



*“Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins  
and will raise up the age-old foundations;  
you will be called repairer of broken walls,  
restorer of streets with dwellings.”*  
(Isaiah 58:12)



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So often these days when I turn on the TV, open a newspaper or switch on the radio I am left shaking my head, wondering who is bringing leadership to the UK. Where are the men and women of integrity, honour and truth?

As I read daily of the crises that rock the foundations of many of our nations’ institutions – our governments, our banks, our police – I’m reminded of how weak we as human beings are and yet how much responsibility we have.

The UK’s leadership is failing on so many levels as the country moves further and further away from God.

**That is why we need you, as committed supporters of the Alliance, to help us raise up leaders from our congregations and put Christian voices into the public sphere.**

With our new Public Leadership programme, we are committed to a long-term vision for the Church to have a strong culture of leadership in the public sphere. We will work with Alliance member churches across the UK to train, equip and encourage men and women like you and me to step up into the public sphere and take the lead.

We’re convinced this is an important part of God’s redemptive mission in the world and a core part of the Alliance’s work to unify and give a voice to the Church. We’re determined to see God’s people become effective voices for good in their communities.

Our heritage is rich with examples of evangelical Christians who have been leaders in every sphere of life – from Wilberforce’s tireless work in ending the slave trade, to Shaftesbury’s campaign on factory reform and Booth highlighting the plight of those living in poverty.

Leading the way and being a voice for good and for change are part of our DNA.

And this is something I believe the Alliance does best. With years of bringing evangelical Christians together and representing them to our society, we are well-placed to cultivate leadership in our communities and across the UK, ensuring that godly men and women step up and step out into the public sphere.

If you, like us, believe the world is a better place when Christians step up, step out and take the lead in the transformation of our societies, then you can help make that happen.

**You can act to put many Christian voices into the public sphere by giving to our new Public Leadership programme, launching this spring.**



**Lloyd Cooke** has led Christians in his home town of Stoke to build links with local authorities – together they are turning things around and bringing lasting change.  
*Read more of Lloyd’s story in the enclosed leaflet.*

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**Yes, I want to help raise up voices for good**

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**Thank you!**

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to make your gift



The time to act is now. Now more than ever I'm convinced that God is the answer – the only one who can raise up the leaders that our towns and cities need. And I'm convinced that we, as the people of God, are the ones He is calling; the ones needed to be the repairers of broken walls; the ones who shine light into the darkness and bring hope into the despair. The voices for good.

This spring our Public Leadership programme launches. It's about being a voice for good and a voice for change in our communities. It's about taking responsibility for where God has placed us and taking the lead. With your help, we can raise up many voices for good in our towns and cities.

"Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong."  
**1 Corinthians 1:26-27**  
*Friends, please join us in answering this call.*

Your partnership in this programme will enable our Public Leadership team to:

- work with churches in 40 towns and cities to establish training for those called into leadership in the public sphere
- launch a website this spring to resource, encourage and support churches as they seek to raise up leaders from their congregations
- produce resources to help churches in the UK develop a culture of public leadership and focus their mission on developing a voice to society which brings about long-lasting change.

But none of this will be possible unless friends like you who care deeply also give generously. We cannot stand back and let so many of our nations' leaders continue as they are. So I'm asking you to please consider making a special gift today to put Christian voices into public leadership.

You and I have an exciting opportunity here to be God's instruments of change, to bring about a culture shift in our churches and our communities so that godly men and women step up and step out to take the lead in their spheres of influence.

Please take this opportunity to play your part, to be repairers of broken walls and to enable your brothers and sisters in Christ to be voices for good.

**Will you help us to raise up voices for good?**

I look forward to the day when we can hear daily reports of men and women urged on by the good news of Jesus Christ to take the lead, speaking good into their communities and into our country.

Thank you so much. And I look forward to embarking on this journey with you.

Yours in His service,

Steve

Steve Clifford  
General Director



*P.s. We hope you too will be inspired by the enclosed leaflet that tells the stories of five men and women who are already stepping up and stepping out to be voices for good in their communities.*



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