LEAVING THE CHURCH FOR WICCA

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There is a startling report in the Telegraph which claims that 50,000 women a year are leaving the church and taking up pagan religions. Apparently, this is partly inspired by Buffy the Vampire Slayer!

> *The old-fashioned attitudes and hierarchies of churches are causing a steep decline in the number of female worshippers, according to an academic study*
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> *The report claims more than 50,000 women a year have deserted their congregations over the past two decades because they feel the church is not relevant to their lives.*
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> *It says that instead young women are becoming attracted to the pagan religion Wicca, where females play a central role, which has grown in popularity after being featured positively in films, TV shows and books. (read more)*

Now, you might react to this by thinking that Buffy isn't real, why would people be inspired by a TV programme. But that is to fail to realise the majority view of the Church in the UK today. Most people in Britain don't believe that the Christian story is any more real than Buffy. This is the reality of multicultural and multi-religious environment. And rather than lamenting that people are daft enough to be inspired by a TV series in this way, we should be wondering how come we let the Gospel of Jesus Christ become so unnatractive and confused that a Saturday night TV thriller seems to offer a better answer to the big questions of life.