Faith, Politics and Belonging Tour – October 27-31 2024

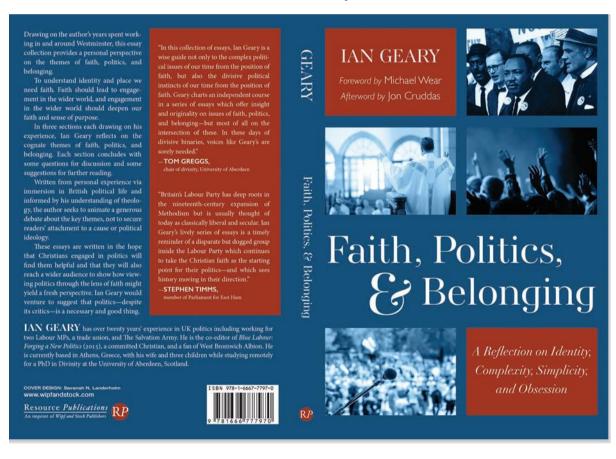
7pm, Sunday 27 October – Making Sense and *Launch of Faith,Politics and Belonging*, St John the Evangelist, Station Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9HT – hosted by Reverend Paul Butler

7.30pm-9.30pm, Tuesday 29 October - Launch of Faith, Politics and Belonging, City Hope Church, 121 Drummond Road, Bermondsey, London SE16 2JY – hosted by Paul Brown, Elder, City Hope Church

3pm -5pm, Thursday 31 October – Panel Debate in association with 'Faith in Labour', *What now for the Christian tradition in the Labour Party?*', The Jubilee Room, House of Commons – hosted by Rt Hon Sir Stephen Timms MP

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Copies of Faith, Politics and Belonging will be available for £12 in cash at the events in Waterbeach and Bermondsey.



## Comments on Faith, Politics and Belonging

"Britain's Labour Party has deep roots in the nineteenth-century expansion of Methodism but is usually thought of today as classically liberal and secular. Ian Geary's lively series of essays is a timely reminder of a disparate but dogged group inside the Labour Party which continues to take the Christian faith as the starting point for their politics—and which sees history moving in their direction."

## -STEPHEN TIMMS.

member of Parliament for East Ham

'If we don't have souls and love isn't the ultimate reality, why should we bother with a politics of justice and compassion? In a comprehensive series of short essays, Ian Geary updates the crucial traditions of religious socialism for our time. His personal and accessible approach to postliberalism or 'left conservatism' means that, for the first time in print, this politics is being \*performed\* and not just discussed, without being in any way theoretically diluted. Such an approach is crucial, because at the core of postliberalism lies a desire to replace the technocratic with the interpersonal. If this core is not communicated to a large audience, it cannot ever become a mass movement. Geary has inaugurated that process.

Professor John Milbank

"In this collection of essays, Ian Geary is a wise guide not only to the complex political issues of our time from the position of faith, but also the divisive political instincts of our time from the position of faith. Geary charts an independent course in a series of essays which offer insight and originality on issues of faith, politics, and belonging—but most of all on the intersection of these. In these days of divisive binaries, voices like Geary's are sorely needed."

**—TOM GREGGS,** 

chair of divinity, University of Aberdeen

## Professor Tom Greggs, Chair of Divinity, University of Aberdeen

"Here, you'll find political vision honest enough to express doubt, and political commitment clear-eyed enough to hold tension. Geary leaves behind the tribal fandom of his football team and advances a view of politics, but not as an arena in that we must pick a team and then work up certainty about the rightness of that team—no matter what it does.

Instead, Geary finds his political interest and involvement rooted in his Christian faith and oriented toward the common good. Geary's politics is occupied with the well-being of persons, particularly as they find themselves in relationship with one another."

Michael Wear, Founder, President and CEO of The Center for Christianity and Public Life