





# Leave a lasting gift to support older people

After you have provided for your family and loved ones, a gift in your Will to Pilgrims' Friend Society will help us plan ahead to make sure that our Christian communities are homely and inspiring places for older people to live and flourish in their later years.

By leaving a legacy gift you will be helping us to plan for the future, providing wonderful homes and communities for years to come.

Rooted in our Christian faith, we believe that as well as providing

secure, comfortable homes and professional care, older people can be supported and encouraged to spend the later part of their lives contributing to the world around them, growing and enjoying fulfilling lives.

Without gifts in Wills Pilgrims' Friend Society wouldn't be able to plan ahead and prepare to look after older people for years to come. Any gift, no matter how large or small, makes a lasting difference.



### What could your gift help us do?

We can keep making sure that our buildings are kept in tip top shape, that our staff are trained to the highest standards, and that we can continue providing all the little extras that make life fun like crafts, music, and celebrations.

Over the next decade our Renewal Programme will see six brand-new, state-of-the-art residential homes

built to offer care and support to more older people, in bespoke, purpose-built facilities which will help our staff to provide top-quality care. As well as building new homes, we are committed to continuing our investment in our current homes and housing schemes to ensure that they are of the highest standard for our residents to live and make their home.



# Fay and Brian's Story

Happily married for 59 years, for Fay and Brian being close together in a Christian environment made the world of difference as Brian lived through the later stages of Alzheimer's disease

"The care Brian received was fantastic and the whole staff team was lovely," says Fay, "They took the time to get to know Brian as an individual. Nothing was ever too much trouble." In March 2020, Fay's husband Brian went home to the Lord. During the last two years of his life, he lived at Evington Home, our residential care home in Leicester. Shortly after Brian moved in, Fay herself moved to Pilgrim Gardens, our independent living housing scheme next-door to Evington Home.

"Being so close by, I was able to visit him every day," says Fay, "I could even see his room from my flat."





Brian and Fay met while on the staff of Monkton Combe School near Bath. He was the son of missionaries, with his father having served as a medical missionary in Baghdad. Fay was also born to Christian parents – her father ran a builders' merchants in Manchester and her mother was an Army Scripture Reader. During the Second World War, the family often welcomed soldiers from the nearby RAF Wilmslow base into their home for Christian talks.

At the school, Brian taught Scripture while Fay was a matron. Later, they moved to The Ryleys School in Alderley Edge, where Brian was the headmaster and Fay played a pastoral role as the headmaster's wife. They had three daughters. Some years after Brian's retirement, they moved to Queniborough, a village in Leicestershire close to one of their daughters who had married a farmer.

After a lifetime of marriage, Fay misses Brian terribly. At this sad time, being part of a Christian community is a great comfort, and in her flat she feels safe and secure.

"There is so much spiritual encouragement from others who live here, and from the staff," she says, "I have some good friends who I pray with regularly. I feel that the Lord is sustaining me and has provided for me."



of gift can I leave?

There are three types of gift that you can leave in your Will.

#### A share of your estate

Known as a 'residuary legacy', it is a percentage of what remains of your estate after all other gifts and expenses have been paid. One of the advantages of a residuary legacy is that it will always stay in proportion, because it is a percentage. So you don't need to worry about changing your Will if you have less to leave than you expected.



#### A specific sum

This is a gift of a set amount, called a 'pecuniary legacy'.

#### A specific item

This could be something valuable such as an antique, painting, property or shares. If you leave a gift to Pilgrims' Friend Society in your Will, the value of your gift will be deducted from your estate before Inheritance Tax is applied, so it could reduce the amount of tax paid.

We recommend you discuss your Will and the type of gift you might like to leave to Pilgrims' Friend Society with your solicitor.

## How do I leave a legacy?

You just need to instruct your solicitor to add Pilgrims' Friend Society to your Will. All you need to give them is our address and charity number:

Pilgrims' Friend Society 175 Tower Bridge Road London SE1 2AL Charity no. 1045920 If you've already written a Will you can still leave Pilgrims' Friend Society a gift by adding a codicil.

Let us know if you've chosen to leave a gift in your Will by getting in touch with Alexandra Davis on alexandra.davis@pilgfrimsfriend.org.uk or 0300 303 8407.

This leaflet is designed to give you general information about leaving a gift in your Will to Pilgrims' Friend Society. It is not intended to provide specific advice about the legal or tax implications of charitable giving. Before making a legacy gift to Pilgrims' Friend Society we recommend that you seek professional legal advice.



### "Even to your old age and grey hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you."

Isaiah 46:4



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