine, and the particular church I attended pressured people a lot to give up their time.	Jun 16, 2012 9:40 AM
128	I am disabled and it is quite hard to shake off the effects of my meds in amorning	Jun 16, 2012 7:50 AM
129	Workingfull time and completing a degree at the moment	Jun 15, 2012 7:50 AM
130	Bad experiences	Jun 14, 2012 11:18 PM
131	Struggle	Jun 14, 2012 1:47 PM
132	Disillusioned	Jun 14, 2012 2:25 AM
133	Haven't found one I like in my area yet	Jun 12, 2012 4:31 PM
134	I'm looking for a new church to go to just now. I'm not sure where I quite fit in	Jun 11, 2012 2:49 PM
135	The major reason is that I find being in an environment where there are children and families around upsetting because I have not been given the opportunity by God to experience this in my life and now I won't be able to because I am too old to have a family myself. Although I have been very blessed in many ways and know that family life is not always easy I do feel I have really missed out in this respect. It is wonderful that churches have young families in it. But I feel that for middle aged single women there is a social 'gap', i.e. very few men of our age that are single. Although I love my female friends it is also good to be in male company and for the single woman once she has reached middle age whether in church or outside, there are few single men available and around to meet that need. Where do they go? What do they do?	Jun 11, 2012 12:33 AM
136	There is not a church in my locality which I fit in easily, or where there are a number of people in my life situation and age. But I also havent made enough effort to fit it, because I feed a sense of fellowship outside of the church with friends.	Jun 10, 2012 1:33 PM
137	have recently moved house/town. Find it painful to be around other 'normal' familiesconstantly. just not feeling the desire.	Jun 9, 2012 3:57 AM
138	Work and study commitments	Jun 8, 2012 2:55 AM
139	I'm a bit lazy sometimes on Sunday mornings, and have felt challenged by sermons sometimes. My sin has made me feel prohibited	Jun 7, 2012 7:30 PM

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140	I stopped attending my last church because I found it difficult being single/not in a close friendship with other members of my age.	Jun 7, 2012 4:03 PM
141	I find it too clicky and inward looking.	Jun 7, 2012 12:45 PM
142	i go midnight mass olny	Jun 7, 2012 8:59 AM
143	shyness	Jun 6, 2012 6:02 PM
144	no	Jun 6, 2012 2:46 PM
145	Recently split up with girlfriend- we attended church together. Trying to find a new one.	Jun 6, 2012 2:34 PM
146	Routine	Jun 6, 2012 4:03 AM
147	Do not feel part of congregation. Feel very much on the periphery. I feel a significant reason for me not being included is being single. Congregation is either families or significantly older than me and sometimes I feel invisible. Indeed, since not attending, I have had not contact from anyone.	Jun 6, 2012 1:55 AM
148	Partly working away from where I live. Partly because I don't find some churches very welcoming.	Jun 6, 2012 1:28 AM
149	I work Saturday nights	Jun 5, 2012 11:50 PM
150	working	Jun 5, 2012 4:51 PM
151	I have not been able to find a church that I feel at home in, also rather shy about trying new churches where I don't know anyone	Jun 5, 2012 2:16 PM
152	The church plant I attended folded. Also difficult when you've been a Christian couple in a church and people recognise you as such to then be accepted as a single person in your own right. The feeling that however people say they will not judge, in actual fact do so plus people do not know what to say to you or how to treat/talk to you.	Jun 5, 2012 2:15 PM
153	My place of worship is a long way away. Traditional type services to busy & wordy & lack depth/spirituality/spiritual understanding.	Jun 5, 2012 1:35 PM
154	I belong to an online church I have not as yet found a church.	Jun 5, 2012 1:16 PM
155	Difficult to get to on public transport	Jun 5, 2012 12:21 PM
156	Ill health	Jun 5, 2012 11:07 AM
157	I dont think you need to go to a church to pray or to be near God. I also work or need to supervise junior staff in a Sunday.	Jun 5, 2012 10:34 AM
158	because of personal health problems	Jun 5, 2012 10:30 AM
159	not important to me	Jun 5, 2012 10:29 AM
160	Too far away and expensive to park car	Jun 5, 2012 10:21 AM
161	Moved so much and it gets harder and harder to get to know new people and become a part of life in a new church	Jun 5, 2012 10:02 AM

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162	Bad experiences have put me off Don't feel I can be myself there	Jun 5, 2012 9:56 AM
163	I work for my church. Going again on Sunday just feels like another day at work!	Jun 5, 2012 9:54 AM
164	it has a church roof/ building fund but no outreach fund	Jun 5, 2012 9:53 AM
165	Just moved to the area - still looking for a church	Jun 4, 2012 1:53 PM
166	live rural	Jun 4, 2012 1:34 PM
167	my church its not close to my home and no buses so i have to rely on church people to give me lifts to it.if they dont turn up i miss church services on those sundays.	Jun 4, 2012 11:58 AM
168	have been completing part time degree	Jun 3, 2012 12:37 PM
169	Finding one that meets my theological requirements.	Jun 2, 2012 2:04 PM
170	moved recently	Jun 1, 2012 5:55 PM
171	I feel very lonely and find that people do not really include me, they have one image for single mothers that is the lady at the well	May 31, 2012 6:29 AM
172	Geography. There are two churches locally. One is the methodist in the village, but meetings are sporadic. The other is an Anglican and if you need the loo you would need to go behind one of the gravestones.	May 30, 2012 3:18 PM
173	i go to warrenton mo.chuch of God	May 30, 2012 2:04 PM
174	Live in hotel away from home during week, so can't really get into a church. Too knackered at weekend from long week to do anything, and attending church where you don't know anyone at all well is just a drain.	May 30, 2012 8:26 AM
175	My health can restrict me	May 29, 2012 7:14 AM
176	moved into this town 4.5yrs ago. not found an evangelical nor charismatic catholic church	May 28, 2012 7:43 PM
177	My daughter goes out on a saturday night and is not home till 4am i cannot sleep until she is home and find it very difficult to awake in time without feeling very tired	May 28, 2012 11:08 AM
178	t0o busy	May 27, 2012 10:17 AM
179	bad experience	May 27, 2012 9:02 AM
180	Disenchanted with treatment of single people, inability to talk about death & grief, and face tough questions, felt unsupported by people	May 25, 2012 1:20 PM
181	Because its shit and boring	May 25, 2012 8:24 AM
182	I feel I have lost my way some what. My Church, St. Pauls Hammersmith did very little to help me despite promises to meet up so I started to lose faith - which I found hard to deal with, coupled with the fact I was traveling a lot at the time.	May 25, 2012 3:50 AM
183	Difficult to find a church nearby that both myself and the children like and	May 20, 2012 8:31 AM

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	want to go to.	
184	Went to church most of my life. Felt sometimes that I left my Lord at the door when I went in and met Him again on the way out. Felt indoctrinated. Now work at having a relationship with God without someone telling me how I should.	May 20, 2012 8:17 AM
185	Difficulty finding a church that suits.	May 19, 2012 5:15 PM
186	work in one area, family and friends who see at weekend in a different area	May 19, 2012 2:43 PM
187	Recently moved house, not had the opportunity to explore local parish churches	May 19, 2012 12:47 PM
188	I have sleep problems, too tired at times	May 19, 2012 12:10 PM
189	Hhh	May 19, 2012 11:13 AM
190	convince	May 18, 2012 8:17 PM
191	Sometimes difficult as they tend to be very family orientated	May 16, 2012 9:52 AM
192	Church today are too compromising with the world. Very diluted preaching. Worship seems to be Luke warm and almost too pleasing to man. People in church not welcoming and look depressed.	May 16, 2012 7:51 AM
193	It's hard being single in a family orientated atmosphere. I did not grow up in the church and it is hard to build relationships among my peers. It almost seems to late at this age.	May 15, 2012 3:50 PM
194	Work very busy and when I get a weekend off, over the past few months, I have been visiting friends and normally that would mean going to their church	May 14, 2012 3:13 PM
195	I am currently between churches so searching for the right one.	May 12, 2012 8:49 AM
196	Too much work.	May 12, 2012 7:42 AM
197	care for elderly relative so difficult to find someone else to care for them	May 11, 2012 11:47 AM
198	not being fed at my old church and haven't found a new one i'm comfortable with	May 10, 2012 1:40 PM
199	I used to attend regularly and considered church important for my faith. 2 years ago I experienced a very negative situation in my church, and chose to leave. This has left me with major questions over the function of church and the concept of church community. It has also left me very uncertain as to where there may be a role for me in church as a single, independent woman.	May 10, 2012 6:55 AM
200	lazyness on my part	May 9, 2012 11:41 PM
201	have my doubts on sunday worship and christian churches celebrate the pagan festivals of christmas and easter	May 9, 2012 1:27 PM
202	I haven't a Church that serves my needs in my area	May 9, 2012 9:52 AM
203	I did attend a church regularly every week, but stopped going 7months ago because of the lack of support after my Mum died, and I had health	May 9, 2012 3:27 AM

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	problems, when I started to feel worse on leaving the church than on entering I decided it was better to leave.	
204	Not a very friendly church, particularly for a single person pushing 40 who has a child and has no capacity to join housegroup. I go to my former Church every time I'm visiting my home town because I have a loving Christian family there and can actually be in fellowship with them but Church in my new area, I would not choose to associate with these people.	May 8, 2012 11:32 AM
205	NOT FOUND ONE THAT HAS GOOD TEACHING AND GOOD WORSHIP IN MY AREA SO FAR	May 8, 2012 9:00 AM
206	Visiting parent or going out with a walking group or timing or style of service eg family service	May 8, 2012 1:11 AM
207	I was studying and fell out of the habit, but will be returning on a regular basic.	May 7, 2012 3:06 PM
208	The churches in my area are too evangelical, anti-intellectual and conservative for me. I also find that 'community' in church tends to be rather superficial which puts me off.	May 7, 2012 12:58 PM
209	I find church culture can be hurtful, unhelpful and downright oppressive to my growth as a single Christian woman.	May 7, 2012 12:08 PM
210	churches tend to be very family focussed- a lonely experience	May 7, 2012 9:44 AM
211	I am part of a house group community and we meet 4 times a month. When I'm not there, I occasionally visit other churches when there is a specific speaker or event. I also link in with many ministries which are not churches.	May 7, 2012 8:22 AM
212	Since moving here I have been working so hard and have not made the time to find a church. I am also a little scared of this since having had a bad experience of church a few years ago (although my last church was a fantastic community, so I don't know why it's so hard)	May 7, 2012 4:54 AM
213	Boring	May 7, 2012 4:21 AM
214	Attend church 1-2 times a week, and 2 churches in same parish	May 6, 2012 10:50 PM
215	They do not make it interesting when attending	May 6, 2012 1:24 PM
216	feel overwhelmed and don't know anybody there	May 6, 2012 1:10 PM
217	Depends on my mood - sometimes I like quieter more prayerful services and liturgy and sometimes like to be more 'loud' - is that classified as 'evangelical or charismatic? All the labels confuse me! Also depends on what support I can give and be given/need at that point in my life.	May 6, 2012 11:55 AM
218	Used to attend 5 or 6 times a week but bad experiences led me to leave. I do attend other churches but do not stay long enough to get embroiled.	May 6, 2012 11:07 AM
219	recently relocated so I am looking for a new church	May 6, 2012 9:56 AM
220	church doesn't seem to cater for single people. My church life is more around meeting socially with other single christians.	May 6, 2012 3:39 AM
221	churches are family orietated and focussed on them or students.	May 6, 2012 3:37 AM

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222	moved house. there is nowhere around which caters to my age group. everyone is either a youth or already married.	May 6, 2012 2:30 AM
223	I attend my home group every week, but not church. I find it socially isolating as a single as it is full of families and couples	May 6, 2012 2:01 AM
224	The discomfort of being single in an environment that's usually family orientated - and i feel theres lack of empathy for singles. I find Im a subject of curiosity - people regualrly question me about aspects of my life and not, i gauge, from a caring perspective but nosiness, to the extent of making inappropriate inferences about sexuality. To the point I now keep myself to myself. Its very soul wearing	May 5, 2012 3:27 PM
225	too traditional compared to church i use to attend.moved to a new area so unable to go to the church i went to for 12 years	May 5, 2012 1:59 PM
226	I am enjoying a break after being heavily involved for many years.	May 5, 2012 6:09 AM
227	only due to my shift pattern	May 4, 2012 8:09 PM
228	None around here suitable. All too old	May 4, 2012 3:48 PM
229	Mainstream churches are too hypocritical Barn churches are too woolly	May 4, 2012 2:56 PM
230	find people cold.	May 4, 2012 2:24 PM
231	I do attend regularly	May 4, 2012 2:23 PM
232	I do attend church regularly but recently it has been difficult for me with work and also am seeking the Lord as to where he wants me to worship	May 4, 2012 1:21 PM
233	I will try, but it is not easy, I do not feel like I feel like I fit in/other people make me feel like I do not fit in (albeit the latter very rarely) I am probably shy by nature, but usually try to pretend I am not. Probably does'nt come across as very natural.	May 4, 2012 11:45 AM
234	I am looking for a church in which I fit.	May 4, 2012 10:06 AM
235	I've only recently moved to this area, it's taking me a little while to settle in a church. I'll attend somewhere almost every week, just not the same place.	May 4, 2012 8:41 AM
236	to meet more people	May 4, 2012 6:50 AM
237	I used to attend every Sunday, go to conferences etc.and was very active. I felt excluded (eg only married couples ran home groups), that my skills and experience weren't valued, and that church was more about families and children than building God's kingdom.	May 4, 2012 6:50 AM
238	Lazy depresdion	May 4, 2012 2:05 AM
239	Partly due to location and personal circumstances but also, folllowing years of committed Christian service, since separation as a result of difficult family circumstances I now see most Churches / Christians to be driven by power / control / head knowledge rather than being driven by real compassion and love in the sense of mourning with those who mourn and sharing one another's burdens.	May 3, 2012 5:20 PM
240	Work, Haven't found suitable church.	May 3, 2012 1:58 PM

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241	I have chronic fatigue and visit my father or sleep at the weekends!	May 3, 2012 1:22 PM
242	too tired after work and need extra sleep	May 3, 2012 11:44 AM
243	I used to be a regular attender and was very committed. Over time my interest in the Church dropped and I became more and more upset about the way I felt it treated me as a single person. It became so upsetting that I felt I needed to leave for the sake of my psychological wellbeing. I have not been since March 2011 and have to admit that I do feel a lot better since I have left. This saddens me that the only solution in the end was to leave. I wish it could have been some other way. Overall I have left feeling very disrespected, used and angry.	May 3, 2012 10:51 AM
244	my work	May 3, 2012 9:49 AM
245	Traditional church has ceased to helpful on my spiritual journey. I attend a contemplative cafe church monthly and am involved in ecumenical prayer groups. I go on retreat several times a year.	May 3, 2012 9:23 AM
246	Rarely near my hone on the weekend at the moment.	May 3, 2012 9:02 AM
247	no not realy	May 3, 2012 7:55 AM
248	Church for me is all about relationship, with God and with people. A church service doesn't allow for that reality of relationship, where it is a two way thing.	May 3, 2012 5:32 AM
249	i felt lonely there	May 3, 2012 5:19 AM
250	work	May 3, 2012 4:13 AM
251	Health problems	May 3, 2012 3:20 AM
252	lack of community	May 3, 2012 12:44 AM
253	time restraints	May 2, 2012 10:45 PM
254	Feel disapointed with God and the church social centre...would rather spend a day in a social setting such as deep sea diving, rather than go to church for an hour and spend the rest of the day alone	May 2, 2012 6:38 PM
255	not necessary	May 2, 2012 4:14 PM
256	I have not found a church that I feel I belong to.	May 2, 2012 3:56 PM
257	no time, dont know anybody, dont like to go alone	May 2, 2012 3:14 PM
258	a bad experiance at the last church	May 2, 2012 2:56 PM
259	I cannot find a church that is devoted only to bible teachings - so much tradition which is not pure.	May 2, 2012 2:32 PM
260	there was a split in my last church and i haven,t found a new church yet to settle in	May 2, 2012 1:52 PM
261	Lonely going on own when in thirties, you feel odd one out.	May 2, 2012 1:51 PM
262	Difficulty finding a niche.	May 2, 2012 1:34 PM

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263	I suffer from social anxiety and any large gathering is very difficult for me. Also it does seem that churches don't want to know about single people over 30.	May 2, 2012 1:23 PM
264	Work Commitments/Allowing my colleague who is also a Curate to do his job	May 2, 2012 1:12 PM
265	I feel I am meant to just live my faith for a while... until God tells me otherwise My view of church is much less formal than the traditional view...	May 2, 2012 12:55 PM
266	look after children of different faiths	May 2, 2012 12:20 PM
267	I work away from home. This makes for long days at work, which means that I am pretty tired at weekend. I don't need any more chores; and church is usually a chore.	May 2, 2012 11:03 AM
268	I attend every week!	May 2, 2012 10:59 AM
269	Away many weekends - only chance to see family. Lack of time. No good church in vicinity.	May 2, 2012 10:16 AM
270	Don't know anyone there	May 2, 2012 10:04 AM
271	Do normally attend church but looking for a suitable one at the moment	May 2, 2012 9:57 AM
272	too far to attend	May 2, 2012 9:57 AM
273	Don't like going on my own	May 2, 2012 9:49 AM
274	Child	May 2, 2012 9:29 AM
275	I worked for my Church and was made redundant after 7 years. I cannot bring myself to attend now.	May 2, 2012 9:21 AM
276	apathy, bad experiences in past	May 2, 2012 9:21 AM
277	Single people are not catered for	May 2, 2012 9:19 AM
278	go away at weekendds	May 2, 2012 9:07 AM
279	Not got a good circle of friends. Lost sense of belonging.	May 2, 2012 8:53 AM
280	Health Grounds (tiredness)	May 2, 2012 8:52 AM
281	I can't always manage to get church due to health reasons restricting me from going.	May 2, 2012 8:11 AM
282	lazy	May 2, 2012 7:51 AM
283	I do not like the worship. The "music" is a barrier to, rather than an encouragement to entering in to the presence of the Lord. It is very loud, untuneful, without proper beat and rythmn and with poor words	May 2, 2012 7:38 AM
284	Not enough for people my age- especially single Christians	May 2, 2012 7:26 AM
285	no single people my age	May 2, 2012 7:25 AM
286	Have recently moved to a rural area after being in an active church in London. Finding a church with people I can relate to is proving difficult. Also	May 2, 2012 7:20 AM



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	going to a church you don't know alone is difficult	
287	Finding one that meets my theological preferences.	May 2, 2012 7:14 AM
288	Mainly because they aren't biblical anymore, most of them don't follow the Bible, they just follow their own interpretation of it.	May 2, 2012 6:38 AM
289	I collect my son from school every Sunday and the time taken to travel to collect him is when I would be in church.	May 2, 2012 6:37 AM
290	poor mobility	May 2, 2012 6:34 AM
291	Lack of time and energy. Also work every other weekend. Sunday mornings are prime time.	May 2, 2012 6:30 AM
292	Supporting elderly parents at weekend.	May 2, 2012 6:25 AM
293	No valid reason	May 2, 2012 6:25 AM
294	Dont beleive you have to regularly go to church to be a christian	May 2, 2012 6:22 AM
295	Lack of welcome Poor preaching Inward focus	May 1, 2012 7:00 AM
296	I have never been a church goer. Also I find it difficult to have a nice community life in liberal and reformed churches (as I am not a fan of evangelical churches).	Apr 5, 2012 3:57 AM