



Daylight Newsletter May 2017

We have recently been given the opportunity to run monthly services in HMYOI (Young Offenders Institution) Cookham Wood, speaking to Juvenile Offenders age 15 to 17 years old and were very encouraged by our first service there on Easter Sunday.

Our volunteer spoke on Matthew 28 concerning the Person, Purpose and Power of the Resurrection and was able to expound on the depravity of man but also the willingness and ability of Christ to save.

He was able to ask the lads questions as he went along such as who they believed Christ to be, which helped them to engage with what was being said. He and the chaplain then had the opportunity to pray with them.

Please pray for the young men that were at this service, that they would remember what they heard and would be challenged by it and continue to pray for our volunteers as they run these monthly services.

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Quite a number of Managing Chaplains are Muslims and people often ask us what effect this has on Daylight's work. Sometimes there can be issues but most are very helpful and we are so thankful we have good relationships with the chaplains at all the prisons we work in.

At one prison where we run weekly Bible studies, the Imam recently commented that the Daylight Bible study is the flagship work of the chaplaincy and we have now been given opportunities to undertake weekly chaplaincy duties there.

We give thanks for this encouragement and would ask you to pray that the good relationships we have with chaplains will continue.



May Prayer Points

HMP Chelmsford (Essex)- Give thanks for an encouraging service here at the beginning of April. Please pray that the Gospel message given would be used in the hearts and lives of the prisoners that came and that they would read the literature which they took back to their cells.

HMP Haverigg (Cumbria) – Give thanks that Daylight have a weekly presence in this prison and for the opportunity to lead the Sunday service here on the 28th May. Please pray for the prisoners who will hear the Gospel through this service.

Pray too for the monthly Daylight group in Haverigg who are currently looking at tools for use in the study of the Bible.

HMP Oakwood (Staffordshire) – Our Bible studies here continue to be a real encouragement. Numbers have grown to thirty and there is much evidence of hunger to learn more about God and the Bible.

The group are still studying Romans, covering about half a chapter in each three hour session and a number of men seem close to salvation.

Please pray that these men will be converted and that this will have a powerful effect on others who are still unsaved. A number of these men are soon to be released, so please pray particularly for them.

HMYOI Werrington (Staffordshire) – Changes here have meant that Nigel's status as a key holder is especially helpful now. Pray for the young offenders who find it difficult to surrender their opinions and accept the teaching of the Bible. We are making progress but it is painfully slow.

Bury St Edmunds PSG – Please continue to pray that Murdo and his family will be given needed help and strength as he continues treatment for pancreatic cancer.

Dan – Please pray for Dan, a Polish man who is beginning to realise the difference between his Catholic teaching and the Bible. He still clings to the sacraments as the means of his salvation although he does believe the Bible. Please pray that he would come to see that Christ is the only way to salvation.

Daylight Conference- Please continue to pray for us as we prepare for our

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conference in West Bromwich on Saturday 4th November.

Ex-offenders - Please pray for James and David who have both been released recently, that they will be able to find the support they need and that they will be kept from temptations as they cope with their freedom.

Keswick Convention - Please pray that a venue will become available for a Daylight exhibition at the Keswick Convention in July.

North East - Please pray that ongoing consideration by a number of churches in the North East will result in a Prayer & Support Group for the three prisons in the area (HMPs Durham, Holme House & Northumberland).

Preston PSG - Give thanks for this new Prayer & Support Group who have been praying for the four prisons in their area, HMPs Garth, Kirkham, Preston & Wymott. Please pray for them as they meet again on 4th May.

Scotland - We give thanks for having recently met three ex-offenders at a Day Conference arranged by a Christian group who seek to support men and women returning to the community from prison. Please pray for these three men that they would continue to attend a place of worship and come to know the Lord.

Our next Discipleship Explored course is beginning this month. Please keep praying that the teaching given will be blessed to those who are showing an interest in Christianity.

Solent PSG - Give thanks for a great sense of God's presence at the first meeting of this Prayer & Support Group in April and pray that the group will continue to be blessed in the future.

West Midlands - Please pray for the Sunday services during May. We are getting to know more and more needy men and it would be wonderful for the power of the Gospel to transform the lives of people who have no real hope without the salvation of their souls.

West Yorkshire - Please pray that the Lord will raise up a suitable church to host a Prayer & Support Group for the West Yorkshire cluster of prisons (HMPs Leeds, Newhall, Wealstun & Wetherby).

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