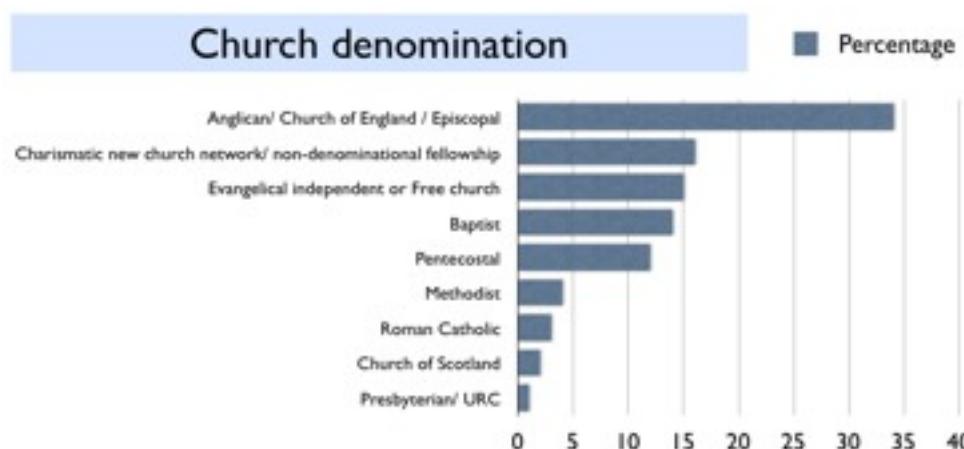


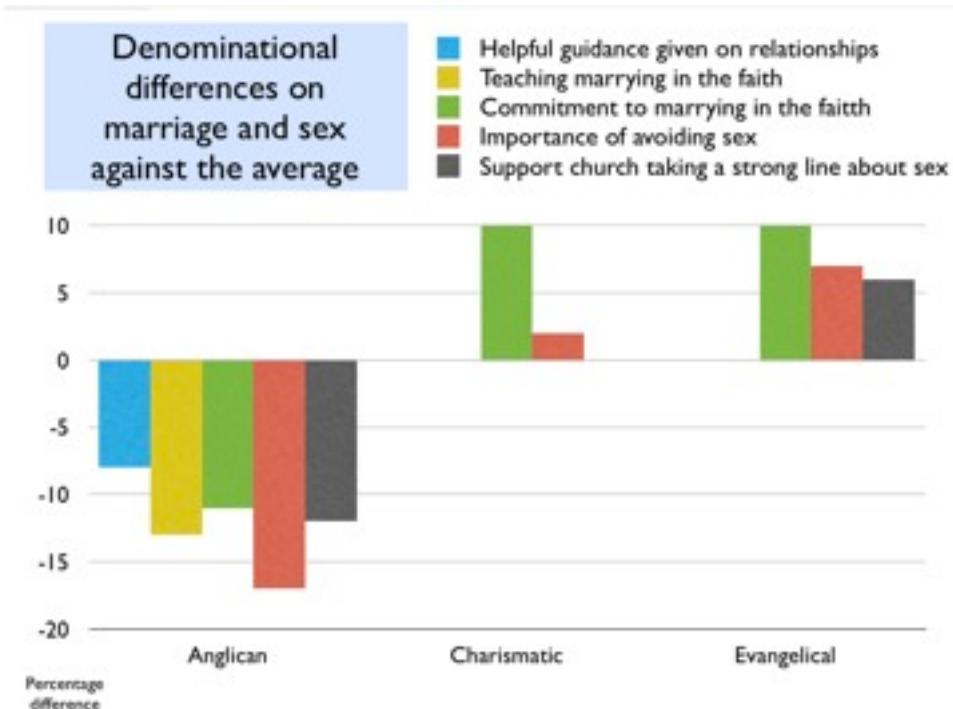
CHURCH DENOMINATIONS

Summary

Differences between church denominations were not as marked as those between types of church. The following were represented in the survey:



The main differences between the largest denominations was the degree to which they were concerned about sexual morality and marrying other Christians. Anglicans said that their churches were least concerned about this.



Overview.

A number of denominations were represented in the survey. In addition, 8% noted they were 'Other'.

34 %	Anglican/ Church of England / Episcopal
16 %	Charismatic new church network/ non-denominational fellowship
15 %	Evangelical independent or Free church
14 %	Baptist
12 %	Pentecostal
4 %	Methodist
3 %	Roman Catholic
2 %	Church of Scotland
1 %	Presbyterian/ URC

The largest denominations in the survey were sequentially tested against all the others for differences. Although there were differences for the top three, no differences were found for the fourth, the Baptist church, compared to the average response. For reasons of resource the sequential testing was then agreed to be ended as the type of church was considered to be more important and interesting. The Anglican church, for example, contains within it many individual churches who would more closely associate themselves with other evangelical or charismatic churches.

The following differences were found:

Members of the Anglican church:

- More agreed than not that the ethos of the church is too feminine and not attractive to the average single man.
- There is less guidance from the church leader on relationships and issues of singleness.
- Although over half (52%) of all the members denominations say that they have heard their church leader say that Christians should marry only those that share their faith, this is 39% in the Anglican church.
- Being single members enjoy less the space and time to devote themselves to prayer (42%) than other denominations (51%).
- Anglicans are the most frequent daters; 46% rather than the rest 39% have dated quite often or a few times in the last year.
- They think that it is less likely they will meet a potential partner through church or church related events (55% compared to 60%),
- See more possibilities in pubs or clubs than others (41% compared to 33%)

- And fewer believe in leaving this part of their lives to God (25% compared to 34%).
- They are distinctive in being less interested in attending an event or conference to help raise awareness of singleness issues (24% compared to average 30%).

Members of the Charismatic churches:

- socialise more with close friends at least once a week (56% compared to 45%)
- if single women, are more concerned about the gender imbalance affecting their chances of finding a husband (55% compared to 45%)
- have wanted to discuss singleness with one of their church leaders one to one more (10% more)
- are more interested in having counselling about singleness and relationships issues (32% compared to 26%)
- feel that their church could encourage single members more by having single leaders (43% compared to 29%)

Members of Anglican and Charismatic share one thing in common. They both socialise generally more than other denominations (respectively 45% and 50% compared to 35%).

Marriage and sex

Members of the three most attended churches showed differences in their statements about marriage and sex:

- Fewer than 5 in 10 Anglicans would never marry a non-Christian (49%), whereas the average is 6 in 10 (60%) and Charismatic and Evangelical independent churches are 7/10 (70%).
- Anglicans think it less of utmost importance to avoid sex before marriage (33%) compared to the average (50%) and Evangelical independent(52%) and Charismatic churches (57%). They are less fine that it belongs only in marriage (45%) compared to 52% average and 60% Charismatic.
- Members of the Anglican church are less supportive of the Church taking a strong and strict line against sex outside of and before marriage (27%) compared to average 39% and Evangelical independent 45%.

DIFFERENCES BY DENOMINATION

Methodology

All relationships presented below are derived from identified associations which are significant at the $P < 0.001$ level.

(Although $P < 0.05$ is the conventional level of significance employed in scientific research, a more stringent threshold was used in this study, in order to account for multiple testing. Applying this more stringent P -value threshold substantially reduces the amount of false-positives reported from the data / information collected in this survey).

The following statistically significant differences by type of church attended were identified (associations were tested for Anglican, Baptist, Charismatic new church, Evangelical Independent:

- Acceptance by the church:

The ethos of the church is too feminine, it is not very attractive to the average single man (Strongly agree / agree)

Church Type	%
Anglican	37.5
All others	32.4

(Positivity Rating)

Church Type	%
Anglican	0.05
All others	-0.03

- How helpful do you find your church leader's advice on relationships and issues of singleness?

They give very little guidance

Church Type	%
Anglican	47.9
All others	40.6

- Have you ever discussed singleness with one of your church leaders on a one to one basis?

No, have never wanted to

Church Type	%
Charismatic	32.7

All others	42.9
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- Have you heard your church leader(s) teach that Christians should only marry those who share their faith?

Yes, strongly

Church Type	%
Anglican	38.8
All others	52.0

- Being single I enjoy:

- The space and time to devote myself to faith/prayer

Strongly agree/agree

Church Type	%
Anglican	41.5
All others	50.7

- Frequency of involvement in socialising / activities / hobbies:

- Socialising with close friends

At least once each week

Church Type	%
Charismatic	56.4
All others	45.3

- Socialising generally

At least once each week

Church Type	%
Anglican	44.8
Charismatic	49.5
All others	35.2

- Frequency of dates:

- I go on dates quite often / I have been on a few dates in the last year

Church Type	%
Anglican	45.6
All others	38.9

- Best way to meet potential partners:

- Through church and church related events

Church Type	%
Anglican	54.9
Charismatic	68.9
All others	59.8

- Going to pubs or clubs

Church Type	%
Anglican	41.2
All others	33.4

- I believe in leaving this part of my life to God

Church Type	%
Anglican	24.6
All others	34.3

- Could there be any circumstances in which you would marry a non-Christian?

No, I can't see I would ever marry a non-Christian

Church Type	%
Anglican	48.4
Charismatic	69.4
Evangelical Independent	69.2
All others	60.2

- What is your view on sex before marriage?

Sex belongs only in marriage and I am fine with that

Church Type	%
Anglican	44.7
Charismatic	59.9
All others	51.9

- How important is it to avoid sex before marriage for you, as a practising Christian?

The most important

Church Type	%
Anglican	32.8
Charismatic	56.6
Evangelical Independent	52.2
All others	49.9

- What do you think of the church's attitude towards and teaching on sexual ethics?

The church is right to take a strong and strict line against sex outside of and before marriage and speak out against it

Church Type	%
Anglican	26.8
Evangelical Independent	44.5
All others	39.4

- In general, there are more women in the church than men. How do you feel about this?

I am concerned because it lessens the chance of me finding a husband

Church Type	%
Charismatic	54.8
All others	45.1

- If you had access to a Christian counselling service, through your church, with whom to discuss issues around singleness and relationships, would you use it?

I would be very interested in having some counselling as soon as it becomes available

Church Type	%
Charismatic	32.1
All others	23.5

- Would you be interested in attending an event or conference which might help raise awareness of singleness issues?

Yes, definitely

Church Type	%
Anglican	23.5
All others	29.5

- How do you feel your own church could better encourage its single members? (you can select more than one option):

Encourage singles in leadership roles

Church Type	%
Charismatic	42.6
All others	28.2