



## Daylight Newsletter March 2016

Prisoners have a lot on their minds and consciences. This was brought home to one of our Daylight chaplains on two very recent occasions.

On the first occasion he had stopped to chat to two offenders playing snooker on their afternoon off. Out of the blue one of the men asked him, “Are some people too bad to go to heaven?” “No” replied the chaplain, telling him about King Manasseh and the dying thief. The man had no Bible, but agreed to receive one.

The second man banged on the laundry window as our chaplain was passing and beckoned him inside, with a remarkably similar question, “Can a murderer get to Heaven?” Serving a life sentence for killing his wife and child, this was an all-important issue for him. The verse saying that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him was weighing him down. The chaplain explained that this must refer to unrepentant murderers, since both Moses and David are now in glory. The man appeared unspeakably relieved, but needed to be reminded of the need for genuine repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ before he could go to be with Him.

Surely the fields are white and ready to harvest.

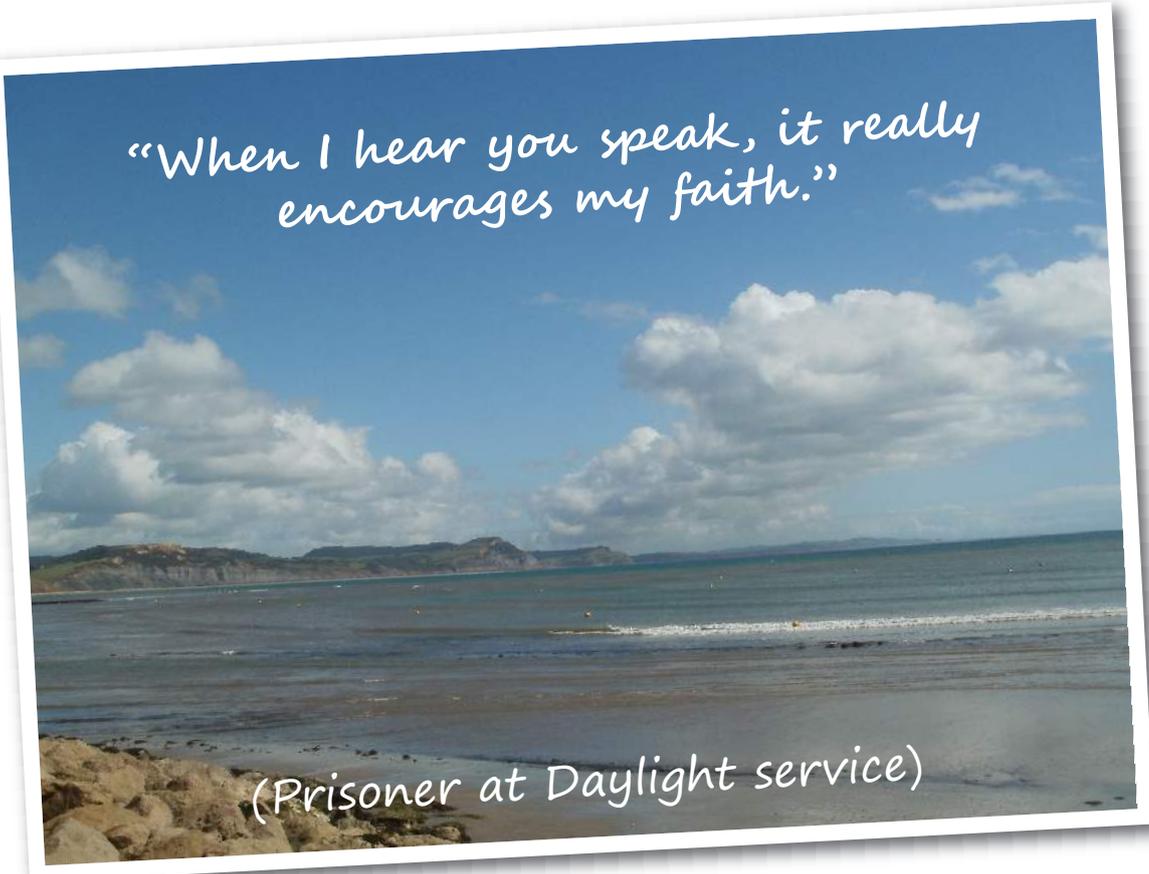
### *Word Alive*

If you are going to Word Alive from 2nd – 7th April in Prestatyn, Wales, come and see Mike Riddle (trustee) at Daylight’s stand in the exhibition. [www.wordaliveevent.org](http://www.wordaliveevent.org)

### *Northern Ireland*

Last month we asked you to pray for Steven St John’s visit to Northern Ireland at the end of February. He had the opportunity to speak about Daylight at a number of churches and to students at the Irish Baptist College; it was a very encouraging time and we can give thanks for answered prayer.





*“When I hear you speak, it really encourages my faith.”*

*(Prisoner at Daylight service)*

## March Prayer Points

**HMP Cardiff** – Please pray for the new Christianity Explored course starting here.

**HMP Chelmsford** – Give thanks for the opportunity we had to run a service here in February. We had a good number of prisoners and they listened well. Please pray that they would remember the message they heard.

**HMP Portland** – Sadly recently one of our Monday evening Bible studies was cancelled due to staff shortages. We hoped to help with the Tuesday night fellowship instead, but that was also cancelled. Please pray that if this becomes a regular problem we will know how to respond.

One of our volunteers is starting a Bible Overview with one group, whilst another volunteer continues studies in Romans with another group. Continue to pray that they would really accept the Bible as God’s authoritative Word and that they would personally trust Christ for salvation and life.

**HMP Swansea** – Please pray for the new Chaplain starting here.

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**HMP Wayland** – Please continue to pray that the right person would be found to fill the vacancy for a full-time Anglican Chaplain here.

Some men from our Bible study group were asking if we could get them teaching ministry CDs, so please pray that we can get permission to do this, probably as a gift to the chaplaincy for them to loan out. This is especially important for those who struggle to read.

**C** – Please pray for C who has made a profession of faith but is not allowed to join any groups as he has a violent past with prison staff.

**Ed** – The last time we mentioned Ed was regarding the inquest into his wife's death. The Lord has sustained him but he needs grace and wisdom in building a new life. Please pray that he would be guided in his choice of work. How can he best serve the Lord with the gifts that he has, yet with his past? Also, how does the Lord want him to build new friendships, when disclosing his history becomes necessary? The first question is one that many people face, but for Ed the second issue is very difficult, because of his crime.

**Nigel Robinson** – Nigel spent two weeks speaking at a number of meetings in India during February. He had an amazing time, speaking at up to five meetings per day in colleges, Christian Unions and Churches. Please pray that God would take the messages that were delivered to touch hearts and change lives.

Please pray for Nigel as he starts back with his Daylight work, for the midweek Bible studies and the Christianity Explored course he is currently running.

**Scotland** – Please pray for R who had been in Rehab after his release last year but is now back in prison again. He says he is a Christian but he has such deep mental problems that he is unable to settle wherever he goes. Pray that the Lord who alone can set him free from these afflictions would grant him both mental and spiritual healing.

Please continue to pray for a prisoner who is a regular attendee at the church services and courses. He is concerned about his younger brother who is receiving chemotherapy treatment. Please remember him as he earnestly prays for his recovery.

Our second Discipleship Explored course is well attended by the prisoners. They raise various questions every week which create many opportunities for discussions which all enjoy. They are very appreciative of all the work which the chaplain does in regard to these courses and the weekly service. Many inmates admit that their lives have been transformed as a result. Daylight's volunteers observe these changes in their lives and praise God for His wonderful work as the Gospel is being presented to them and they embrace it. They need our ongoing prayers as they are in a hostile environment and often very vulnerable.

Please remember those who have recently been released and have begun to attend a place of worship on Sundays that they will continue their attendance and receive the encouragement and support they so much need.



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