



## Press Release

### Peter Harlock appointed Chair of Prison Fellowship England and Wales

Christian charity Prison Fellowship England and Wales (PF) has announced the appointment of Peter Harlock as their new Chair of Trustees.

Peter brings a wealth of experience in both the public and charity sector with past roles including CEO of Barclays Bank India, COO of Save the Children UK, CEO of Pathway Care and Global Strategy Director of VisionFund International (World Vision's microfinance arm). He has also served on charity boards including OMF and Merton Street Pastors and has experience of volunteering in HMP Brixton and is about to begin in HMP Wayland.

On his appointment, Peter says, "This is a time of both great challenge and opportunity in Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS). I believe that Prison Fellowship through its 3,000 volunteers, expert support team and the even higher level of trust built up with HMPPS during the pandemic is well placed to continue to demonstrate God's love practically in prison. Through existing and new services, and in active partnership with chaplaincy teams, we will change the course of lives of people in prison."

Prison Fellowship CEO Peter Holloway adds, "I am delighted that Peter Harlock has been chosen to be the Chair of PF's Board. This is such a key role for our mission and I have already seen Peter's tremendous warmth and generosity of character, good knowledge of the charity sector from executive positions and governance roles. Peter has already shown his passion for those in prison as a PF volunteer and I am sure that he will create calm and safety while Prison Fellowship seeks to continue improving and evolving our programmes, partnerships and overall organisational impact in the years ahead."

Peter Harlock replaces Fran Beckett who stepped down as Chair in April having served in the role for five years. PF is very grateful to Fran for all she has contributed to support their ministry. They would also like to thank David Cooke who stepped in as Acting Chair during the recruitment process.

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#### Notes to Editors:

Prison Fellowship's mission is to show Christ's love to people in prison by coming alongside them and supporting them. We seek through prayer and practical care to help, support and develop a Christian ministry to prisoners and their families. We do this through our network of over 3,000 volunteers who are active in almost all of the prisons in England and Wales.

Prison Fellowship runs *Angel Tree*, *Letter Link*, *Prayer Line* and *Sycamore Tree* across the prison estate, while also offering *Chaplaincy Support*.

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