



**HOMELINK helps people into housing** in the Lewes District who cannot get help from the council due to a shortage of social housing. Founded in 1998 by the Lewes District's churches, HOMELINK assists individuals and families in crisis who are homeless as a result of domestic violence, relationship breakdown, no fault evictions and more, as well as the hidden homeless, who are sleeping in tents or on someone's sofa. In 2022 we helped 121 individuals and families to get a roof over their heads who would otherwise have been homeless.



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

HOMELINK enables people to move into homes rather than sleep rough or endure vulnerable living conditions by offering **interest-free loans** to cover the costs of advance rent and damage deposits. Loans are repaid over several years at a mutually-agreed, affordable rate. HOMELINK also offers support and **signposting** to other agencies and services.



HOMELINK's **small grants service** helps to provide essential white goods, floor covering and other essential items as most properties are empty when clients move in. **HOMELINK's 2023 Christmas Appeal** will raise funds for its small grants programme, which helps people moving into a new home with the cost of essential household items.

HOMELINK's clients are some of the most vulnerable and marginalised within our community. We assist those coping with chronic health issues, redundancy, and emotional crises as well as those leaving hospital, prison or the care system.

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

Volunteers are also very welcome.  
Contact [admin@leweshomelink.org.uk](mailto:admin@leweshomelink.org.uk)

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



**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.



## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MISSION PARTNERS

- For the work of **HOMELINK** and for all in need of housing, for many reasons, in the Lewes area.
- **The Children's Society** as they support children and young people who have been abused and advocate for children's rights.
- **Bible Society:** Praise and pray for Open the Book as it goes into many countries worldwide, such as a home for HIV affected children in Kenya.
- **Prison Fellowship in Lewes:** Please pray that the Angel Tree programme, delivering Christmas presents requested by dads in prison to their children at home, will be a source of joy and encouragement to both the families and the dads.
- **Think & Do, Egypt** as they seek to establish a community centre in Upper (southern) Egypt.
- Pray for the families supported by **Family Support Work** during this season that can put pressure financially and emotionally on relationships.
- Pray for those displaced because of war, violence and terrorism. Pray for our Mission Partners working in these countries.
- Pray for **Wycliffe Bible Translators and Bible Society**, that all to be able to read the Christmas story in their own language.



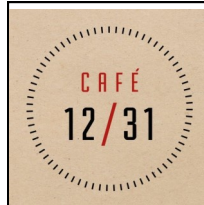
### Please note the special times of services over the Christmas period:

Sun 10th Dec	6.30pm	Carol Service at South Malling
Sun 17th Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion at South Malling
	10.45am	All Age Nativity at St John's
	6.30pm	Carol service at Southover
Sun 24th Dec	10.45am	Morning Worship at Southover
	4.00pm	Christingle Service at St John's
	11.00pm	Midnight at South Malling
	11.00pm	Midnight at Southover
Mon 25th Dec	10.00am	Christmas Day at South Malling
	10.00am	Christmas Day at SO (Holy Communion)
Sun 31st Dec	10.45am	Carols & Reflections at Southover
	4.00pm	Carols & Reflections at St John's



### ECO TIP FOR DECEMBER

Recycle right this Christmas (and beyond!). Since more waste ends up in landfill over Christmas than during the rest of the year, it's a great time of year to review and improve your own recycling set up at home. Different boroughs offer different recycling provisions, but you can find out exactly what you can recycle at home by entering your postcode here: [recyclenow.com/recycling-locator](https://recyclenow.com/recycling-locator)



### CAFÉ 12/31

is normally open for food and drink Tuesday to Friday 9:30am - 2:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

### Christmas closing

The Café will be open up to and including Thursday 21st December, closed from 22nd December and will reopen on Wednesday 3rd January.

### HELP SAVE OUR PLANET AT CHRISTMAS!

One simple action is to buy only recycled Christmas paper, plastic- and glitter-free, for wrapping presents - and if you don't find it in the shops, ask the manager to stock it! Also readily available to order online, eg from RSPB or Sussex Wildlife Trust.

You could also save time, money and the need to drive to the post office with bulky parcels by using the Royal Mail Send service. Go to <https://send.royalmail.com/> for more information.



### SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS

TRINITY supports our local food banks and there is now a greater need than ever before, with more families in food poverty. There is an need for:

\*pasta sauces \*baked beans \*tinned fruit \*tinned meat  
and also empty egg cartons (preferably for 6 eggs, not 12). Thank you!



### GIVING TO TRINITY

You can give to support the ministry 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) TRINITY's parish code 100610471.

You can make direct internet payments to our bank account. Name: TRINITY Southover Church Council.



Sortcode: 20 49 76. Account Number: 20775894. You can also give using our contactless systems at our sites.

If you are able to gift-aid your donation please email Bill our treasurer, and he will give you the relevant form:

[finance@trinitylewes.org](mailto:finance@trinitylewes.org).

Our website has more details:

<https://trinitylewes.org/about/giving/>

### TRINITY Southover is normally 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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