



We continue to be thankful for opportunities to run Sunday Services in prisons, and it is a particular encouragement when we find that the message preached has made an impact on those who attended, with them discussing what they have heard throughout the week.

One of our chaplains was recently preaching on Mark 6 and Jesus sending out the twelve. He emphasised that the message the disciples preached was *“that people should repent”* as so many prisoners think that repentance is just about being sorry.

Our chaplain takes in a board for visual aids, and on this occasion, he put up the Greek word translated repentance with its definition: *Metanoeo meaning to change one’s mind for the better with an abhorrence or hatred of past sins; it implies feelings of guilt and a desire for reformation.*

There were nearly fifty men in the congregation, all of whom seemed very attentive, but our chaplain spotted that two men were taking particular notice. Afterwards, one of these men, Gareth, who is in his eighties, shook our chaplain’s hand and thanked him for the service, and then later that day, he spoke to another of the chaplains in the prison about repentance. Gareth’s hearing is poor so he sits at the front in the services, but the visual was right there in front of him.

The next day, Gareth received a long sentence, meaning he knows he will die in

prison. Our chaplain writes, *“I have been to see Gareth several times since and something is going on in his head, and maybe in his heart. He says he wants to know he is really repentant and really saved. He spoke to me about Psalm 51, and about Luke being the only gospel writer who mentions the repentant dying thief”.* Gareth is likely to be moved on soon so please pray for wisdom for our chaplain and his colleagues.

The second prisoner, Simon, is a much younger man who keeps being recalled, and he too expressed appreciation for the service. Later that day, he stopped our chaplain on the wing and said he is studying the Sermon on the Mount and asked if our chaplain had any material on it. Our chaplain was able to give him two books, including one by Martyn Lloyd Jones, and when our chaplain passed him on the wing last week, he said, *“I’m really enjoying that book!”*. Please pray for fruitful conversations as our chaplain follows up with Simon.

In human terms, both men would seem hopeless cases for different reasons, *“but with God”*, as the Lord Jesus said, *“all things are possible.”*





July Prayer Points

Alf – Please pray for Alf, who receives our regular Written Studies. In a reply recently, he wrote, *“I’d like to wish you well and God bless you for the endless support with the only mail I receive being from you”*. Alf also requested a study Bible, so please pray that this will be a blessing to him, and that this contact will continue to encourage him.

Ash – Please pray for Ash who uses our Letter Writing Ministry and receives Written Studies. In a recent letter, Ash spoke of what God has done for him and how he is going on well in prison, but also shared his fears for the future, saying, *“But this is where I could do with prayer, I see myself as walking a tight rope, it’s fine while God and circumstances are in control, but the outside world is different, I want to be in that place where the winds won’t come and blow me off course. I suppose it’s about growing faith and making sure my walk with Him is so strong that I am always close enough to grab His arm when I am buffeted. I have always had an issue with “sufficient unto the day” and trying to do things myself. Right now I have no choice but to rely on Him, but fear for the future rears its head and that’s my prayer need, that my anchor holds, that I am never fooled into stepping out of all that I have found by His grace again”*.

HMP Chelmsford (Essex) – Give thanks for an encouraging service here recently, with two men requesting baptism. In the absence of a musician, one prisoner led the singing, with the men enthusiastically joining in with their new favourite *10,000*

Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul) ; which the No. 1 governor has reported can be heard being sung on the wings and in the showers all over the prison!

Praise God that the weekly Bible Studies also continue to be full each week. Please pray that these sessions will be a blessing to the men who come along.

HMP Deerbolt (County Durham) – Give thanks for continued opportunities in the Bible Studies here. Please particularly pray for one man who was doing well and recovering from a drug addiction, but now seems to be struggling again.

HMP Five Wells (Northamptonshire) – Give thanks for good numbers attending the weekly Bible Study group. Please pray that these studies in Mark’s Gospel will be a blessing to them.

Pray too for some regular attenders who will be leaving shortly and need help finding and settling into suitable churches.

Praise God for a recent grant from *Speaking Volumes* enabling our chaplain to purchase some Christian books for the prison library. Please pray that these will have a wide readership and be a blessing to many.

Give thanks that too our chaplain has a group of people supporting him prayerfully, with prayer items circulated to them by email, but please pray that he will be given wisdom as he considers the possibility of getting them together to pray, either in-person or via Zoom.



G – Please pray for G who is struggling with guilt for his offence and that contact with one of our teams will be a blessing to him.

HMP Hollesley Bay (Suffolk) – Something that has particularly struck our chaplain during the last month is evangelism taking place by prisoners who seem to use every opportunity. You might hear, *“I met this chap in the gym”* or *“I’ve been chatting to someone two doors down”*. It’s precisely the sort of thing that we should be diligent about outside, but are we? Prisoners rebuke us who are free!

Take O, a young man in his 20s; a couple of weeks ago he asked our chaplain why an older prisoner, N, did not grasp John 3:16, saying, *“I’ve been explaining it to him but I don’t think he gets it”*. And so he invited N to join our Bible Study later that day. He came, and engaged with the passage, raised questions – good ones – which proved he was following. Please pray for prisoners like O, and for N, that he might return and God might work in his heart.

Give thanks too that the Bible study group has gradually grown to around twenty men each week. We are currently going through Romans, around half a chapter a week. Please continue to pray for a Jewish man who loves coming along. The current passages are pointed indeed! So too are one or two prisoners’ comments who politely, and in the right spirit, challenge him!

HMP Leeds (West Yorkshire) – Please pray for the young men here who are in prison for the first time. Many of them are finding it hard to come to terms with everything that is happening.

HMP Oakwood (West Midlands) – Give thanks for encouraging services here recently and for continued good

attendance at the weekly Bible Studies. Please pray that these activities will continue to be a blessing to all who attend.

Simon – Give thanks for Simon who attends one of our Bible Study groups and seems to have come to real faith. His daughter is due to be in court soon as well, and Simon said that he can see she is making the same mistakes he has, and wants to show her that God is the only way out, so please pray that he will be helped as he seeks to witness to her.

HMP Warren Hill (Suffolk) – Please continue to pray for D who has now moved to another prison. Our chaplain might be personally disappointed, but give thanks for the network of chaplains that enables us to connect such prisoners up immediately. This leaves a definite impression with such prisoners, and is a reminder too of 1 Corinthians 3:5-7: sowing, reaping, we’re all involved, but we rely on the work of God’s Spirit to change hearts.

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Praise God that vetting is coming through for some of the new members of the team.

Please pray for Chaplains in the nearby prisons who are struggling because of vacancies in their teams.

HMP Wealstun (West Yorkshire) – Please pray that as a member of our team goes in shortly to speak about the next Bible Study, a good number of men will wish to attend, and that the Lord will be with those leading the study.

HMYOI Wetherby (West Yorkshire) – Praise God that our team now has regular contact with the young men here.

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



Mark 9:38ff (CSB) says... *"Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he wasn't following us." "Don't stop him," said Jesus, "because there is no one who will perform a miracle in my name who can soon afterward speak evil of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. And whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ —truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward."*

One of the privileges of Daylight's ministry is working alongside like-minded servants of the LORD Jesus from various denominations and groups. Recently Karen from the Office and Graham, one of our Volunteer Chaplains, represented Daylight at an event where the Anglicans', Hindus', and Sikhs' Chaplains Conferences were running concurrently.

As part of the many conversations a number of chaplains requested to receive the Written Studies directly to their emails, one in particular intending to consider carefully how to make use of them in his prison. Some five chaplains requested postcards for the Letter Writing Ministry, one in particular saying that the guys in his establishment often feel quite isolated and this could be good for them. Please pray for this as we have prisoners waiting at this time to connect with a pen pal. Another wanted Simon Allaby's gospel books to distribute.

There were specific connections with Chaplains from certain prisons and we were able to inform a new Chaplain of a Daylight Prison Chaplain in the prison she will be working in, another recently has moved to an IRC and may want Christmas resources, and there were two who would value Daylight volunteer teams in their prison.

There were other conversations too: One Chaplain was at HMP Dartmoor when our gift boxes arrived back in 2024, they had been told the day before the prison was closing. He wanted to pass on how much that meant when they received our gift. And a couple of Sikh Chaplains, one wanted to look at our stand as he wants to have a stand next year for the Sikh Chaplains, one took a mug and the literature and one took the mug and pen and not the literature!

Please pray for the contact with the following specific prisons and that we can help the sharing of the gospel there; especially HMPs Exeter, Guys Marsh, Highpoint, Hull, Thameside, and Wayland.

And this last full week of June as I and others will be attending the Free Church Chaplains Training Conference please pray that we will have had more good conversations from the Free Church Chaplains Training event too.

Thank you for all your prayers, you really are the powerhouse of this ministry.

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