



# Mission & Outreach

at **St Andrew's**  
**Church** Bedford

INTERNATIONAL CHARITY THEME 2026 **OPTION FOUR:**

## HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Human rights and social justice issues involve protecting fundamental freedoms, promoting equality, and ensuring fair treatment for all individuals. These concerns are enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and include LGBTQI rights.

### BIBLE QUOTES:

**Old Testament:** "Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause." (Isaiah 1:17)

**New Testament:** "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

### STATISTICS:

- Worldwide, 340 million Christians face high to extreme levels of persecution for their faith.
- Globally, women and girls account for 71% of all identified human trafficking victims.
- A record breaking 122 million people were forcibly displaced by war, violence, and persecution by the end of June.'

### WHY SUPPORT:

Supporting human rights and social justice aligns with the Christian principles of loving one's neighbour and promoting dignity for all of God's creation.