



Daylight

CHRISTIAN PRISON TRUST

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One aspect of prison chaplaincy work that can be easily missed is the opportunity to meet with staff. In the course of our work, we often come into contact with various members of prison staff, and sometimes have the opportunity to build relationships with them.

It was encouraging to hear from one of our Daylight chaplains, that within the last few weeks, he has been given permission by the Managing Chaplain to get a weekly prayer group established. Three chaplains meet and some weeks are joined by other members of staff, depending on their availability and shifts.

Please remember this venture in your prayers, asking that it may be a blessing to those who are attending as they work in what can very often be a challenging environment.

Please also pray that more staff members may be keen to join.

We continue to be encouraged by feedback from prisoners who appreciate receiving support from Daylight. It was particularly good recently to hear from Hudson who has had contact with a couple of our chaplains, and uses our Letter Writing Ministry, as well as receiving regular Written Studies and other literature.

He writes, "I would like to start by thanking you all for your support during my incarceration thus far (2 years), as I come towards the end of my time residing at His Majesty's pleasure in November, I reflect on how my faith has grown, strengthening me in the process, and how Daylight CPT has been instrumental in this growth.

I also wish to commend you on your wonderful Written Studies and congratulate you on the idea of including

the recent wallet/credit card sized Bible verses, I will certainly be carrying some of these with me wherever I go!

Once again thank you for everything, I'm looking forward to hearing from you and receiving the next study".

Please pray that this contact will continue to be a blessing to Hudson and that he will be kept on the right path after his release in November.



October Prayer Points



HMP Chelmsford (Essex) – Give thanks for the men attending the current *Christianity Explored Prison Edition* course. At a recent session, considering sin, it was encouraging to see the men really slowing down and thinking things through, and to hear the majority acknowledge that they are sinners. Yet, one man, Will, was not yet ready to do that, so please pray that the Lord will work in his heart and life.

HMP Deerbolt (County Durham) – Give thanks for four new men coming along to the weekly Bible study group. Please pray that our chaplain will be given wisdom in managing discussions, and that these sessions will be a blessing to all who attend.

Elliott – Give thanks for Elliot who made a profession of faith while in prison. He has recently been released and has a good church to attend in the area, but is returning to a non-Christian family. Please pray that he will be kept on the right path, that his family will see the change in him, and that they too will come to know Christ.

HMP Five Wells (Northamptonshire) – Give thanks for encouraging times with the older men who come along to the weekly Faith Circle here. Please pray that our chaplain will be given wisdom in preparing the topics for discussion week by week.

Pray too for the Alpha Course running over the next eleven weeks and for good discussions with the men who come along. Please also continue to pray that many of them will keep coming to the regular Bible Studies once the course finishes.

HMP Hollesley Bay (Suffolk) – Give thanks that our weekly Bible Studies continue to be immensely interactive with nearly all the dozen or so attending engaging well. They show a great grasp of the Scriptures, but please pray it may be in all their hearts, as certainly for some it most definitely is. We are still in Romans, just recently covering the three intriguing chapters 9-11! It was a great discussion as always, and please continue to pray for N, the Jewish gentleman who attends and engages most regularly.

HMP Kirklevington Grange (N. Yorkshire) – Give thanks for continued opportunities to run regular Sunday services here. Please pray that these services will be used to speak to those who attend, and that security vetting will soon come through for new members of our team visiting here.

HMP Leeds (W. Yorkshire) – Praise God that two extra Bible Study sessions were held here during September. Please pray that these will continue, along with the usual ones, so the men can have more regular times of studying the Bible together.

Morris – Please pray for Morris, an older man with no family, who attends one of our Bible Study groups. He recently attempted to take his own life, yet there is much evidence that he is the Lord's, and he still came along to the Bible Study the next day despite being so low and wanting to die. Please pray attending these studies and time spent with one of our chaplains will be a blessing to him.

HMP Oakwood (W. Midlands) – Give thanks that one of the local team was able



to keep the Bible Study group here running over the summer, while our chaplain was away running a Beach Mission in Spain. Please pray that as they start a new series in Esther, this will be a blessing to them.

Release – Please pray for our chaplains as they continue to be involved in supporting prisoners who are approaching release. This is a critical time, as the transition from life in prison to life outside can be difficult in so many ways, and these men need much prayer and support to continue well.

Please particularly pray for Noel a prisoner known to one of our chaplains who was released in August, but is now back in custody, awaiting a court hearing in October.

Pray too for Paul, who despite having had little contact with our chaplain during his sentence, at the point of discharge expressed an interest in attending somewhere “that isn’t liturgical”. Our chaplain was able to return later that day with information on a local church with all the necessary details, so please pray that he will go along and be blessed by attending there.

HMP Sudbury (Derbyshire) – Give thanks for an encouraging service at this open prison recently. Please pray that the message preached will be used in the hearts and lives of the men who attended.

HMP Wakefield (W. Yorkshire) – Praise God that the new Free Church Chaplain has settled in well. Please pray for him as he regularly shares the gospel with the men.

At least one member of our team goes in each Sunday to provide support during services. Please pray that conversations with the men during “coffee time” will be truly spiritual.

Pray too for the monthly Prayer & Reflection

Meetings, that the numbers of men attending will increase, and that the staff shortages will not lead to meetings and services being cancelled.

Please also pray that security vetting for one new member of the team will come through quickly, and that others may be put forward for vetting in the near future.

HMP Warren Hill (Suffolk) – The population at this prison is pretty stable, and so our chaplain can enter into longer term connections with prisoners. Please pray for a definite believer, S, who is facing deportation and falls between the Home Office and the Prison System, meaning he is left in a great deal of uncertainty.

Pray too for L, an encouraging prisoner who has always attended each of the weekly meetings without fail, and has suddenly stopped. Please pray that he may restart. All sorts of factors can play their part in these decisions, and our chaplain needs wisdom to know how to handle discussions with him. Above all, it needs the work of the Holy Spirit of course.

HMP Wealstun (W. Yorkshire) – Give thanks for the opportunity for two members of our team to attend a Chaplaincy Training day during October.

Please pray that a good number of men will sign up to attend the next Bible Study during the month.

HMYOI Wetherby (W. Yorkshire) – Please pray for the young men in this establishment, in particular that more may wish to attend the weekly services.

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

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News from the Office: Inspiring & Encouraging

There are so many accounts in Scripture of God's people being inspired to rise up and serve Him, to show again their love of Him. Think of Moses, going back to Egypt was difficult, but he "returned to the LORD" (Ex. 5:22) and led God's people to freedom. Then there is David and his mighty men (2 Sam. 23:8ff), Nehemiah in the face of enmity (Neh. 2:20) and Peter confessing Jesus as the Christ (Mark 8:27ff).

As Daylight workers gather for our annual conference, God willing, Hugo Heij (a Prison Ministry Associate from the Chelmsford team) will share three character studies

(Elijah, Paul & Jesus) to inspire us to go on serving the LORD. We will also spend time in prayer, worship, fellowship, sharing of experience and training. Please pray that this time will encourage us all for another year of service. Another year of taking the light of Christ to those who sit in the darkness of our prison; a darkness that can be physical, mental and especially spiritual, a darkness they can be free from in Jesus Christ.

We are so grateful to God for your prayers, it is a huge encouragement to us that so many partner with us in this way. 1 Tim. 2:1 seems most appropriate, I know Paul goes on to reference "Kings and all who are in authority..." but surely the other end of the spectrum of "all people" is those in prison.

If you would like to encourage others to become aware of our partnership and to pray for us as you do, then maybe you might like to purchase some Christmas Cards. We have a small supply of two designs, available in packs of 10 (5 of each) for £5 per pack plus postage. Do get in touch with the office.



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