



# Daylight

CHRISTIAN PRISON TRUST



Daylight Newsletter March 2026

**We continue to be thankful for encouragements from regular Bible study groups, with prisoners coming along regularly and engaging well. Some groups are working through books of the Bible, while others are using course material.**

In HMP Bullingdon (Oxfordshire) three of our volunteers run monthly Bible studies, and it was good to receive a report from one of them following the latest session. He writes:

*"I was in Bullingdon yesterday and we looked at the Philippian Jailer's conversion in Acts 16. It was one of the smallest studies we've had with only six men able to attend, but it was very precious to hear one man say that this time in prison has made him realise he needed to ask the Lord to forgive his sins, which he had never done before even though he had loved ones who were believers.*

*Another prisoner spoke similarly of his trust in the Lord and the forgiveness he has received. Pray these men will grow in their faith and be made a blessing to other men, particularly the other four men at the Bible study".*

In HMP Oakwood (West Midlands) where we have had opportunities to run weekly Bible studies for some years, numbers have steadily grown to the point where there are now too many men to

accommodate in one session. This is a wonderful problem to have, and so that none of those wanting to come miss out, our chaplain is now exploring the possibility of having two study groups, with around fifteen men in each.

In HMP Chelmsford (Essex) the weekly group of VPs (Vulnerable Prisoners) are currently working through *Hope Explored* and we pray that those attending will be challenged about where our hope, peace, and purpose comes from as they look at the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Two of the men attending clearly said, *"We would not be doing this except that we ended up in here [prison]."*

We give thanks for these ongoing opportunities and encouragements, and for the eagerness of many prisoners to discuss and learn from God's Word. Please pray that these Bible Study sessions will continue to be a blessing to those who attend; helping some to grow in grace and challenging others to think about where they stand before God.



March Prayer Points



**HMP Chelmsford (Essex)** – Please pray for the team here as we seek to welcome new members and regular team members who are now able to come back in. Please pray particularly for our weekly Bible studies, and for the first two Sundays of the month when Daylight leads a service for the VPs.

**Deaths in Custody** – Please pray for families of those who have died in custody, and for the chaplains who have to give the sad news of these deaths to their relatives.

**HMP Deerbolt (County Durham)** – Please pray for two members of our Bible Study group who were baptized recently, that they will grow in their faith and be a witness to others.

Please also pray for another two members of the group who will be moving to a Category D Open Prison soon. It is likely that this move will be to another of the prisons where our chaplain works, so we hope to have the opportunity to continue supporting these men there.

Pray too for a new part-time Church of England chaplain who started work at Deerbolt during February, that he will settle in well.

**HMP Five Wells (Northamptonshire)** – Please pray for our chaplain as he helps with an Alpha course being run in the prison over ten weeks which will replace his usual Bible study sessions for that period. Pray that the Lord will use his involvement in the course and that these sessions will

be a blessing to the men who attend.

**HMPs Hollesley Bay & Warren Hill (Suffolk)** – Praise God for answered prayer with a new Free Church Chaplain just appointed who is working well with our Daylight Chaplain. Please pray that this good working relationship will continue.

Give thanks that our Bible studies in both prisons continue to be well attended, with good lines of discussion which frequently raise practical matters of Christian living, rooted in Scripture.

Please continue to pray for D who is reading his Bible, and raising good questions in one-to-one discussions which indicate the work of the Spirit, but needs the Lord's hand to bring him to personal faith in Christ.

Pray too for P who is just leaving prison. Conversations with him have been limited, but he is wanting good connections outside and has been connected with someone in his new home city. Please pray that they might be able to encourage him to hear God's Word and be pointed to Christ.

**J** – Please pray for J, a man we have helped in two different prisons who has been saved during his time inside. He was recently moved to a prison for foreign nationals and is young in the faith and quite vulnerable, so please pray he will continue to receive good chaplaincy support there.

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**HMP Leeds (West Yorkshire)** – Give thanks for the numbers of men attending the two Bible study groups here. Praise God for a mix of both regulars and new men.

**North Yorkshire** – Give thanks that our chaplain in North Yorkshire has a number of opportunities to speak about prison chaplaincy to both church and community groups, ranging from Huby Monday Club (Methodist), Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church Ladies Meeting, Meanwood Men's Society, Shadwell & District Probus, and Age UK. Our chaplain normally includes testimonies of prisoners (anonymously) who are happy for him to share their story.

**R** – Please pray for R who attends one of our Bible study groups. He has been informed that he may be deported to his home country of Africa and has submitted an appeal as he is desperate not to be sent back, knowing he would almost certainly be in danger. He is a strong believer and a great benefit to the Bible study group.

**HMP Wayland (Norfolk)** – Please pray that prisoners who are members of the band leading worship on Sundays will all come to know and love the Saviour they sing of.

Pray too for a recent convert to Christianity from Spiritualism that he will engage with Sunday Services and Bible Studies, and for a Muslim man sharing a cell with a Christian as they converse and engage with content on their in-cell laptop.

**HMP Wealstun (West Yorkshire)** – Give thanks for eight men who are due to attend the first session of *Hope Explored*. Please pray that they will be ready to discuss matters relating to the videos and Bible Study and that ultimately, they will come to know the Lord as their Saviour.

Another seven men had originally signed up to be on the course, but they cannot attend due to being in work or education, so please pray that there will be opportunities to speak to them on the wings or in services in the future.

**West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group** – Please pray that the monthly PSG meetings will always be well attended and that the group will settle well into their new venue.

Pray too that clearance will come through quickly for the new Church of England Chaplain in HMP New Hall and the new Free Church Chaplain at HMP Wakefield so they can both begin their roles soon.

**HMP Wetherby (West Yorkshire)** – Give thanks that the security vetting for one new member of our team has come through. Please pray that clearance for a second new member will be speedy so that regular ministry here may begin.

**HMP Whitemoor (Cambridgeshire)** – Give thanks for new opportunities here, with our volunteer now having preached at a Sunday morning service and attended two Bible study sessions. Please pray that he will be able to arrange further opportunities through his contact with the Chaplaincy Team.

**Written Studies** – Give thanks that many prisoners continue to receive our fortnightly Written Studies, and for T who wrote recently saying, *"Thank you for the studies you send. I always find them useful and everything Daylight has done has helped me strengthen my relationship with the Lord"*. Please pray that our current series in Mark will be a blessing to many.

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





## News from the Office: Prayer & Support Groups

This month, the first of our meetings to form new PSGs this year will be taking place in Bristol and the NE. Please pray that we can find people to pray and to take on various jobs within each team. Those roles include:

**Prayer Warriors** – people who gather locally to pray with the team.

Prison Ministry Visitors (**PMVs**) go into prison, chat and pray and support the work.

Prison Ministry Associates (**PMAs**) lead Bible Studies and/or preach on Sundays.

Prison **Prayer Contacts** – who are trusted by the prison with, sometimes confidential, prayer needs.

Daylight Prison Chaplains (**DP Chaps**) are fully accredited Volunteer Chaplains to the Prison Service being part of a prison's Chaplaincy team and undertaking Statutory Duties (1 to 1 visits for a number of reasons) as well as other works.

**Team Leaders** – lead and organise a PSG, will be responsible for local training and supporting volunteers, and liaising with the office.

### From a Prison Ministry Partner in the Middle East

Prayer requests earlier in the year were: Wisdom regarding the request for 15 Bibles and spiritual books, favour and discernment in developing a more formal relationship, sensitivity to avoid jeopardising existing informal access, and the Lord's guidance in how to proceed.

By God's grace 13 Bibles and 20 books have been delivered. Just as soon as the sniffer dog has come to confirm there are no drugs on them, they will be put into circulation via the prison library. The person in charge of the library was positive and helpful.

As we give thanks, please pray that the Bibles and books will find themselves into the right hands and be used by God in the lives of the inmates. When delivering the books the guard at the gate rang through to the library to ask if he was expecting the books and said they are from "our priest". We also look to the Lord for guidance in seeing if it is right to develop a more formal relationship.

**Stop Press!** Daylight will be hosting a Lunchtime meeting during Keswick Convention Week 1: Saturday 18 – Friday 24 July 2026. Watch this space for more news nearer the time.

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