# Bringing hope to prisoners and their children

### **Spring News 2023: ANGEL TREE and Prison Fellowship**

St Mary's Harlington has supported local prisons since 2014.

With the ANGEL TREE project we support Christmas gifts for prisoners' children specifically for three prisons.

#### Why do we do it?

Fathers and Mothers are helped to keep in contact with their children at Christmas. Children receive a gift of love from their absent parent. This helps reduce the terrible pain of separation. Statistics also show that those prisoners who keep contact with their family significantly reduce their offending.

#### How well did we do at Christmas 2022?

In England and Wales 4,792 Christmas gifts were purchased, wrapped with parents' card included, labelled, posted. This is 150 more than last year.

98 prisons were involved - the highest number of prisons ever.

Thank you St Mary's Harlington.

## We believe no-one is beyond hope

