

Those Who Show Up

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"It's about more than making a mark on a ballot paper. It's about making your mark on society."

This book won't try to get you to vote for a particular party. It isn't going to try to get you to vote at all. Something far better.

It's going to show you that you could be voted *for*. That it could be your name on the ballot paper. Or that you could be working with someone else, whose name is. Or that you could be influencing your community more than you ever imagined.

The church is doing an amazing job treating the victims of a sick system. And we could get stuck into being the nation's paramedic for many years. But it's never going to be enough. And unless we get involved in the decision-making process nothing will really change.

God cares deeply about the heart of our state, as well as the state of our hearts. And, as Bart Simpson once famously discovered, the vote is won – and history is made, and the kingdom advanced – by those who show up.

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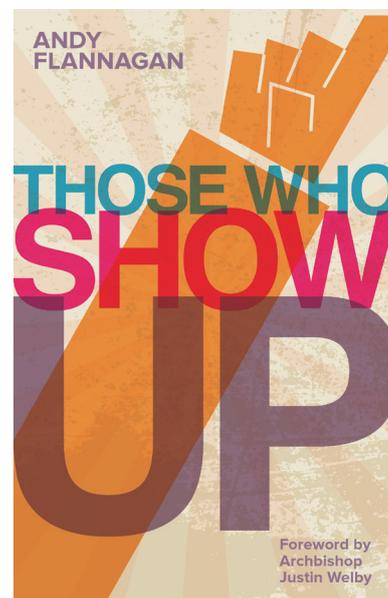
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Readership

- Those who feel a call to political involvement, but don't know where to start
- Those involved with social action projects (such as food banks and debt counselling) and are motivated now to tackle the root causes
- Those not yet motivated by politics – but their friends think they should be.

Key Selling Points

- Topical in run up to election.
- Appeals to those from all parties, not one over another, and encourages working together.
- Gives the church tools and strategy to tackle root causes of injustice, rather than simply alleviating the symptoms (like food banks and debt counselling).
- Well-informed, with an acute but objective insider's perspective.
- Gives strong biblical justification for political engagement.
- Practical, explaining how anyone can get involved and serve their community at a grass roots level.



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