

Online Sacraments survey

Introduction

This questionnaire is part of a project by Ship of Fools investigating online sacraments. Anonymous summaries of the answers given may be used in articles and publications prepared by Ship of Fools. These statistics – excluding verbatim textual responses – may also be provided to third-parties with a research interest in this area. Your email address and any other information that identifies you will not be published or shared.

You must be at least eighteen years old to take part in this survey.

If you are willing to complete the questionnaire on this basis, please tick one of the following statements:

- “Ship of Fools may publish all information provided by me on this questionnaire that does not identify me individually.”
- “Ship of Fools may only publish information provided by me on this questionnaire in summary form (eg frequency of response, summary of text responses by category).”

About You

You are

- a woman
- a man

In what year were you born?

- Before 1920 1920s 1930s 1940s 1950s 1960s 1970s 1980s 1990s
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What language do you speak most fluently?

- English

Other (please specify)

In which country are you currently resident?

- The United Kingdom Africa
- Europe excluding UK Asia
- North America Australasia
- South America

You and Church

What is the denomination or description of the church you attend most frequently (excluding any online churches)?

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How often have you attended this church over the last twelve months?

Most weeks	Most months	A few times a year	Rarely or never
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You and Social Media

Over the last twelve months, how often have you used the following social media?

	Most days	Most weeks	Most months	Rarely or never
Commenting on blogs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Twitter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chatrooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Virtual worlds such as Second Life, World of Warcraft...	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Writing blog entries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pinterest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Forums	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facebook	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Networked games such as Minecraft, Halo...	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Path	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Google+	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You and Online Church

Please describe your knowledge of and involvement in the following online church projects.

	Never heard of it	Heard of it, never visited	Visited at least once in the past	Visit at least once a month
St Pixels	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Church of Fools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Anglican Cathedral in Second Life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
"Church Online" by LifeChurch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I-Church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Overall, how would you evaluate your experience of online church?

Very positive	Positive	Neither positive nor negative	Negative	Very negative	Too little experience to say
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You and Sacraments

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To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Any Christian can lead communion/eucharist.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Christ is present in communion/eucharist in a unique way.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is no need for communion/eucharist to dwell on events of the past.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communion/eucharist is a sacrifice offered to God.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I could not participate in sacraments that were not conducted in a way consistent with my own beliefs and tradition.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bread and wine are just examples of a typical meal – it doesn't matter what we eat and drink during communion/eucharist.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I sometimes wish we could skip communion/eucharist in our church services.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communion/eucharist is mainly about remembering Christ's death.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If I never took communion/eucharist again it wouldn't be a big deal for me;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The presence of Christ is no more or less real during communion/eucharist than at any other time.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is something special and unique about the food and/or drink that I consume during communion/eucharist.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I take communion it doesn't matter much to me who else is there.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I generally look forward to the part of an act of worship where communion/eucharist takes place.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communion/eucharist is one means by which	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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salvation through Christ becomes effective in my life.

The sacrament of communion/eucharist is central to my spiritual life.

Communion/eucharist is no more than a symbol of what God has already done once and for all through Christ.

For me, communion/eucharist must be an expression of the life of a faith community.

The Second Coming rarely enters my thoughts during communion/eucharist.

Communion/eucharist is only valid when an ordained minister/priest leads it.

When I participate in communion/eucharist I am reminded of Christ's promise to return for his Church.

Communion/eucharist celebrates the salvation which all Christians receive fully at their conversion.

I am happy to fit in with however sacraments are practised in whichever faith community I find myself.

You and Online Sacraments

Have you ever participated in some form of sacramental event online?

Yes No

Would you consider participating in some form of online sacramental event in the future?

Yes No

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What if anything excites you most about the concept of online sacraments?

What if anything disturbs you most about the concept of online sacraments?

Experiments with Online Sacraments

We plan to run a series of six experiments with online sacraments over the next few months, using a variety of social media. We are looking for participants who are participating in communion/eucharist regularly or occasionally in an offline church, who can take part in at least four of the six experiments, and who will be willing to complete a short questionnaire after each experiment. The anonymous statistics provided on the questionnaires will be used as the basis of an academic report (probably a journal article) and may also be used in articles on the Ship of Fools website. Participants will be able to decide whether their answers to open-ended questions may be quoted verbatim. The anonymised statistics (not including the text of any open-ended questions) may also be made available to selected third-parties with a research interest in this area.

If you would be interested in participating in this series of experiments, please provide your email address here...