



Daylight Newsletter March 2017

Last month we mentioned our Bible study group in HMP Oakwood who were at the time studying Acts and were showing real interest and asking good questions.

A few weeks ago when they were getting near the end of Acts, Nigel asked the group what they would like to do next and suggested a couple of courses like Christianity Explored or Science & Faith but the men said they just wanted to continue studying the Bible and asked if they could look at Romans next.

The prisoners are given a handout with notes from each session and have commented how much they like having these as they can then go away and look at things for themselves.

Please pray for this group as they study Romans each week and pray that their eagerness to learn from God's Word will continue.

In another prison recently, one of our chaplains spoke to a prisoner on the wing who said he did not go to church, so he encouraged the prisoner to come to the prison chapel anyway.

That Sunday, the prisoner turned up at our service and heard the Gospel, saying he had come because of their conversation. He said he had found the service interesting and would come again. Please pray for him.

Date for your Diary - On Saturday 4th November 2017, we are planning to hold a national Daylight Conference in West Bromwich. Please pray for us as we start preparations for this. More details will follow nearer the time.

March Prayer Points

HMP Bure – Give thanks for continued opportunities to work in this prison and pray for our service here on the 19th March.

HMP Cardiff – Please pray for the Christianity Explored groups here and the problems that the 'split' regime is causing.

HMYOI Cookham Wood – Give thanks for new opportunities to run regular Sunday services in this Juvenile Centre. Please pray for the Daylight volunteers who will be running these.

HMP Haverigg – Give thanks that Daylight's work is now well established in this prison and for opportunities to cover the chaplaincy duties several times this month. Please pray for our service here on the 12th March, followed by a Bible study in the afternoon.

HMP Holme House – Give thanks for the opportunity to lead a Sunday service here on the 5th March. Please pray for the prisoners who will hear the Gospel through this.

HMP Parc – Give thanks for the new opportunities to work in this prison. Please pray for the needed clearance to fully come through.

HMP Portland – We continue with two Bible study groups each Monday morning here. One group are studying Luke and the other Acts at the moment. The Luke group tends to be a bit livelier, whilst there is a settled group of quieter enquirers in the Acts group. Please pray for wisdom to handle each prisoner sensitively and with grace and that the group dynamic will encourage serious thought rather than distract as we consider God's Word.

Others within the prison are currently running an Alpha course and we look forward to welcoming those who are directed to the Monday morning Bible study sessions as a result.

HMP Swansea – Please pray for the Life Explored group meeting here each week.

HMP Thorn Cross – Give thanks for an encouraging service here at the end of January. Please pray that the message given from Colossians 1:15-23 will continue to be used in the hearts and lives of the prisoners who came.

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HMP Usk – Please continue to pray for the weekly Bible studies here. Numbers have been low recently, so please pray that more prisoners will start to attend regularly.

M – Please pray for M and the Daylight volunteers who are supporting him in church following his release. Pray that his professed faith will grow as he prays, reads God's Word and meets regularly in good fellowship with mature believers.

Murdo – Please continue to pray for Murdo, the leader of our Bury St Edmunds Prayer & Support Group as he undergoes treatment for pancreatic cancer, that he would continue to know the Lord's hand upholding him and his family at this time.

Pray too that as he shares something of his experience and testimony on an online blog, this would be used to bring souls to Christ.

Prayer & Support Groups – Please pray for the first meeting of our new Prayer & Support Group at Wycliffe Memorial Evangelical Church in Preston on 16th March. This group will focus its attention on the four prisons in the Preston cluster (HMPS Garth, Kirkham, Preston and Wymott).

Please continue to remember those who are prayerfully considering forming Prayer & Support Groups for HMPS Armley, Durham, Haverigg, Holme House, Newhall and Northumberland.

Scotland – Please pray for the Christianity Explored course being run at the moment. Many of this group have no basic knowledge of the Bible. Pray that the Lord will open their understanding.

Many of the young men who have attended Christianity and Discipleship Explored courses in the past have now been released. A number of them have promised to attend a church where the good teaching already received would continue. Please pray that they would attend church as they promised.

The attendance at the weekly services has been encouraging. Please pray for the Daylight Chaplain who conducts these services and that God's Word which is preached would be richly blessed to those who attend.

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