News from the Board

It was a delight to welcome many of our volunteers to King's Church Flitwick for our annual Workers' Weekend. On the opening evening I was asked to say a few words, and I began with a note of heartfelt thanks to those who faithfully serve the Lord's kingdom through Daylight within the prison walls, without whom there is no Daylight.

I mentioned Jesus' words in Matthew 25: '*Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world… I was in prison and you came to visit me…. Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*' (Mt. 25:34-36).

Prison ministry volunteers take those words very literally. What they do for those who are among the least, the last and the lost, they do for the Lord Jesus who himself bursts through the bars of prisons up and down this country, bringing light into the darkness. We are so grateful to God for those who serve him with Daylight, and for the way he is glorified through their sacrificial service and ministry, the early mornings and security checks, all because Jesus has invited them to go into prison with him.

As I reflected on some highlights from the past year, we drew attention to the continued rise in demand for our Written Studies and Letter Writing Ministry. New Prayer & Support Groups have been launched and groups have been welcomed into more prisons to take part in Sunday services, lead Bible studies, or support chaplaincy work.

The last two summers have seen us have a stand at all three weeks of the Keswick Convention, one of the largest gatherings of evangelical Christians in the UK. That has yielded many new volunteers, letter writers and this year, even some chaplains asking us to go into their prisons.

All that growth is down to God's kindness, and we depend on him for the future. It's an exciting time for Daylight as we have recently appointed a Fundraiser and as we look to develop ministry in Scotland. As a trust board we sense the excitement at the opportunities that lie ahead, and value your prayers.

We are also very conscious of our need for additional trustees to lend their expertise as we seek to steward Daylight into the next phase of our development. If you have experience in strategic leadership, and a desire to see Daylight grow in the Lord's kindness, then we'd love to hear from you – please do get in touch with me (timdiaper@kingschurchflitwick.co.uk).

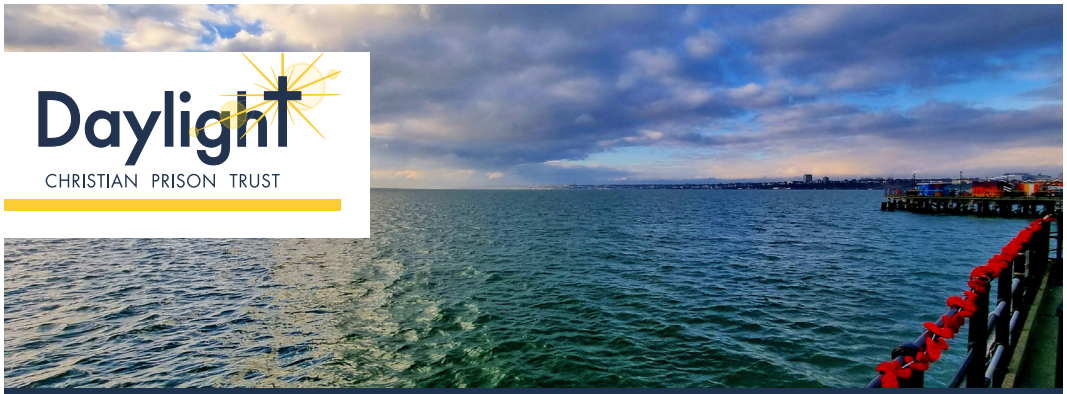
Tim Diaper, Chair of Trustees

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Last month, we shared how our ministry often brings us into contact with prison staff and asked you to particularly pray for one prison where a Daylight Chaplain is establishing a prayer group for chaplains and other staff members. A recent report from another worker reminded us how sometimes opportunities with staff can arise unexpectedly.

He writes, "We had a very encouraging time as we ran our evangelistic Bible Study this month. Though only seven or eight men they listened well for about an hour as we went through David's fall with Bathsheba and his subsequent restoration with God.

At the end, an officer had been waiting in the corridor for about a quarter of an hour. I offered one of Gerard Chrispin's booklets, at which he came straight into the room and was the first of five or six men to take his booklet: 'How can God Accept Me?'. Thank you Lord that You work in ways we do not expect!"

Please pray that these booklets will be used in the hearts and lives of those who took them, and that our team might have more opportunities to follow up with this officer in future.

The distribution of our regular Written Studies continues to grow, with new prisoners signing up regularly and more chaplains giving these out on the wings.

Having reached Mark chapter 8, we will be pausing our studies in the gospel for the rest of this year to enable us to look at more seasonal topics for Remembrance Sunday, Advent, and Christmas. Alongside these studies, prisoners will also receive an Advent Devotional titled *Comfort & Joy* by Matt Searles, the purchase of which has been funded by the generous gifts given to our literature fund earlier this year.



Through the twenty-five devotions, the book walks the reader through Isaiah 40-55, with a reading, a short reflection, questions for meditation, and suggestions for prayer. Please pray that as prisoners receive these seasonal studies and devotional, they will come to know the true comfort and joy that can only be found in Christ.



November Prayer Points

HMP Birmingham (W. Midlands) – Give thanks for a good group of men attending the Bible Studies here. They are teachable and grateful and our chaplain finds it a real thrill to be there.

HMP Deerbolt (County Durham) – Give thanks for continued encouragements in the Bible Study group here. At a recent session, one young man arrived very angry about something that had happened that day, but in the prayer time at the end of the session, it was encouraging to hear him confess his anger, asking God to help him as he went back to his wing.

George – Please pray for George, a young man we have supported for a number of years who has recently left prison. He has made a profession of faith, and his Christian foster parents have told us how blessed he has been by Daylight's support, particularly by contact with our chaplains, but he struggles to stay on the right path outside. Please pray that he will be kept and continue to walk with the Lord, and that his foster parents will be helped as they seek to support him.

HMP Hollesley Bay (Suffolk) – As an open prison, there is a lot of movement, and a number of professing believers have recently moved out, so please pray they may establish good church connections on the outside.

This churn of numbers means that new people appear regularly too. Men are reading good books, doing courses, and the attendance at the two weekly Bible Studies and Sunday Services continues to be strong. External visitors who lead some of the services are always encouraged with the good spiritual tone they find in the prison. Please continue to pray for the ministry here.

HMP Kirklevington Grange (N. Yorkshire) – Give thanks for continued encouragements in the regular services here. Please pray that the messages preached will be used to speak to those who attend, both encouraging those who are believers and challenging those who do not yet know Christ.

Lance – Please pray for Lance who regularly attends our services in an open prison. He is coming to the end of a long sentence and will be released soon, but will be living in a new area which will prevent him attending the church he was part of previously. Please pray that we may be able to link him with a church in his new area where he will be supported and continue to receive good teaching.

HMP Leeds (W. Yorkshire) – Give thanks for increased opportunities to run regular Bible Studies here and for great discussions with the men. Please pray that these times of study will be used to speak to their hearts.

Nigel Robinson – Please pray for Nigel, our Regional Director for the Midlands, as he undergoes some tests to investigate a health issue; for a good outcome from these tests and for both Nigel and his wife Pat to know God's presence with them in the coming weeks.

HMP Oakwood (W. Midlands) – Give thanks for continued good attendance at

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the weekly Bible Studies. The group are just finishing the book of Esther, before moving on to a one-off session, thinking about how to interpret Scripture correctly. Please pray that these sessions will continue to be a blessing to the men who attend.

Give thanks too for new people keen to volunteer in this prison, alongside the existing team. Please pray that challenges with security clearance will be overcome and that applications for this will go through smoothly.

Prisons Week – Give thanks for the encouragement of Prisons Week during October. It was a joy to see so many of you on our Zoom prayer meetings throughout the week, and to know that many others were using the Prayer Diary to pray both individually and with church fellowships. We give thanks to God for your continued encouragement and support.

HMP Sudbury (Derbyshire) – Give thanks for continued opportunities to run Sunday Services in this open prison and for improved attendance. Our chaplain usually takes these monthly, but has been given some additional dates, meaning he will be responsible for three services in the coming month. Please pray that the messages preached will be a blessing to those who attend.

HMP Wakefield (W. Yorkshire) – Give thanks for continued opportunities for our team to support Sunday Services here. Please pray that the Lord will bless the conversations they have with the men and that many of them will be keen to attend the next Prayer & Reflection Session.

HMP Warren Hill (Suffolk) – Give thanks for stability and consistency with the weekly Bible Study attendance. The group are currently working through Acts, reaching the missionary trips of Paul and seeing the growth of the early church. Excellent conversations take place, which are always an encouragement.

Our chaplain had cause to hand out a sheet he produced some years ago relevant to the passages the group are studying which contains around thirty Bible references, and has been handed out numerous times over the years. But it took each prisoner to search the document carefully and look up each text to find three errors! These moments are hugely encouraging. Of course, prisoners have time on their hands, but when we find them putting such time to profitable use, it is a challenge to those of us outside about how we prioritise our time. Please pray that the Lord will continue to build up those who are believers and challenge those who are yet to find Christ.

HMP Wayland (Norfolk) – Give thanks for two men who show evidence of genuine conversion and were asking about being baptised by immersion after a recent Sunday Service. One of these men, who is likely to be in prison for several years, is also very keen to engage with correspondence courses to study theology in depth.

Please also continue to pray for T, a young man who seemed to have been remarkably saved but drifted away and returned to substance abuse. He has returned to Sunday Services recently which is an answer to prayer, but he is still easily led in the wrong direction by others, so please pray that he will continue to progress in the right direction and that he will stay away from bad influences.

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

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