

Resisting extreme right political movements

TEN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CHURCH IN BRITAIN

‘THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE YEAST’

1 Speak humbly

Acknowledge Christian complicity (historic and contemporary).

2 Disavow violence

Speak clearly at senior denominational level.

3 Avoid stereotypes

E.g. of Muslim illiberality or White working class racism.

4 Promote dialogue

But be attentive to hijacking by bad actors.

5 Be curious

The causes of far-right ideology are complex and nuanced.

6 Tackle key drivers

Such as deprivation and marginalisation.

7 Be prophetic

Demonstrate radical love; practice creative nonviolent protest.

8 Fund youth work

To help prevent the radicalisation of young people.

9 Build biblical literacy

Theological education and the training of ministers matters.

10 Learn from history

Draw on the wisdom of dissenting traditions.

SEE *THE CHURCH, THE FAR RIGHT, AND THE CLAIM TO CHRISTIANITY*,
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