

# *Welcome to the* **Winter 2025**

## DAILY PRAYER GUIDE



Thank you for praying with us for our communities – those who live, work, and volunteer with us. We are so grateful for your support in this way.

Here's how you can be praying for our work each day. We've listed our homes and housing schemes and their managers, as well as the other teams and projects that make up the work of Pilgrims' Friend Society.

*'Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you'*

Isaiah 41:10



# Sundays

Indy Modare



## EMMAUS HOUSE, HARROGATE

Chrissie Medway-Steel, Registered Care Manager

## CAREY GARDENS, KIRBY MUXLOE

Andy Harrison, Scheme Manager

## EVINGTON HOME, LEICESTER

Dipika Badar-Ud-Din, Care Manager,  
Indy Modare, Business Manager

**Shirley, 87**, lives at Middlefields House in Chippenham where she is part of a keen gardening group that has started growing vegetables such as leeks, beetroot and carrots.

*“There’s a lovely rhythm to life here. The days aren’t rushed, and there’s always something meaningful to be part of.”*



## Pray for our family members

(as we call those who choose to live with us)

- For fresh revelation of God being with them this Christmas
- That family members would be protected from illness and would get the medical support they need
- For joy and laughter as people gather to do Christmas activities
- That family members would feel included and loved

## Pray for our care teams

- For energy and stamina as they work through a busy Christmas period
- For God’s guidance in navigating holiday cover and any difficult situations that arise
- For protection from flu and viruses this Winter season
- That carers would feel celebrated and recognised for their hard work

# Mondays

Rachel Fishburne



## DOROTHEA COURT, BEDFORD

Ruth Broomhall, Housing Manager

## FINBOROUGH COURT, GREAT FINBOROUGH

Rachel Fishburne, Registered Care Manager,  
Karen Bleay, Business Manager

## EMMAUS HOUSE, WHITEHAVEN

Julie Crawford, Care Manager,  
Kelly Hurton, Business Manager



**Sarah Walsh** has been working at Homesdale, Wanstead, London for over 20 years. Sarah started as a part-time housing officer at Homesdale Housing before becoming General Manager in 2018. Speaking of her role, she says:

*“It has been a huge blessing to serve older people within a setting where our Christian faith is central to all we do.”*

## Pray for our catering, maintenance, and administration teams

- For them to feel joy and peace this Christmas
- Giving praise for the hard work they do to keep everything running
- For wisdom in navigating any hard conversations or challenges within their teams
- For protection over their health and well-being

## Pray for our resources

(available on our website  
[www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk/resources](http://www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk/resources))

- That families would be helped this Christmas by some of our seasonal resources
- That church groups would find our books and resources and become better equipped
- That more people would be supported and encouraged to support older people in their communities





# Tuesdays

Andy Harrison



**PILGRIM GARDENS, LEICESTER**  
Andy Harrison, Scheme Manager

**ROYD COURT, MIRFIELD**  
Vicki Miller, Scheme Manager

**FINBOROUGH COURT HOUSING, GREAT FINBOROUGH**  
Keziah Vince, Housing Manager

*“I enjoy bringing creative and active ideas to family members and seeing their joy as they come together to do something I’ve planned.”*

**Matthew Strevens,**  
Activities and Community Engagement (ACE) Facilitator, Middlefields House, Chippenham

## Pray for our Activities & Community Engagement (ACE) Facilitators

- For great volunteers to get in touch and for lots of wonderful activities and events this Winter
- For God’s blessing on growth and development following the annual ACE conference in November
- For ACE Facilitators who run Community Cafés enabling local people to get support and advice for people living with dementia

## Pray for our Growth and Renewal Programme

- For God’s will to be done to for the future growth of Pilgrims’ Friend Society (to find out more see pp.18–20 of the magazine)
- For wisdom and insight for all the staff members working on this programme
- Praising God for the answers to prayer that have been evident with the granting of planning permission for a new Homesdale care home and the purchase of land in Crawley



# Wednesdays

Maraya Rabuka



**FRAMLAND, WANTAGE**  
Maraya Rabuka, Care Home Manager

**KOINONIA CHRISTIAN CARE HOME, WORTHING**  
John Manea, Registered Care Manager,  
Mario Marzolini, Business Manager

**HOMESDALE, WANSTEAD**  
Sarah Walsh, General Manager



## Our History

Pilgrims’ Friend Society was originally called the Aged Pilgrims’ Friend Society. We were established in 1807 by a group of Christians concerned about ‘the aged and infirm Christian poor’.

## Pray for the Operations Team overseeing our homes and schemes

- For protection on the roads this Winter as they travel between our homes and schemes
- For blessing on their unity as they problem solve and work through challenges
- For wisdom and discernment as they manage colleagues

## Pray for our recruitment

- Thanking God for the people who have recently filled significant positions at Pilgrims’ Friend Society
- For current vacancies to reach the right people and for great new team members
- For discernment for all staff who carry out interviews





## Thursdays

Sarah Stockinger



### MIDDLEFIELDS HOUSE, CHIPPENHAM

Rali Ivanova, Registered Care Manager,  
Sarah Stockinger, Business Manager,  
Ana Jesus, Coffee Shop Manager

### STRATHCLYDE HOUSE, SKELMORLIE

Tina McKeown, Scheme Manager

Family members are supported to be able to visit local church services, groups and meetings. This familiar pattern brings a lot of joy to many of our family members and will be especially important this Christmas

## Pray for our Support Office

**Finance, HR, Marketing and Communications and Property Services Teams**

- For blessing on the daily noon prayer time that support staff join each day
- For good communication as they support their colleagues across the charity
- That the team would embody the values of the charity: compassion, community, transparency and excellence

## Pray for our church and community engagement

- For blessing on our family members as they attend Christmas services this Christmas
- For renewed strength and energy for all the church members, ministers and clergy who visit our homes
- For blessing on the conversations that church members have with our family members about faith



## Fridays

Sid Martin



### LUFF HOUSE, WALTON-ON-THE-NAZE

Timothy Agbenike, Registered Care Manager,  
Sharon Rowley, Business Manager

### MILWARD HOUSE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Jason Denny, Registered Care Manager,  
Sid Martin, Business Manager

### BETHANY HOUSE, PRESTON

Susan Beardsworth, Home Manager (Acting)

**Helen, 87**, has been volunteering at Milward House in Tunbridge Wells for over two and a half years. She assists Susan, the Activities and Community Engagement (ACE) Facilitator, with running arts and craft sessions. Helen says:

*“I can tell them things about my life that they identify with, or things about the local area. I remember the war and we know lots of the same old songs. I see people’s faces brighten as they remember... You have to be attuned to a person’s needs and get to know what each individual wants.”*

## Pray for our directors and trustees

- For discernment and wisdom as important decisions continue to be made
- For clarity as they seek the Lord’s vision for the long-term success of Pilgrims’ Friend Society
- For rest and restoration as they have time off over Christmas

## Pray for our volunteers

- That volunteers would know God’s presence as they visit our homes
- Giving thanks for the love and compassion seen in their actions
- That new volunteers would find out about volunteer opportunities



# Saturdays

Elizabeth Goodsmen

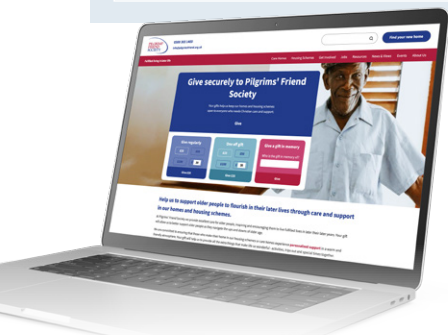


## SHOTTERMILL HOUSE, HASLEMERE

Anne Pegler, Registered Care Manager,  
Mike Beere, Business Manager

## BRIDGEMEAD, BATH

Elizabeth Goodsmen, Business Manager



## Pray for giving

- Thanking God for every gift generously given to support the work of Pilgrims' Friend Society
- Asking God to bless those who generously support our work

## Pray for our families and relatives

- That relatives would feel welcomed into our homes this Christmas season
- For God's presence to be tangible as Christmas services take place
- For the Lord's comfort on those who are grieving the loss of loved ones



## More ways to pray

### *Have you signed up for Prayer News?*

Prayer News shares prayer points as well as news of the wonderful ways God is working and answering prayer across Pilgrims' Friend Society in our homes and housing schemes.



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