



JUST POLITICS

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Just Politics is written to help not-too-well-informed Christians to use their vote wisely in the coming election. It's an easy read, being composed of many small items averaging about a page each. It starts with messages from each of the three main party leaders (or should one say the two main party leaders plus Nick Clegg?!). There are a number of contributions from three Christian MPs, one from each party, who explain how their Christian faith translates into political discipleship. Nothing is assumed and there are definitions of basic terms such as democracy, MP and election. A brief description is given of the top ten political parties — but surely the BNP is more significant than the Respect Party? Ignoring them won't make them go away. Also, I was amused to see the Labour Party described as Socialist since the words Socialism/t never appear in their manifesto.

It is good to see that LST is well represented. Three of the contributors are former students (Joel Edwards, Lyndon Bowring and Ruth Valerio) and one of the MPs (Gary Streeter) is the father of a former student. The editor is an Associate Research Fellow of LST.

This is a useful guide and stimulus for any Christians who may be wondering why to vote or whether to get more involved in politics and for those who are confused about some of the basics of our political system. Those who know where they stand on these issues will want to look elsewhere — or maybe keep a copy of the book to lend to others.

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