

"...from darkness to light..."

Daylight

christian prison trust



Daylight Newsletter January 2017

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

And he replied:

*"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."*

Each New Year I'm reminded of this poem, quoted by George VI in his Christmas broadcast in 1939. It was given to him by his 13 year old daughter, now our Queen. And the poem itself reminds me of Psalm 119:105, which tells us that God's word is a lamp to our feet, a light to our path.

Recent news makes us all aware that our prisons are difficult places. Please pray for prison staff, that they may be given much wisdom and patience. Pray too for Daylight people who undertake chaplaincy duties; they have a privileged position to speak to prisoners and staff. Pray for Daylight people, staff and volunteers, who speak, preach, teach and mentor, that the Lord would use them for His glory and the salvation of sinners.

Daylight proclaims the saving work of Christ, God's eternal plan revealed in time brought to pass in the birth, death, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ and ongoing until He comes again. Daylight is a gospel work and it needs regular and persistent prayer, for the enemy is very active.

Thank you for your interest in the work. Every week we see the power of prayer as the Lord overrules, as He helps us and sustains us and works in the hearts of the men and women in prison to whom we speak. May you know the Lord with you day by day, until He comes or calls.

Steven St John

January Prayer Points

HMP Armley – Give thanks for opportunities for Daylight to work here. Please pray as two Yorkshire churches meet to consider the development of Prayer & Support Groups.

HMP Cardiff – Please pray for the prisoners who completed the Christianity Explored course here at the end of 2016, that they will remember what they have learnt from Mark's Gospel and that it will have an effect on their hearts and lives.

HMP Garth – Praise God for confirmed appointments to run Sunday services here. Please pray for those who have said they would be willing to volunteer here, that they would have discernment and the heart of God.

HMP Haverigg – Give thanks that the Lord has given Daylight a very large part in the ministry here. Please pray that the appointment of a new Anglican chaplain will result in a Biblical man of God and servant of Christ above all else.

HMP Holme House – Give thanks for the opportunity to minister in cooperation with a Managing Chaplain who has a clear heart for the lost. Please pray that we will soon see a Prayer & Support Group raised up to support the chaplaincy here.

HMP Northumberland – Give thanks for opportunities to lead Sunday services here. Pray for two churches who are prayerfully considering forming a Prayer & Support Group for this prison.

HMP Thorn Cross – Please pray that a good number of prisoners will come to our service here on the 29th January and that they will listen carefully to the message. Pray for Peter as he speaks at the service.

HMP Wayland – Please pray for B, an unusual prisoner who recently attended a Bible study for the second time. He has a PhD in astrophysics, is proud of his success and intellect and does not believe the Bible. Pray that God will use this experience to make him face up to his sin, the truth of God's Word and his need of a Saviour.

Please pray that the John Bunyan Books, 'The Holy War', supplied by another Christian organisation and given out after the carol service will be read and understood.

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Pray too for **A** who was supposed to have been released recently but was suddenly told he had an extra unexpired sentence of 8 weeks to serve. He is a new Christian and has accepted this patiently but please pray that he will get on well and find suitable work and a supportive church in Norfolk when he is released in early February.

Bury St Edmunds PSG – Please pray for Murdo, the leader of our Bury St Edmunds Prayer & Support Group, currently undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer. Pray that he and his family would know the Lord's presence with them and that they would be given needed strength at this time.

Chaplaincy HQ– Please pray that the good relationship we enjoyed with the Chaplain General and Faith Advisor team in 2016 will continue this year, to the glory of God alone.

Conference – We are planning to hold a one day national Daylight conference in West Bromwich on Saturday 4th November 2017. Please pray for this as we start preparations. More details will follow nearer the time.

Prisoner – Please pray for a prisoner who has been given a seventeen year sentence for historic offences. He is in his 70s and not a believer. We hope to be able to visit him.

Scotland – Please pray for **J** who is looking forward to being released in April, as he is quite anxious about accommodation for the future. He has a church background but needs to be prayerfully supported and welcomed back into the church fellowship.

Please also pray for **I** who has recently had a visit from one of our volunteers. He appreciates these visits and regularly attends the meetings in the prison chapel.

Pray too for **G** who has just been released and desires to start attending an evangelical church which has been recommended to him where he would continue to be instructed in God's Word.

Sunday Services – Give thanks for answered prayer in continued opportunities to run Sunday services in prisons in 2017. Praise God that in several places we have been given more dates than last year.

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