

Daylight Newsletter July 2017

In a prison where we regularly run services, we have recently been encouraged by a Christian prisoner who is witnessing to others on his wing.

After a service a few weeks ago, he asked if he could take the text cards that were left on the table. He said he had taken a few at a previous service and where people on his wing didn't normally want to talk to him, they were happy to take the cards so we gave him quite a large stack to take with him.

When we were back in the prison last week, he was taking more as he had given them all away. In doing this, he is able to reach prisoners on the wings that do not come to the services. Please pray that he would be encouraged as he witnesses and that the Bible texts on the cards would be used to speak to the prisoners that are given them.

Our Bible studies at HMP Oakwood also continue to be an encouragement, with good numbers of prisoners attending, several men professing faith and evidence of spiritual growth. Please pray for this group as they continue their studies in the book of Romans.

At HMP Sudbury, about six men who regularly attend our services and weekly Bible studies who are good at bringing others along are due for release in the next few weeks. Please pray for them as they are released and for more prisoners to come along.

Aber Conference - If you are planning to go the Aberystwyth Conference from 12th-19th August, pop into the Mission Exhibition open each afternoon from Tuesday to Friday and meet Steven and Hannah at Daylight's stand.

July Prayer Points

HMP Bure (Norfolk) - Please pray for the prisoners who will hear the Gospel through our service here on 23rd July.

HMP Haverigg (Cumbria) – Give thanks for the continuing ministry here and for the opportunity to lead the Sunday service on the 2nd July.

In addition, Daylight have also been asked to organise and lead the dedication of a new war memorial in the prison on the 12th July which will be attended by a number of dignitaries. Please pray that not only will the good news of Jesus be heard, but also that there will be an understanding of the important difference between the sacrifices made by brave men and women in times of war and the once and for all sacrifice that our Lord made for us on the cross.

HMP Northumberland – Give thanks for the opportunity to run a service here on the 9th July. Please pray for the prisoners that come to this.

HMP Thorn Cross (Cheshire) - Please pray for the Daylight team running a service here on the 30th July.

HMP Wayland (Norfolk) – Give thanks for opportunities to work one to one with three men each week and to run six Sunday services here this year with members of Great Ellingham Baptist Church.

We are also helping to run a weekly Bible course at the moment which gives us a good opportunity to speak about the basics of the Christian message. Our volunteer has eight men in his group, with a free hand to lead the discussion time.

HMYOI Werrington - Give thanks that two new young men are coming to the Bible study here. Please pray for one prisoner who has recently been moved to an adult male prison. He showed great interest in the Christian faith but will need follow up in his new surroundings where we do not have any presence at the moment.

Keswick Convention - The Keswick Convention begins on the 15th July and runs through until the 4th August. Whilst Daylight have no permanent base at Keswick this year, there will a presence in one form or another every day of the convention. Please pray that visitors will engage with us.

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Matthew - Please pray for Matthew who became a Christian in a prison where we run weekly Bible studies. He is being released this week and is determined to take responsibility for the spiritual leadership of his family. Please pray that he will find a church that will give him the help and support he needs.

Merseyside - Please pray for opportunities in Merseyside, specifically for HMPs Altcourse and Liverpool. We are in the early stages of finding a support team and grateful that the Lord seems to be raising up good people. Please pray that these relationships would continue to develop and grow.

Nigel Robinson – Give thanks for additional Sunday service bookings for the rest of 2017.

North East – Please pray for the North East cluster of prisons (HMPs Durham, Holme House & Northumberland). Despite being well received by the Managing Chaplains of all these prisons, we are struggling to find churches or volunteers to join us in serving in this way. Please pray that the Lord will guide us towards suitable and willing partners in this region.

Preston PSG - Give thanks that the Preston area Prayer & Support Group is now well established and that we now have two very good volunteers to join us in our work inside the prisons in the area.

Scotland - Give thanks that another Discipleship Explored course has been successfully completed. Please pray that the prisoners who attended would continue studying the Bible and grow in their knowledge of Christ. We are encouraged that some of them witness to others in their wing after attending these courses and the weekly services, which is not easy in that environment.

Please pray for those who have recently been released as they face many temptations at such a vulnerable time. Pray that they would attend a place of worship and find the support they need.

Yorkshire - Please pray for HMPs Armley, Newhall, Wealstun and Wetherby. In seeking to provide support for these prisons, we are meeting with an evangelical church in Leeds in early July. Please pray for this meeting.



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