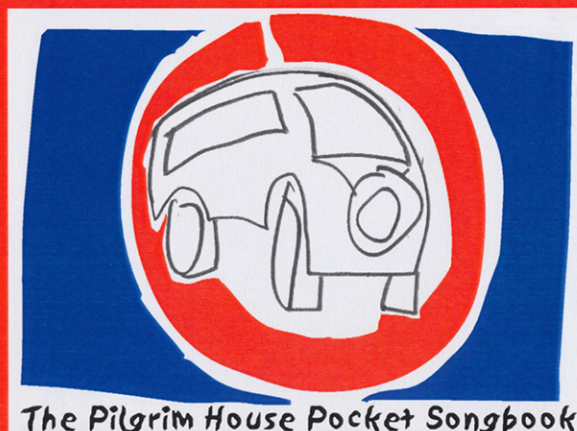


On the 20th October 2020, we launched "The Pilgrim House Pocket Songbook" as our debut album for the **SONGS-of-faith-hope-and-love** website. A total of 101 pre 2000 songs were originally recorded on 3 CD albums by Paul Shogren in 2000.



The Pilgrim House Pocket Songbook

**SONGS 1-101**

written, recorded and sung by

**PILGRIM FAMILIES**

#### **A FEW WORDS FROM PAUL SHOGREN**

Editor of The Pilgrim House Pocket Songbook  
Esh Winning, UK 2000

After a decade of pilgrimage my pockets are full of songs. I've sorted them into a collection that will fit into just one pocket. For pilgrim families like my own these songs have become part of who we are, they possess the whiff and tang of what we live out day by day....

The material is sometimes strident, heroic even; a fist of faith raised at the assaults of life. Sometimes the songs are whimsical and filled with wry humour. They are at their best when sung by people of all ages.

There is an earthiness to all our music which comes from years of travel, firstly in the vast spaces of Australia and more recently around the world, meeting an enormous variety of people. The songs are a celebration of God in the everyday, an expression of faith lived out each day.

Sing and enjoy.

#### **PILGRIM FAMILIES - A HISTORY**

written by Rod Boucher

Adelaide

26 November 2020

PILGRIM FAMILIES didn't just happen overnight. They are part of a long tradition of Prayer, Work and Hospitality in a shared communal life which stretches back 2000 years to at least the early Christians, who held everything in common and trusted God to send, care and use them as Creation unfolded, day by day. Big dream.

This collection of sing-a-long songs of the faithful was produced in Catholic houses in the north of England from 1997 - 2010, formed by Australian families of actors, dancers and musicians following Jesus overseas on their next adventure and taking with them the on-the-road riches that they'd lived as motorhome PILGRIM FAMILIES around Australia. They brought with them open hearts, music and worship, tears and laughter and 'The Pilgrim House Pocket Songbook' is a sign of the Spirit moving how, when and wherever it will.

The composing, singing and recording of these songs arise from recent community life for PILGRIM FAMILIES at Good\*God extended family and recording studio in Adelaide South Australia from 1975, St Joseph's House of Prayer in Goulburn NSW from 1976, the 'Bushfire' Bi-Centennial tour right round Australia in 1988, the House of the Gentle Bunyip in Melbourne Victoria from 1972, the Port Adelaide collective from 1977, New Voice touring musical drama group from 1990, the Fusion Arts Colony with 'the Waterhole' recording studio in Malmsbury Victoria from 1992 with each building on the foundations of numerous Christian Communities in the 1970s.

Orders of monks, nuns, brothers and sisters have been prevalent over the centuries yet families with children living intentionally by sharing, creating and reflecting together seems a more recent movement. Probably the Pilgrim Families on the 'Mayflower' sailing from the UK to the New World were part of this blood stream.

PILGRIM FAMILIES were based in 5 different northern English towns, headed up by Paul and Helen Shogren, all members being very active in the local church, school and community. Paul, Rod Boucher and Andy Redman put together this songbook for community use with David and Eden Turley, the Holmes family, the Bushfire families, the Cochrane-Igoe family, the Boucher family and 'The Mansions' families. Songs were created for evening Reflections, Musicals, Schools' programmes, Church Festivals, Blessings and Farewells, all expressions of a full-time, fulfilling faith. May we be open forever.