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Dear Friends,

Welcoming the arrival of spring with its longer, lighter and (we hope) drier days I am delighted to share our March 2026 Newsletter with you.



True to the British tradition of discussing the weather, we began the year with a fascinating look back at the [Great Storm of October 1987](#). Our thanks go to Bob Ogley for his captivating talk, and to Sheila Brown and our Bromley Parish Reps and Friends for organising such a well-attended event raising over £1,000, a tremendous start to our 2026 fundraising.

There is much more to look forward to in the months ahead. Our events calendar is growing, including the [St Mary with St Alban Lent Lunch](#) on 29th March, with further details available on our website. There is still time to host your own [Lent Lunch](#), and we have six places remaining for the [London 10K](#) on 12th July. Whether you feel inspired to take part or simply help spread the word, we would be so grateful for your support.

Our dedicated and professional staff team continues to support parents and families facing multiple and complex challenges. We are committed to strengthening family relationships and helping children flourish and at a time when many households are still impacted by the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. One vital way we help is by securing grants and accessing funding and opportunities on families' behalf. Alongside this, our [Families in Crisis Appeal](#) which raised just over £4,000 in 2025, enables us to respond swiftly and flexibly when no other help is available. On behalf of all my colleagues I am deeply thankful to everyone who gave so generously and encouraged their church community to support us.

In this newsletter, you can also read how we supported [Shannon and her three children](#) after a devastating house fire. It offers a glimpse into how Families in Crisis funding made it possible for us to pay for the collection charges of donated furniture and help the family begin to rebuild their lives.

Finally, I am very pleased to welcome [two new trustees](#) to Welcare: the Reverend Rachel Curley of St Nicholas, Chislehurst, and Patrick Williams, Headteacher of St John's School, Angell Town. On behalf of all those who benefit from our work, I thank them for offering their time, skills and commitment to strengthen and develop our support for children and families.

Thank you, as always, for your continued prayers and encouragement. Your support makes all that we do possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Khan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Anna' written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name 'Khan'.

Anna Khan,
Welcare CEO

P.S. We are now recruiting a [part-time Fundraising Officer](#) to focus on grant and trust applications. If you know anyone in your network who is an excellent fundraiser and would like a part-time role working from home please share this exciting opportunity.