

Christians urged to vote on 6 May

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Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Church leaders have united to urge all Christians to vote on 6 May.

The leaders of the three Churches have encouraged Christians to read the parties' manifestos, question their local candidates on key policies, and vote on the issues which matter to them.

The Revd Roberta Rominger, General Secretary of the United Reformed Church says: "As Christians we're committed to principles of justice, peace and equality for all, regardless of race, gender or background. The General Election on 6 May gives all who are registered and ready to vote an importance and influence that we only enjoy every four or five years. We urge you to use your vote responsibly. Think mindfully about the issues that are important to you, take time to consider and discover which parties will best provide solutions you're comfortable with, and vote accordingly."

The Revd David Gamble, President of the Methodist Church in Britain, stresses the importance of the vote, saying: "The Churches' agenda is to promote justice, equality and freedom for all. By staying away from the polling booth we let people with an agenda of fear and discrimination elect our representatives. We must never forget it was only a few generations ago that women were not permitted to vote in this country, and many Christians overseas live in countries without regular free and fair elections. We do a disservice to those who fought for the vote if we don't use this opportunity to make our voices heard."

The Revd Jonathan Edwards, General Secretary of the Baptist Union, adds: "The Faith in Politics booklet has enabled people to explore key campaign issues. From support for those seeking sanctuary to creating a more equitable tax system, we have challenged our members to tackle policy not personalities. In the days leading up to polling day I would encourage all Christians to pray and reflect on what we want the next local and national governments to achieve, and to vote to make it happen on 6 May."