

**Prayers for the Homes and for peace in the Holy Land. They can be used as biddings in Church Services; for expansion into extemporary prayer; and as themes for meditation.**

**Sundays** For guidance in all our work for the children in the Holy land we give praise to our Heavenly Father when we walk in faith to fulfil His requests to provide a home, clinic day care centre/ kindergarten and proposed Senior Citizens Day Care.

**Mondays** Praise the Lord for all His blessings and the continued work of all our supporters and sponsors, who serve Christ in serving others.

**Tuesdays** We give thanks for his Grace Bishop Munib Younan whose new advisory and spiritual role will progress the forthcoming projects.

**Wednesdays** We pray and give thanks to our heavenly father for his healing that will take place in our new clinic.

**Thursdays** We praise the Lord for His guidance in sending us the specialised professional personnel to operate the forthcoming projects.

**Fridays** We give thanks and pray for the local board in Jerusalem to be guided in the Lords will for His home.

**Saturdays** We ask our Lord for blessing for the funding applications.



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## **Christmas Newsletter 2019**

**This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the World that we might live through him. 1 John 4.9**

### **A letter from the Chair of Trustees**

*For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you Do not be afraid I will help you. I will strengthen you and help you I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10*

As we are fast approaching the season of Advent, I am very conscious of the anticipation of spiritual expectation and preparation. It is a time for hope, reflection, prayer and supplication. As we rejoice in the many blessing, we are also mindful for the dependence on the Lord for direction in the furtherance of His vision for the home and community amenities it will serve.

After the sudden loss of our beloved son Charles at the tender age of 20 years my dear wife, Shirley, was given a vision through dreams of the Lord's vision for the Lazarus projects. This year we celebrated 23 years of walking in faith with Christ knowing it is Him whom we are serving. There have been many challenges and hills to climb and I have no doubt there are still challenges to overcome but we are confident in the Lord's promise "I am with you always".

During the years, we have grown through walking in faith and not by sight. We have also grown thanks to the grace of the Lord's blessings which have united us with our true and loyal supporters. Together, with our supporters, we are travelling this journey knowing the Lord is walking with us and guiding all that we are achieving through his grace.

It is only with your support prayers and continuous fundraising and ongoing financial support that the work can progress changing lives out in Bethany. As we fast approaching Christmas the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, may we all shine as His light.

May you all be filled with the grace that allows us to know Him and walk in the blessings of a glorious life.

*In Christ  
Alan Anderson*



### **Update Report**

As previously reported in our Easter 2019 newsletter, a number of schemes that were under review by the local board have identified the need for the following projects.

We are pleased to announce the programs which will be brought to fruition in 2020 are as follows:

### **Integration of children with specialist educational needs**

After a number of meetings with Vision Association of Culture and Arts (VACA) a non political, non governmental organisation located in Bethany, a program exploring fields of shared practices was incorporated into the proposed kindergarten. This will integrate children with special needs through adapted programs to meet each child at their own individual point of need. Skills will increase self confidence and development through music, art and physical sports.

### **Proposed Clinic Facilities**

Following meetings with our trustee Ibrahim A. Younan as well as the Jerusalem local board, an agreement has been reached with Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) Jerusalem which will see the provision of a doctor and nurse to attend to general health care at the clinic. Further agreements have been attained for a portable diabetes unit and a breast screening mammography unit. These specialist services with have a tremendous impact on countless lives of both young and old in the local community.



We are children of the promise we will fix our eyes on him our soul's reward till the race is finished and our work is done we walk in faith and not by sight, the promise of God.

## Triumphant In Christ Witness to the Lords Blessings

Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) is a program of the Lutheran World Federation Department for World Services in Jerusalem. Today most of the patients served by (AVH) continue to be in social need and seeking life saving specialist care. The (AVH) provides screening, early detection and health care. (AVH) is the first and only hospital to provide radiation therapy for cancer patients in Palestinian Territories.

### Senior Citizens Day Care

The local board has also identified the need for a senior citizens care centre, as this facility is not available in the local area. This project will enable the elderly to come and spend time during the day with useful activities whilst benefiting from accessing clinical medical care.

The "Friends" are continuing to raise funds for the continuation of the construction work.

### In Loving Memory, Revd David George Attfield Trustee 6th October 1931-24th May 2019



It is with a very heavy heart that we announce the passing of one of our most dedicated trustees, Revd David Attfield.

Revd David served the charity as a loyal and dedicated trustee and spiritual leader for over 20 years. Many churches and groups will have known him for his prayers and generosity. Revd David was an active board member.

A very spiritual servant of Christ, Revd David's life was of unfailing service, both as a parish priest for 17 years in Hull and Manchester as well as in Durham, where he remained highly engaged in academic study. Revd David was also a senior Lecturer in Philosophy of Education at Bede College as well as the author of a book proclaiming the Gospel in a Secular Age. Revd David was a faithful and prayerful member of the clergy chapter and remained active in priestly ministry at both St Margaret's and St John's Neville's Cross (where he and the family had worshipped through their time in Durham).

The trustees attended his funeral a Requiem Mass in St Margaret's Church, Durham on Friday 7th June at 4pm where we gave thanks to God for his life and said our farewells to a dear, beloved friend who will be sadly missed by all the trustees.

### General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") May 25, 2018

Friends of the Lazarus Home for Girls board of Trustees takes the protection of your privacy very seriously.

Sadly, I am still receiving contact from supporters who are concerned they have not received any update newsletters and card.

To comply with GDPR consent requirements, the charity is required to confirm that you, as supporters, would like to continue receiving our charity's newsletters and cards.

To continue to receive this data it is now necessary for all our supporters to opt in with written approval

and to be forwarded to the charity headquarters. You can opt in by contacting the charity via an email [lazarus.anderson@btinternet.com](mailto:lazarus.anderson@btinternet.com) or writing to the registered office at 70 Ambridge Way Seaton Delaval Whitley Bay NE25 0PY

The statement was mailed out to everyone on our data base. Unfortunately, unless you responded by contacting the charity, your data was removed.

The good news is you can of course be added back in to our records if you contact the charity (information highlighted further on this newsletter) by either emailing or posting a simply note saying you are opting in. By giving your permission you data will be held on our secure data base at our registered office.

Our GDPR Policy is posted on line at [www.friendsoflazarushomeforgirls.org.uk](http://www.friendsoflazarushomeforgirls.org.uk) or by sending a request by mail requesting a hard copy.

### Talks Dairy 2020

If your church or group would like to receive a presentation on the Friends of the Lazarus Home for Girls project (no cost involved) then please make contact with the registered office where will include your group into our 2020 programme. Contact details which include our new telephone number 0191 237 6525

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You can view all our updates, newsletters, policies and legal requirements. You can also donation via just giving where you can submit a donation via payment.

The trustees wish to extend to everyone their profound gratitude to all those who donate so generously. We thank you for your loyal and continuous prayers and support, without which we could not undertake this humanitarian work set before us. Please continue to pray for the Home and for peace in the Holy Land.

