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# ***Free to Believe National Conference 2020***

## ***30 July – 1 August***

***At High Leigh Conference Centre  
Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 8SG***

# **Liberal Theology: What is liberal faith and what does it offer to the world?**

The liberal option is of a faith that changes and develops to meet the needs of the contemporary world. It stands for a faith that is open, inclusive and socially radical. In our time it has been championed among others by John Robinson, Paul Tillich, Jack Spong and Martin Luther King. Without it theology too easily becomes a shrivelled, narrow, bigoted discourse. Instead it looks for a liberating faith.

**Speakers: Gary Dorrien,  
Peter Brain, Alex Clare-Young  
and Alison Micklem**

**Gary Dorrien** - Gary is Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York and Professor of Religion at Columbia University. He has written extensively on the social meaning of the gospel. He recently wrote 'Breaking White Supremacy' on Martin Luther King.

**Peter Brain** - Peter is a former Church and Society Secretary of the URC and author of 'The knowable God'.

**Alex Clare-Young** - Alex is a minister of the United Reformed Church; currently serving as Community Leader at Peter's House, Hull, and conducting doctoral research into the theologies of trans Christians. As a transmasculine person, Alex is a passionate advocate for people who identify as transgender or who do not conform to the gender binary. Alex's first book 'Transgender. Christian. Human' will be published in 2020.

To learn more about Revd Alex Clare-Young, please visit [www.transgenderchristianhuman.com](http://www.transgenderchristianhuman.com).

**Alison Micklem** – Alison served the URC as a Church-Related Community Worker for 15 years before her ordination in 2014. Now minister of St. Columba's, York, her focus remains on faith which engages with its context and community. She recently published the Hymnological Autobiography 'Looking for a Voice', started by her father Caryl, the final chapter of which tells something of her own story. Her connection with Free to Believe is long-standing, and she has chaired a number of conferences and reading parties: this will be her first appearance as a speaker.

**The Free to Believe National Conference will be held at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 8SG from 30 July to 1 August 2020**

(afternoon tea on Thursday to lunch on Saturday) £185 per person (ensuite)/£160 (non-ensuite) non-refundable deposit £30 (balance by end May 2020)

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*On this occasion we have a good number of ensuite rooms, but these are limited in number – **BOOK EARLY TO RESERVE ENSUITE ROOMS!*** **Preference:** non-ensuite @ £160 ensuite @ £185

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