



News from the Office: "Show Me Your Ways, O Lord"

"Show me your ways, LORD, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Saviour, and my hope is in You all day long" (Psalm 24:4 & 5).

Ministry in prison is challenging, and often stressful. God the Holy Spirit calls each to a particular ministry but not always for life, so sometimes the "deck needs to be shuffled" for Chaplains to be in the best place for them to serve. There are weekly vacancies, and throughout July and August there have never been less than ten posts being advertised. Please pray that God would raise up His chosen servant for each situation and encourage those who are struggling to continue; to know when is the right time to stay and when to go.

Sometimes these challenges prompt a request to Daylight and recently we have been approached by a Managing Chaplain for one prison in particular and the Chaplain General for another situation. We thank God for the encouragement it is to be trusted enough for these approaches to be made but ask you, please, to pray that our response would be appropriate; and given that we work through the local church, that we would be led to the right churches and individuals to partner with in each place. Indeed we can see how the

LORD has been going before us, but much work remains to be done.

As we look to build the work across the nation we usually start by trying to draw people together to pray and so we are planning for meetings in the North East and Isle of Wight in the coming months to create new Prayer & Support Groups (PSGs). There is also interest in the Bristol area and South Yorkshire (around Doncaster). If the LORD puts these on your heart, please start praying, and if you are in one of these areas then please let us know, and we will hopefully be able to put you in touch with others in your area.

Some key dates for the ministry in the Autumn:

1st September, 22nd October & 1st December - On Board With Daylight (Zoom Training Sessions for potential new volunteers)

10th -11th October Workers Conference

12th -18th Prisons Week (Daylight Prayer meetings (via Zoom) A separate Prayer Diary will follow in the coming weeks.



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Daylight Newsletter September 2025

We are thankful that responses to our regular Written Studies continue to be encouraging. While they reach many who do not attend other activities, we praise God that a good number of the prisoners receiving these sheets also attend our services and Bible study groups, so are using them in addition to other times of teaching for their own personal study.

One such man, Wesley, wrote recently to thank us, saying, "Once again thank you for all the support and time you give to each of us. I have grown as a person and in my faith with your support and reading your studies.

Also, a thank you for the volunteer groups you run in prisons. It is really so kind that you all at Daylight give your time up, so once again thank you to every one of you".

Another man, Donald, also got in touch recently, saying, "Thank you for the Daylight Bible studies. Once I have read them, I put them out on the wing for other people to pick up and read".

At the end of each of the study sheets, we have a *Think Further* section which gives suggestions of passages the readers can go to for further study, and as his letter continued, it was encouraging to see that Donald is also using this. He writes, "I've just read Psalm 145 as referred to in one of the studies, and will share a

bit from verse 13: 'Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is trustworthy in all He promises and faithful in all He does'".

Give thanks that Wesley and Donald are making use of these resources, and please pray that these sheets will continue to be a blessing to them and others they share them with.

Having finished our latest series on the life of David before the summer, we will begin a new series of studies for the autumn on the book of Jonah. Please pray that as men and women in prisons receive these sheets, as well as a number of ex-offenders, the story of this prodigal prophet will resonate with them; encouraging and strengthening those who are believers and bringing others to see their need of salvation.

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, 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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Give thanks that *Christianity Explored* resources are now available on the men's laptops in their cells. Please pray that they will access these and that they will be used to lead men to Christ.

HMP Wealstun (West Yorkshire) – Give thanks for the opportunity for a member of our team to attend a Sunday Service here in order to speak about the upcoming *Hope Explored* course and to encourage the men to sign up for it. Please pray that a good number of men will be keen to come along when the course begins in mid-September and that this will be a blessing to them.

West Midlands – Give thanks that Nigel was able to take a break during August, and for Bal and Robert who have continued much of the ministry in his absence. Please pray that as Nigel returns to his work in HMFs Birmingham and Oakwood, he will know the Lord's blessing in the chaplaincy work, Bible Studies, and services he carries out week by week.

HMP Wetherby (West Yorkshire) – Praise God that two of the new members of our West Yorkshire team believe that this is the prison where the Lord wants them to become involved. The team have not previously had capacity to visit here as often as they would have liked, so this is a real answer to prayer.



pray that they will be given wisdom in and that the truth of God's Word will shine through.

Mental Health – Please pray for many of the prisoners we have contact with, who struggle with their mental health, and that contact with our chaplains and letter writing volunteers will be a blessing and encouragement to them.

Trustees – Please pray for our board of trustees as they meet this month. On the agenda will be the delivery of the strategy into 2026 and beyond, so please pray for wisdom in making these plans for the future of the ministry.

HMP New Hall (West Yorkshire) – Praise God that regular visits here have now resumed, with six ladies attending the most recent Bible study session. Please pray that numbers will grow back to the previous levels of around sixteen.

HMP Wakefield (West Yorkshire) – Give thanks for a consistent number of men attending the Prayer & Reflection Sessions here. Please pray that this will continue.

Pray too that the recent vacancies in the Chaplaincy Team here will be filled with those who have a heart for sharing the gospel with the men.

HMP Weyland (Norfolk) – Please pray for D, who comes along to Sunday Services and Bible Studies. He is very articulate, but is yet to fully respond to the gospel offer.

Please also pray for N who has lots of questions about God and suffering in this world. He is not yet a Christian but asked for prayer.



HMP Chelmsford (Essex) – Give thanks for a small group of men who continue to attend the weekly Bible studies we run for VPs (Vulnerable Prisoners). Please pray that the *Fly Through the Bible* material (from *Open the Bible UK*) will continue to be a blessing, and in particular, that it will help those who are considering baptism to understand where they stand with the LORD and the next step they should take.

HMP Doncaster (South Yorkshire) – Give thanks for the opportunity for a couple of our chaplains to help out with Sunday Services during August while David (Free Church Chaplain) took a time of holiday. Please pray that the messages they heard will be used to speak to them, and that David will be blessed and encouraged as he returns to work after his break.

Josh – Give thanks for Josh, a prisoner who enjoys our Written Studies, and writes asking good questions, as well as requesting Bible Text Postcards and Posters to display on his cell wall. Please pray that this contact will continue to be an encouragement to him.

HMP Kirklevington Grange (North Yorkshire) – Give thanks for continued opportunities to run regular evening services in this Open Prison and for a small group of men who are keen to come along.

Praise God that some of them are also

attending a nearby church on a Sunday morning, with another taking his family to a local church when on home leave. Please pray that this enthusiasm for being with God's people will continue and that these men will become part of local churches in the areas they return to after release.

HMP Five Wells (Northamptonshire) – As well as continued opportunities to run weekly Bible studies and a Faith Circle group with elderly prisoners, we are thankful that our chaplain recently had the opportunity to preach at a Sunday Service, with over seventy men attending. Please pray that the message they heard will be used in their hearts and lives.

HMP Leeds (West Yorkshire) – Give thanks for continued opportunities to run two Bible study groups in this remand prison. Please pray that an increasing number of men will attend these sessions.

Media – Give thanks that growing technology in prisons means that prisoners increasingly have access to Christian content and TV channels around the clock. This is a particular blessing to those who wake up in the night and want something helpful to listen to or watch, but in some cases, that prisoners are more exposed to unhelpful or false teaching too. Please

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