



Daylight Newsletter April 2017

A number of Daylight people are volunteer chaplains and this continues to give us opportunities to have one to one conversations with prisoners we would not otherwise meet.

One of our chaplains was recently able to speak to Caleb, a young man from a Nigerian family. He had attempted suicide the day before and broke down during their conversation. He comes from a Christian family but became a Muslim a few years ago. He desperately wants to change his life and said that speaking to our chaplain had helped him. Please pray for Caleb.

At another prison, Matthew was encouraged to attend the Bible studies by his cell mate and has continued to come since his cell mate was moved on. He described himself as an atheist based on his scientific training but has shown real signs of concern for his soul since attending. He has said how grateful he is for the help he has gained from the Bible studies and his attitude and beliefs have changed so much. He sees the relevance of the Bible but as yet is not saved. By the time you read this, Matthew will have been released. Pray that the Lord will continue to work in his life.

After a few weeks of some difficult behaviour at the Bible studies in HMP Portland, our volunteers were encouraged to attend the baptism of a prisoner who was released last summer. They write, "To hear his testimony of how the Lord came to him at his lowest point of arriving at prison and brought him to saving faith was a real blessing, reminding us of how the Lord saves through prison ministry. He continues to hunger for knowledge of God and His truth and we pray for him as serves the Lord as part of a local evangelical church."



April Prayer Points

Christianity Explored - Please pray for the Christianity Explored courses currently being run in **HMPs Cardiff and Swansea**.

HMP Drake Hall - Give thanks that we have been told we are on the list of people to take services here. Pray that we would be able to start running these soon.

HMP Haverigg - Please continue to pray for the Bible study group that they will understand the importance of conviction of sin, repentance and real saving faith.

Pray too for the Good Friday Walk of Witness, that prisoners' hearts will be touched as they hear Easter passages of Scripture.

HMP Highpoint - Give thanks for the regular presence of a Daylight team, which means that the prisoners now recognise them and start to open up and the opportunity is there to listen and to share something of Christ's love for them.

HMP Oakwood - Our Bible studies continue to go from strength to strength. Some are saved and are clearly growing in grace and others are understanding more of the Gospel, but still need to repent and trust in Christ alone.

Pray for one prisoner who had been influenced by the teaching of Jehovah's Witnesses, but is now convinced about the deity of Christ and seems close to being saved.

Give thanks that we have also been asked if we can take the Sunday service once a month for the rest of the year.

HMP Sudbury - Give thanks that we have been invited to join with the chaplain in a monthly service and for the continued opportunities to run weekly Bible studies.

Pray for Sam who is showing signs of conviction. He is wealthy but in his time in prison has realised he has neglected the important things in life because of his pursuit of money. He wants to go to a local church when he is released soon.

HMP Wayland - Please pray for our service here on the 2nd April and for the one to one mentoring work with **T** and **C** which is going well. Pray too for **G** who was recently released to a Christian ex-offender unit, that he will find work and a suitable church.

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HMP Werrington – Pray for three young offenders who have joined the Bible study group who are unusually serious about spiritual things, that their concern might lead to true conversion and for John, a young catholic who has been encouraged by his Dad to read the Bible while he is in prison and has showed great concern to find out how to be saved.

HMP Wymott – Please pray for this prison as they go through a process of exchanging one large group of prisoners for another and all the challenges that come with this.

Murdo– Please keep praying that Murdo (Bury St Edmunds PSG) and his family will be upheld as he continues treatment for pancreatic cancer.

Services – Give thanks for opportunities to run Sunday services in a number of prisons in the North during April. We will be running the Easter service at **HMP Northumberland** on the 16th, two communion services at **HMP Garth** on the 23rd and services at **HMPs Durham** and **Thorn Cross** on the 30th. Please pray for those leading these services and for the prisoners who will hear the Gospel through them.

Prayer & Support Groups – Please continue to pray for Prayer & Support Groups to be established for the prisons in the North East and West Yorkshire.

Preston PSG – Give thanks for this new Prayer & Support Group who had their first meeting in March. They focussed on praying for the prisoners and staff of their four local prisons and are due to meet again in mid-April.

Scotland – We have completed another Christianity Explored course and are now preparing for the Discipleship Explored course. Many of the men show a genuine interest so please pray that the Lord will bless. Pray too for those who are confused because of their exposure to other religions. We always emphasises that what we teach is based on what the Bible states and not on religion. Pray for their minds to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit.

We are always concerned for those who have been released and who have in the past shown an interest in the Gospel message. Pray that the Lord would still strive with them and that they would come to know Him.

Solent PSG – Please pray for this new group as they meet on the 10th April at West End Chapel, Fareham at 7:30pm. They will be focusing on praying for their next visit to **HMP Ford** on the 23rd April. Please pray for the prisoners who will hear the Gospel through this service.

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