

**TRINITY Mission Partner Feature**  
**December 2022**  
**HOMELINK and CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

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This year, HOMELINK has helped **57 families or individuals**, who were homeless or at risk of homelessness, into the safety of their own home, including one Ukrainian family whose own home in Ukraine no longer exists.



HOMELINK has been **helping people into housing** in the Lewes District since 1998 but there are still too many people who can't get help from the council due to a shortage of social housing.

These families cannot afford private rented accommodation due to the need for rent in advance and damage deposits.

HOMELINK offers **interest-free loans** to cover these costs. Loans are re-paid over several years at a mutually-agreed, affordable rate. HOMELINK also offers support and **signposting** to other agencies and services.

HOMELINK doesn't stop there! The charity also offers **small grants** for essential white goods, floor covering and other essential items as most properties are empty when clients move in.

HOMELINK also assists **prison leavers**, offering a grant for emergency B&B upon release, if they have nowhere else to go. The short respite allows time for finding a place in a hostel and for sorting job-seeker's advice.

HOMELINK is looking for **new trustees**, particularly those with experience of **safeguarding, data protection and fund-raising** but any skills offered would be much valued. It is very rewarding to be part of a friendly, ecumenical team.

[www.leweshomelink.org.uk](http://www.leweshomelink.org.uk)

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Donations made at TRINITY's Carol services, Midnight & Christmas Day services will go to HOMELINK.

The Children's Society

**The Children's Society** is a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of **young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect**. They provide support through the most serious of life challenges and they campaign for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who need hope most.

The Children's Society is **currently campaigning** to:

- ◆ Help young people get early mental health support
- ◆ Help children who arrive in the UK alone get a guardian

And the **#LookCloser** campaign teaches everyone to learn the signs of exploitation and how to report it. 'Across the country, young people are being manipulated, sexually abused, forced to launder money and deal drugs. Exploitation isn't obvious. But it happens everywhere. And you can stop it.'

Donations made at TRINITY's Christingle Service will be given to The Children's Society.



**PTO for Creation Care, Café etc** ➡



The Sussex Charity for Children  
Since 1890

FSW works in partnership with the **Diocese of Chichester** to help support families across Sussex. Set up to help those on the margins of society, FSW works with families who are most at risk of slipping through the safety net offered by the state, and support parents as they try to ensure their children have the best start in life.

### How it works

FSW's Family Support Practitioners are all **qualified professionals** who work intensively with individual families. They visit families at home to provide one-to-one emotional and practical support.

### Who does it help?

Those struggling with:

- ◆ Low income and poverty
- ◆ Housing issues
- ◆ Mental/physical ill health
- ◆ Domestic violence
- ◆ School refusal/exclusion



### What help is offered?

- ◆ Listening
- ◆ Parenting advice
- ◆ Money management skills
- ◆ Advocating on behalf of the family
- ◆ Providing food and clothing
- ◆ Group play sessions
- ◆ After-school & holiday activities

[www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org)

### How can you help?

- ◆ Collect donations for charity shop in Eastbourne
- ◆ Give financially
- ◆ Spread the word about the charity
- ◆ Volunteer with children/families



### CARING FOR CREATION THIS CHRISTMAS

I did the Creation Care survey about 6 months ago and was challenged by the question: Do you offset your carbon footprint?

Carbon offsetting is when an individual, company or a country pays someone else to implement projects which avoid or remove emissions to. Calculating our carbon footprint should lead to behaviour changes which help lower global emissions. We can use one of these measuring tools to measure our footprint:

Climate Stewards - <https://www.climatestewards.org/offset/>

WWF - <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>

The UN - <https://offset.climatecentralnow.org/footprintcalc>

Carbon Footprint - <https://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx>

Offsetting unavoidable carbon emissions generates finance for investment in projects which in many cases support the poorest and most vulnerable to climate change around the world. A contribution to an offsetting project would be a great Christmas present for someone who cares about people and planet.

Climate Stewards have a good range of offsetting projects:

<https://www.climatestewards.org/our-projects/projects-by-type/>

The Creation Care Survey is a good way to find out how we can make a positive difference: <https://creationcare.org.uk/> Why not make it a New Year resolution to complete the survey and begin to make positive changes to safeguard people and planet.

Liz Lunt



### GIVING TO TRINITY

You can give to support the mission of TRINITY in a variety of ways. If you are a regular member or consider TRINITY your church, the best way to give is through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

Please visit our website for more details <https://trinitylewes.org/about/giving/>. For any queries about setting up regular giving with the PGS, please get in touch with their support team: Phone: 0333 002 1260; Email: [info@parishgiving.org.uk](mailto:info@parishgiving.org.uk); Our church name is TRINITY Church Lewes and our PGS parish code 100610471.



You can also give using our contactless systems at our sites, and you can give cash or cheques to the clergy or post cheques to the office. If you are able to gift-aid your donation, we can claim back 25% of your giving as no extra cost to you. Please email ([finance@trinitylewes.org](mailto:finance@trinitylewes.org)) and our treasurer will be able to give you the forms to do this.

### OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS NEED

Tinned meats, tinned fruit, tinned veg, cereals, long life (UHT) milk, toiletries



Items may be brought to church on Sundays or left in the porch at TRINITY St John's or TRINITY Southover.



Café 12/31 is open for food and drink

Tuesday to Friday  
10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday  
9:00am - 1:00pm

### TRINITY Southover is open for prayer

Monday & Wednesday  
12:00 noon - 3:30pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
9:30am - 3:30pm

Southover High Street, BN7 1JH

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