



## Support families in crisis this Christmas

Dear Friends,  
Our final newsletter of the year! Launching the 2021 Families In Crisis Appeal and introducing our new Chair of trustees, Christopher Elliott.



Every year our supporters have generously helped us to give families who are struggling to have a Christmas they will remember. This year they face daunting challenges due to soaring inflation across food and household goods and surges in energy costs. You can help by donating to the [Families In Crisis Appeal](#) to provide supermarket vouchers, warm clothes, household essentials, a Christmas gift, or other essential support. Last year we were able to help 117 families. Please support our appeal and [read about the difference your support made](#) to just one of the families we helped.

On 21 October we [welcomed Christopher Elliott as the new chair of Welcare](#). Chris is one of two trustees nominated by our President, the Bishop of Southwark, and I am very pleased to introduce him to you and share his reflections on his first six weeks in post. Among Chris' first events as chair of trustees was the opportunity to thank supporters Peter & Bobby Johnson who made a generous donation towards our work in East Surrey and to attend the [Annual Service of Thanksgiving](#) for the work of Welcare in Bromley.

Also in this newsletter, read about the [recent graduates of our Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities course](#), and about an [unexpected legacy gift](#) we received in our Redhill Centre.

I would also like to thank you for your prayers, messages of support and encouragement, and for sharing news of our work through what has been another extraordinary year.

On behalf of all the staff and trustees, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and good health in 2022.

Anna Khan,  
Welcare CEO

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## OUR LATEST NEWS



### [SFSC returns to Welcare](#)

In the autumn term, Welcare reintroduced the in-person Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities course, working with a group of 8 parents.



### [Bromley Service of Thanksgiving](#)

After a break of two years, it was wonderful to be able to gather safely at Bromley Parish Church for the Annual Service of Thanksgiving for the work of Welcare in Bromley on the 19th November.



### [Chris Elliott joins as chair](#)

We are delighted to welcome Christopher Elliott as the new Chair of Trustees for Welcare. After 6 weeks in his new position, we asked Chris about his first impressions, and hopes for the future of Welcare.

To see more of our news from 2021 [click here](#).

## CASE STUDY



Anya and her daughter Kaitlin were referred to Welcare as victims of modern slavery and had been placed in an apartment without family or friends to help them. Welcare were asked to help Anya access befriending services, group sessions and parental support to maintain the health and well-being of herself and her young child.

[Read more](#)

## EVENTS

### Thursday 16 December 2021

Carol Singing  
The Glades Shopping Centre Bromley  
5-6-pm

### Wednesday 22 December 2021

Carol Singing  
The Anglers Pub, Teddington  
8pm

*This event will be available on YouTube  
and we will share a link on our social channels nearer the date.*

### Wednesday 2 March 2022

Beginning of Lent and an opportunity to  
invite your friends and family for a Lent Lunch.

### Thursday 11 March 2022

'Taken at Midnight' by Mark Hayhurst  
7.45 pm at Bromley Little Theatre,  
North Street, Bromley, BR1 1SD.  
Tickets £12.

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