

News from the Office: How Shall We Write?

Reading Andrew Atherstone's exceptional edition of J.C. Ryle's Autobiography I have discovered that Ryle's writing style which I love so much, the short pithy sentences in his Expositions of the Gospels, was one he did not naturally choose. It was a style which he considered it was his "plain duty" to adopt, so that he could "do good" to his congregation. It is when we truly consider the needs of our hearers that we purchase or produce the best material. Please will you pray for us as we choose and commission resources to send into prison.

This month, God willing we will:

- Reprint a tried and tested favourite, Alec Taylor's **They Met the LORD Jesus**. We are grateful to Alec's family for their ongoing support.

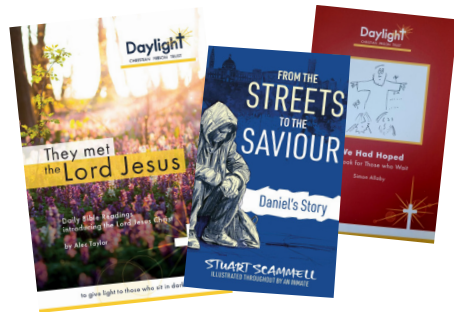
- Purchase a new book, **From the Streets to the Saviour** by Stuart Scammell, a Daylight Chaplain in South Wales.

- Send into prison with our regular Written Messages, our latest commission from Simon Allaby (*Turn the Page*). He has written eleven short stories, for the days in-between Ascension and Pentecost, titled **We Had Hoped, A Book for Those Who Wait**.

- Finally, as we conclude our Anniversary Year, we are writing our own '20th Anniversary Yearbook' to help us all give the glory to God.

Do get in touch if you feel able to support us financially as well as in prayer, because all these resources cost. For instance, a gift of £300 would cover the cost of 200 copies of **We Had Hoped** going into prisons this month.

And please remember *Turn the Page* in your prayers too, as we have recently received this news from them: "We are currently operating with a shortfall of £500 per month. This has been covered so far by a legacy received in 2023... The need is pressing: we only have enough to pay Simon's salary to the end of July this year". For more information visit turn-the-page.co.uk.



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Whether it is our regular written studies, daily devotional materials, or other books, we continually see how much impact literature has on those in prison. For some, these items help them to grasp the truths of the gospel for the first time, and for others, they help them to grow in their knowledge of Christ and His Word.

Just over the last couple of weeks, it has been an encouragement to hear from a number of prisoners in response to literature, including Alf, who wrote to let us know how much he appreciates the written studies. Alf told us that he is keeping each one he receives in a file, and when he eventually leaves prison, he intends to donate the file to the prison chapel, so that others can read them as well.

Please pray that these studies will continue to be a blessing to Alf, and to others who may read them in future too.

Another man, Henry, was at his lowest point when a chaplain first brought him some Daylight material, and it was lovely to receive a note from him recently showing how the Lord had brought that chaplain along at just the right time. He writes, "I just wanted to tell you that I have material from you, that has most definitely saved my life. I found your items when I was at my worst, and it was most certainly my darkest time. I was

suicidal and could not see a way out, yet for some reason, the chaplain here gave me your material, and without going into detail, I am here today because of you".

Please pray that Henry will continue to read the material he receives and to engage with chaplaincy, and that if he has not already done so, he will come to trust in Christ as His Saviour.

For Mostyn, who has made a profession of faith since coming to prison, receiving literature is something that encourages him as he seeks to live for Christ in prison, and he writes, "Thank you, a million times for spreading the word of the Lord around the world, especially in prisons. My life has changed for good and I know I'm heading in the right direction because Jesus is now guiding me".

Please pray that Mostyn will continue to grow in grace and knowledge of Christ, and that he will be helped as he seeks to witness to others around him.



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HMP Weyland (Norfolk) – Please pray for J, a Christian man who is getting dependent at the lack of progress in his parole. As he sees many released, he is struggling with feeling left behind and knowing he is missing out on his children and grandchildren's lives.

Pray too that the Christian men here will use the time they have wisely, and take opportunities to spend time in prayer and the study of God's Word: it is surprising how many still say they have not had time!

Give thanks that good resources, including *Christianity Explored* are now available on in cell prison laptops, so please pray that many will also make use of these.

HMP Wealstun (West Yorkshire) – Give thanks for the fourteen men who have signed up to attend the *Hope Explored* course here. Please pray that this will be a blessing to them.

West Yorkshire Prayer & support Group – Give thanks that two of the new people joining the team have had their volunteer applications approved. Please pray that God will guide them as to how and where they are to be involved.

Prise God that twenty-six people from four different churches attended the recent deputation meeting at Thornhill Baptist Church, with one lady expressing interest in letter writing and men, who knows that God has forgiven him, but cannot forgive himself. One of the team was able to speak to him after the latest session and to leave him with a book titled *Can I Forgive Myself*, so

HMP Sudbury (Derbyshire) – Give thanks that we are being asked to take more Sunday services here, but please pray for Nigel as he seeks to balance these requests with other prison commitments, and that the Lord will raise up more local volunteers to help support these services.

HMP Swansea (South Wales) – Give thanks for the *Christianity Explored Prison Edition* course which has just restarted. Please pray for the men attending, and for plans to begin a *Living with Loss* bereavement course soon.

Pray too that more local churches will get involved in supporting the chaplaincy team here.

HMP Usk (South Wales) – Give thanks for the men attending the Bible studies and Sunday Services. Many are showing a good interest and those who have been saved are progressing well.

W – Please pray for W, a Christian man one of our chaplains came to know during his time in prison. He is now at the end of his period in a probation hostel and urgently needs somewhere to move on to start a new life, so please pray that the right place will be provided.

HMP Wakefield (West Yorkshire) – Give thanks for the twelve men who attended the last Prayer & Reflection Session. Please pray that the numbers will continue to increase so more may hear the gospel.

Please pray particularly for one of the men, who knows that God has forgiven him, but cannot forgive himself. One of the team was able to speak to him after the latest session and to leave him with a book titled *Can I Forgive Myself*, so



despite many being moved to different prisons. Give thanks that five men asked for Bibles after the last sessions.

Minty – Please continue to pray for Minty, a prisoner we mentioned a few months ago who had made an attempt to take his own life. Initially in a prison where our West Yorkshire team run Bible studies, he had then been moved to another prison where he joined studies run by one of our chaplains, and has now just been moved back to another prison where our West Yorkshire team are also working. Please pray that this continued contact with Daylight workers will be a blessing to him, and that he will also be encouraged by letters he receives from one of our volunteers.

HMP New Hall (West Yorkshire) – Please pray that the necessary clearance for the newly appointed Church of England chaplain will come through shortly, and that the number of ladies attending the Bible studies will return to previous levels.

Norwich Prayer & Support Group – Give thanks for the opportunity to hold a Daylight prayer meeting at Norwich Evangelical Free Church on Wednesday 18th June. Please pray that this will be a blessed time for those who come along.

HMP Oakwood (West Midlands) – Give thanks that the Bible study group continues to be very lively, with around nineteen attending. The men really enjoy the sessions and always express their gratitude afterwards.

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HMP Birmingham (West Midlands) – Give thanks that numbers in the Bible study group are continuing to grow, with more asking to be put on the list to come. Please pray particularly for one man from a Muslim background who wants to attend regularly, that he will come to understand the gospel.

HMP Bullingdon (Oxfordshire) – Give thanks for a profitable time at the last monthly Bible study session, going through the parable of the lost son. The men interacted well, acknowledging that there was sin in their lives, and it was a privilege to point them to the only One who can forgive them and change their lives.

A few who are believers spoke about how they struggle with trying to live out being a Christian in prison, and one of them, who was recently baptised, was able to share how it had helped him to declare his faith in baptism.

Deputation – Please pray for Gaius, Graham, and Nigel with Daylight's stand at the *East Midlands Churches Day* on Saturday 28th June, that they will have many fruitful conversations.

Please also pray for Alan and Gaius as they represent Daylight at a Funders Day run by a supporting Christian trust this month.

HMP Leeds (West Yorkshire) – Please pray that the number of men attending the two Bible studies will increase,