



Mission & Outreach

at St Andrew's Church Bedford

National Charity Option Five:

COST OF LIVING AND FINANCIAL POVERTY

More than 14.4 million people in the UK struggle with poverty. Charitable support is vital in providing relief, advocating for change, and promoting financial literacy. We are called to care for the poor.

BIBLE QUOTES:

Old Testament:

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and will be repaid in full." –
Proverbs 19:17

New Testament:

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." - 1 Timothy 6:17-18

THE ISSUE:

Cost of living and financial poverty refer to the struggle of individuals and families to meet basic needs due to low income and high expenses. This includes challenges in accessing housing, healthcare, education, and adequate nutrition, highlighting the need for economic support and policy interventions.

STATISTICS:

As of 2021/22, approximately 14.4 million people in the UK were living in poverty. This includes 8.1 million working-age adults, 4.2 million children, and 2.1 million pensioners. Moreover, 6 million people, or 4 in 10 people in poverty, were in 'very deep' poverty, with an income far below the standard poverty line. (Joseph Rowntree Foundation)

REASON TO SUPPORT: MISSION ACTION PLAN FIT – KINSHIP

Charitable support for the cost of living and financial poverty is essential in providing immediate relief, teaching financial skills, and advocating for systemic change. These organisations foster community support, conduct research, and bridge gaps in public services, playing a vital role in addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by individuals and communities struggling with financial poverty.