



Daylight

CHRISTIAN PRISON TRUST



Daylight Newsletter April 2026

One of the biggest encouragements in prison ministry is seeing a change in someone with no Bible background whatsoever. One of our Daylight chaplains reports on recent contact with one such young man:

"A young man has started reading the Bible for the first time so chapters and verses are new to him. He was amazed when he read some of the Old Testament prophecies about Jesus and then saw how they had been fulfilled.

Last week he prayed for someone going through a hard time, that they would come to see the point of what Jesus did on the cross. Some of the most moving times are when prisoners pray openly, from the heart, in Bible Study groups".

Another encouragement recently was hearing from a retiring Managing Chaplain who has appreciated Daylight's ministry. Writing to thank one of our Daylight Chaplains who runs regular Sunday Services there, he says:

"I am so grateful to you for your faithful prayer, leading of worship, and preaching for all the time that I have been here. You have always been utterly reliable when it was possible to come in and you provided such wonderful material when we were shut down for the covid years".

Give thanks for this encouragement, and please pray that we will continue to be Biblical, Available, Reliable, and Respectful in all our interactions with prison chaplaincy teams. Pray too that the successor to this Managing Chaplain will also be keen to work with Daylight.

As part of our 20th anniversary celebrations, we partnered with Simon Allaby of *Turn the Page* to produce a booklet of twenty short stories. *Let's Start From Here* is still being regularly distributed in prisons and it was encouraging to hear the feedback of one prisoner recently. He says:

"I've never been religious but over the years people have given me loads of stuff to read that never interested me at all. But this book....! Every page is speaking to me, and about me! He gives you a

little story and then there's something that just speaks to me. It's brilliant!".

Please pray that this book will continue to be a blessing to many in our nation's prisons.



April Prayer Points



HMP Deerbolt (County Durham) – Give thanks for a prisoner who recently told our chaplain how he enjoys listening to the Bible being read on CD and going to sleep with the words in his head. Please pray that it will be possible for our chaplain to get more Bible CDs and other help for those with limited reading skills. Give thanks too for an increasing demand for full Bibles from other prisoners and for those who supply these to prisons.

HMP Hollesley Bay (Suffolk) – Give thanks that the Bible Study group here continues to be hugely encouraging with the topics of discussion and depth that flow directly from this time in Ecclesiastes. As an open prison, attendance is more intermittent with outside work or brief periods of home leave, but the men speak of how they look forward to these weekly studies and are disappointed when they inevitably have to miss it. Please pray that those who believe will be built up, and that those yet to put their trust in Christ as Saviour will do so, by the Spirit's power.

Hudson – Please pray for Hudson, an elderly prisoner struggling with memory loss who uses our Letter Writing Ministry and receives Written Studies. He recently wrote saying, *"Thank you for the Daylight sheets you send me. I am now in a cell on my own and I am writing this letter just to let you know I'm still here and read avidly your sheets and look forward to it. Don't stop, I am sure people in my unfortunate position look forward to receiving it".*

Joe – Give thanks for Joe who often sends in notes and handmade cards to us, letting us know how much he appreciates support from Daylight. In a recent note, he writes, *"As always I want to show my appreciation for all the hard work each one of you do. The work and time you dedicate to each person in prison is very gratefully received and with your fortnightly studies and your letter writing scheme, it brings us so much comfort and keeps us close with our faith. May God continue to bless you all for the work you do. And a big thank you from me for everything".* Please pray that this contact will continue to be an encouragement to him.

HMP Kirklevington Grange (N. Yorkshire) – Give thanks for extra opportunities to share the Good News here over the Easter period, with our chaplain taking a Good Friday Service on the Seven Sayings from the Cross.

Please pray for Dave, a new volunteer as he explores how best to be involved in the ministry here, and for his church too as they consider how best to support prison ministry.

HMP Leeds (W. Yorkshire) – Praise God that numbers of men attending the two Bible Studies here continue to increase, but there is still room for more, so pray that other new prisoners would also start to come along.

Louis – Give thanks for Louis who wrote recently saying, *"I would like to thank*

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you for all you are doing for Christians in prison. The devotional sheets you send out give such blessing and all the little cards. Some I send on to my family when I write to them".

Peter – Please pray for Peter, a man we have worked with for many years who is nearing release. One of our chaplains is working with him to establish a link with a good church in the area he will be released to, so please pray that their support will be a blessing to him and that he will be helped to stay on the right path.

Prison Officers – One of our chaplains was recently encouraged by contact with a Christian prison officer who visited the chapel to get a Bible for a prisoner. The officer mentioned that a number of his colleagues are also Christians, but find that this is often perceived as a sign of weakness. Please pray for Christian officers as they seek to be a good witness in what can often be a challenging environment.

R – Please pray for R, a prisoner who one of our chaplains sees regularly. He is not in a good place and has been self-harming, but wants our chaplain to keep coming and is reading his Bible. Please pray that the Lord will speak to R as he reads.

HMP Warren Hill (Suffolk) – Give thanks that the new Free Church chaplain is settling in and continues to work well with our Daylight chaplain, contributing helpfully and sharing in the Bible Study here. Praise God that encouraging conversations with D have continued, and please pray for a few visiting groups from local churches who regularly lead services each month.

HMP Wayland (Norfolk) – Please pray for T, a young man who professed conversion at a Sunday service but has since regressed

back into substance abuse within prison and has not been back to Sunday morning worship.

Give thanks for the encouragement of a number of Christian prisoners who are actively witnessing on their wings and providing openings for our chaplain to follow up. Please pray particularly for several who are coming to the end of their sentences and are looking to get established in local churches on release.

Pray too for the Chaplaincy Department here, which is more stretched than usual as most of the chaplains work on a part-time basis and the Managing Chaplain has moved on.

West Yorkshire PSG – Praise God for a blessed time at two local churches, when two members of the group shared about the work of Daylight with them. There were lots of questions, followed by prayer times totally devoted to Daylight and a good response afterwards.

Give thanks too for the increasing number of people who wish to be involved with Daylight in the region. Please pray that they will be wisely supported.

Women in Prison – Please pray for the particular challenges that women in prison face with family visits. Due to the fact that women make up less than 5% of the prison population in England and Wales, there are far less women's prisons, meaning that women are often held a long way from home. This makes it harder for the around 17,000 children of these women to keep in touch, and is also linked to the disproportionately high rates of self-harm amongst women in prison.

*Where a prison name is underlined, it indicates that a Daylight chaplain is active there





News from the Office: Keep On Keeping On

This month there is so much to thank God for and we are so grateful to all of you who pray. So many of your prayers have been and are being answered.

With regards to our new Prayer & Support Groups - the meetings in Bristol and the NE (Gateshead and Darlington) have gone well, and both regions look like they are moving ahead. There will be another set of meetings in the NE in May and the Bristol team are expecting to take their first Sunday Service soon.

There was an unexpected development as a result of Daylight being invited to attend *Keswick in Devon*, held each year in Sidmouth. There was much support for the gospel to go into prisons and it is hoped to begin prayer and exploring openings into local prisons, especially HMP Exeter.

Finally in the list of thanks to God is that we have appointed a Fundraiser and I hope to be able to introduce him to you in the coming months. Please pray that each of these situations will continue to progress as the LORD leads.

April looks quieter for conferences and new works but of course many prisons will have special Easter services and our teams may be involved in these and/or follow up from them. Please pray that we will be able to both sow the seeds and by God's grace, be involved in His harvest. Pray too that we can get on with the regular work in the office, the planning and programming, the policies and procedures, the databases and the finances; without this the work would grind to a halt. And also pray for time we hope to spend in taking the next steps with *Unlock Mark*, visiting Shrewsbury Prison scriptwriting and planning of filming, and for the deputation at the *Banner of Truth* Conferences (Youth and Pastors).

Looking further ahead there are possibilities of meetings in HMP Isle of Wight, the Free Church Chaplains' bi-annual training and then the summer conferences, all of which need careful planning and preparation.

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