

# VISION NIGHT 2017

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# Psalm 25

In you, LORD my God,

I put my trust.

<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, LORD,

teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my Saviour,

and my hope is in you all day long.

# The Challenges Ahead

- 6000 teenagers can't be held with in the education system in Oxfordshire because of a diagnosed mental health issue
- Britain is facing a “crisis of fatherlessness” in which almost half of all children born today will not be living with both parents by the time they are 15. – Andy Cook CEO Centre for Social Justice 2017.
- By the age of five 48% of children in low-income families are not living with both parents.
- Supporting parenting should be a top priority for those trying to tackle poverty. - Christian Guy former CEO Centre for Social Justice 2017.

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- On average three children in every Oxfordshire classroom suffer from a diagnosable mental health disorder. - Oxfordshire Children's Needs Analysis 2015
- Over half (51%) of all people aged 75 and over live alone (Office of National Statistics, 2010) – Campaign to End Loneliness
- The number of people in Oxfordshire over the age of 85 is expected to double in the next 20 years.
- 16-17% of working people in our region are home workers, this is increasing and is one of the highest ranked areas in Britain for numbers of home workers. (ONS 2014)

## Isaiah 58:6-7

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

# Our Response

We have identified 5 groups of people within our own community who we see as the most in need of support going forward:

- Parents of young children
- Lonely and Isolated
- Vulnerable families
- Youth/children
- Home Workers

# Ben Osman – Cogges New Youth Worker



The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook profile for the Evangelical Alliance. The profile picture consists of three overlapping circles in dark blue, teal, and yellow. The name 'Evangelical Alliance' is displayed with a verified badge, and the handle '@evangelicalalliance' is shown below it. A navigation menu on the left includes 'Home', 'About', and 'Photos'. The main content area features a cover photo with the text 'evangelical alliance together making Jesus known' and the same three-circle logo. Below the cover photo are interaction buttons for 'Like', 'Comment', and 'Share'. The post shows 3 likes and 1 share. A comment box is visible with the placeholder text 'Write a comment...'. At the bottom, a post from the Evangelical Alliance is partially visible, dated '21 February at 15:54', with the text: 'Did you know 86 per cent of people who come to faith in the UK are under 25? All this week, Great Commission are focusing on reaching young'.

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# Pursuing the Presence of God

## Exodus 33

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, ‘You have been telling me, “Lead these people,” but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, “I know you by name and you have found favour with me.”’ <sup>13</sup> If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.’

<sup>14</sup> The LORD replied, ‘My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses said to him, ‘If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.’