

## News from the Office: How Shall We Pray in 2026?

When you tell us how you use our prayer diary it is such a joy. Some of you pray the whole thing in one go, on your own or with church, others take a single item a day until they have underlined the whole thing. Thank you all, without your prayers the work will die.

Over and above the weekly and monthly needs of individuals and teams please will you remember these things throughout the year:

**Ongoing Work in the Office:** Please continue to pray for the Office team and all the admin, Letter Writing, and Written Studies. As 2026 begins there are around 150 open correspondences and more than 210 prisoners receive the Written Studies direct. The first study of the New Year will go out on Thursday 1st and then fortnightly afterwards. Please pray that these will continue to be well managed and continue to grow. We will be increasing the hours worked in the Office in 2026 and advertising for a cleaner.

**Conferences:** We hope to see you in person at one of the many conferences that we will attend this year. We are grateful when you come and say "Hi" and even more so when you bring a friend to introduce them to us. Please pray that these will be times of blessing and encouragement, informing the church of the work and need, and of growing the team.

So how will you pray for us this year? The last thing I ask is that you might join us for one of our prayer weeks, I know online prayer is not for everyone but these have proved times of great blessing over the last couple of years. Contact the office for more details.

**Supporters' Week w/b Sunday Feb 1st**

**Prisons' Week. w/b Sunday 11th October**

**Four New PSGs:** We believe God has led us to the Isle of Wight, Bristol, Doncaster, and the North East as places where He is already at work and would have us serve Him. Please pray as we seek to stir up the local churches to serve the gospel in their local prisons. We long for 2026 to see Daylight Prayer & Support Groups running Sunday services, Bible Study teams, and Volunteer Chaplains in each of these areas.

**Appointing a Fundraiser:** We are grateful to God that in 2025 nearly 80% of our financial support has come from individuals and churches who both pray and give. However, over time some Christian trust funds have supported Daylight too. As we continue to grow we need to tap into this source of funding in a more structured way. Please pray we will be led to the right person and that God will see fit to bless His name and the gospel through them.

If you would like to support Daylight's work financially, one-off or regular gifts can be made via the 'Donate' tab on our website [daylightcpt.org](http://daylightcpt.org), or call 01245 252735 to make gifts by phone. Cheques made payable to Daylight Christian Prison Trust can be sent to our office address below, and if you would like a Gift Aid or Standing Order Form, please let us know.

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# Daylight

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**Throughout last year, we were thankful for continued opportunities to carry out chaplaincy work, and to run Sunday Services and Bible Studies in many prisons, but it has been a particular encouragement to see new ministry beginning in prisons we had not previously worked in. Our newest chaplain working in two prisons in Suffolk shares the following report:**

"The weekly Bible Study at HMP Warren Hill continues to be well-supported and we're working through Ephesians. It is hugely encouraging to find some who are able to reason biblically when questions are raised, or unbiblical ideas are put forward.

One Roman Catholic has started attending, just in time for Ephesians 2:8-10: *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"*.

*"Surely works are essential for our salvation?"* he asked on his first week. And so we all worked through the text. He loved it and has continued coming. *"It's the best Bible study I've done"*, he said, *"You work through the text and it becomes easy to understand"*. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work.

And then, the Spirit has been working in another cell. I was encouraged to visit a prisoner by a member of the Bible Study group; they'd discussed matters in the gym apparently. The gentleman in question had a Study Bible and was clearly coming to understand a good deal, but also had many questions. I have been able to spend quite some time with him personally, and now he is attending the Bible Study group and the Sunday services. Please pray!

Across the way in HMP Hollesley Bay, the weekly Bible Study continues in Ecclesiastes using a *Matthias Media* study guide. They asked me to go slower, saying, *"We're not wanting to rush!"* and also want to spend longer than the allotted hour, which is so encouraging.

Understanding is good amongst a number of them, but some are yet to find faith in Christ; not least a Jewish man who still attends most regularly. Please pray on!"



are trying to help, but his situation is still a worry for him, so please pray that he will find settled accommodation soon.

Give thanks for a new Free Church Chaplain who started a two day a week position in the prison during December. Please pray for them as they settle in.

**West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group** – Give thanks that two or more members of the group were able to support the Carol Services in each of the five prisons in the area during December.

Please pray that the vetting for the new members of the group will be completed as swiftly as possible, and that God will show each one of them where they may serve the Lord best, whether it be in one or more than one prison.

Praise God for good relationships with the Chaplaincy Teams in all of the nearby prisons. Please pray that this will continue and that vacancies in two of the prisons will be filled by those who truly love the gospel.

In December, we praised God for all the opportunities He had given the group during the past year. As we move into the new one, please pray for God's continuing blessing and guidance and that all may be done to His honour and glory.

**Written Studies** – Give thanks that many prisoners received seasonal Written Studies across the Christmas and New Year period. Please pray that these will be a blessing to them, and that we will be helped in choosing the right topics and writing these studies during this year.

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

good group of men attending each week. Please pray that those who are Christians will be encouraged and built up in their faith, and that others will be challenged to think about where they stand spiritually.

**Patrick** – Please pray for Patrick, who we have had contact with for many years. He has recently been released again, and has been put in touch with a worker in the area. Please pray that this support will be a blessing to him and that he will be kept on the right path.

**Sam** – Please pray for Sam who has been attending our services and Bible Studies while on remand, and shows real signs of loving the Lord. Having recently received a lengthy sentence, please pray that he will be placed in a prison where he will continue to receive good spiritual support.

**HMP Weyland (Norfolk)** – Please pray for M, a prisoner who originally classified himself as a Rastafarian when he came into prison a couple of years ago and asked our chaplain for a king James Bible. A while later he said he was now a Spiritualist, but last week seemed to have a very different attitude and asked for an amplified Bible. Our Chaplain was able to give him a study Bible along with a course to complete in his cell. Please pray that God will open his heart to receive the truth of the gospel.

Please pray too for S, who was released the week before Christmas. Having served his full sentence, he has no further restrictions on him, but this also means that he is receiving no support from probation and no help with accommodation. Give thanks for some elderly friends at a nearby church who



**Chaplaincy Work** – Give thanks for continued encouragements from chaplaincy work, with good conversations with individual prisoners, as well as opportunities to support those who are particularly struggling, both prisoners and prison staff. Please pray that our Daylight chaplains will be given wisdom and sensitivity in these interactions.

We have Daylight Chaplains active in the following prisons: HMPs Birmingham, Cardiff, Chelmsford, Deerbolt, Durham, Elmley, Five Wells, Holliesley Bay, Oakwood, Usk, Warren Hill, Weyland, and Westun.

**HMP Five Wells (Northamptonshire)** – Give thanks for a good number of men attending the weekly Bible study sessions here. Please pray that these studies will be a blessing to them.

**HMP Ford (West Sussex)** – Give thanks for an encouraging service at this open prison last month. Over twenty prisoners attended and our team had useful conversations with them afterwards, as well as being able to talk to the Managing Chaplain about opportunities for future services and Bible studies.

**HMP Kirklevington Grange (N. Yorkshire)** – Give thanks for continued opportunities to run evening services in this open prison. Praise God that some of the men are also attending a nearby church on Sunday mornings. Please pray that this will lead to them settling in good churches after their release.

**HMP Leeds (W. Yorkshire)** – Give thanks that our team have been asked to lead a Sunday Service here at the end of the month while the Chaplain has a time of holiday. Please pray that the Lord will show the team clearly what they should say and do on that occasion, and that the service will be used in the hearts and lives of those who attend.

**Letter Writing Ministry** – Give thanks for continued encouragements from our Letter Writing Ministry. It was particularly good to see a reply from one prisoner, Ash, who shared how helpful he had found some study notes our volunteer had sent to him. He writes, "The commentary was very apt! I have recently felt to pray over a few people in here who can be a little challenging, let's say! I've really felt the Holy Spirit prompting me to understand that they too are important to God and seeking opportunities to talk with them. It's also been a lesson in humility, as Paul says, 'so were some of you; There's no doubt that I too have tried the Lord's patience on many occasions, but he never once gave up on me. Thank God!'"

Please pray that Ash will be helped as he seeks to witness to those around him, and that contact with our volunteer will continue to be a blessing to him.

**HMP Oakwood (Staffordshire)** – Give thanks that we were able to take part in a Carol Service here last month, and for continued regular opportunities to run services and Bible Studies, with a

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