



Daylight Newsletter August 2019

One of our Bible study groups are currently going through Hebrews and at a recent session were looking at chapter eleven. When they came to the verse which speaks about Moses through faith keeping the Passover, Nigel was able to explain the relevance of the Passover as a picture of God's plan of redemption.

One man, Ben seemed particularly affected by this. After leaving the chaplaincy, he came back in tears a few minutes later saying he wanted to become a Christian and Nigel was able to talk to and pray with him. Please pray for Ben, that he will continue to attend the Bible studies and grow in his knowledge of God's Word.

At another of our Bible study groups, Jon has been attending regularly and is due to be released soon. He is a believer and says that the thing he most values about Daylight's Bible studies is the Biblical view of creation and that he would like to go into creation ministries after his release. He was quite sceptical when he started attending, so it has been wonderful to see such a change in him. Please pray that Jon will know the Lord's presence with him after his release.

Nigel also felt much helped in speaking at a Sunday service in a prison recently. Over ninety men came along and heard a message on true freedom from the penalty, power and ultimately the presence of sin. There was a wonderful hush during the sermon and a tremendous response from the men who also took literature away with them at the end. Please pray that the message they heard will be used to speak to them.

August Prayer Points

Aberystwyth Conference – Please pray for David with Daylight's stand in the Mission Exhibition at this year's Aber Conference (10th-17th August).

Alex – Please pray for Alex, soon to be released from an open prison and for the local church as they visit him in prison and consider his request for baptism.

Brian – Please pray for Brian, a young man converted in prison and released at the end of July. He is facing challenges with finding accommodation, so please pray that he will soon be able to find somewhere to live and that a local church who have been contacted would be willing to do what they can to support him.

Church Visits – Give thanks for opportunities John Little had to speak about Daylight recently, sharing stories of those who have come to a living faith in Jesus Christ whilst in prison. These included preaching at a Sunday service in Lansdowne Chapel, Sheffield, a Care & Share meeting at King's Church, Darlington attended by a number who are vulnerable in one way or another and a Ladies Meeting at Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church. Lots of questions were asked. Please pray that those who are not Christians would be challenged by the Gospel and that those who are would be spurred on to pray for those living or ministering in prison.

Mack – Please continue to pray for Mack who is due to be released from prison this month. He has valued having a Daylight pen-pal. Pray that he will attend a supportive church in the North East on release.

Murdo (Bury St Edmunds Prayer & Support Group) – After seventy six doses of chemotherapy, Murdo has recently been told that this treatment is no longer working and that the cancer is continuing to progress. He writes, "We have been humbled by how folk have been fervently praying for us and we have been truly upheld by the prayers of the Lord's people. I never expected with my initial prognosis to last this long but that was Gods will and He has a purpose in doing so. Glory be to God". Please continue to pray for Murdo, his wife Michelle and the wider family. If you would like to read more about Murdo's testimony through his illness, you can follow his blog *A Christian with Cancer* on Facebook.

School Visit – Give thanks for the opportunity Nigel recently had to talk

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about Daylight's work to eight groups of year nine GCSE students. He was able to explain why we do prison ministry, giving examples of men who have been helped by it and sharing something of the Gospel.

Scotland – Please continue to pray that the current Christianity Explored course will be greatly blessed to those who attend on a regular basis and that those who have been recently released will think seriously about what they have been taught and earnestly seek the Lord.

Pray too for the weekly services, that the prisoners will be attentive to God's Word as it is being faithfully preached and that it will prove to be a real blessing in their experience.

Solent Prayer & Support Group – Please pray for the group as they meet on 19th August to pray for the next service at HMP Ford and for openings in another local prison.

T- Please pray for T, an older Christian brother who for years has served in a local church and been a preacher. Sadly he was tempted and recently had to confess to serious fraud offences resulting in a three year sentence. Pray that he will trust in God's sovereign overruling, be able to serve the Lord in prison and use his time wisely.

HMP Wakefield – Give thanks for the opportunity some of the team had to lead a mid-week meeting here recently. The Lord blessed their time studying Psalm 23 with the prisoners. Please pray that the psalm will be a continual source of strength to them.

Please pray for the team as they meet together with John Little for a training session prior to commencing Christianity Explored in HMP Wakefield on 27th August.

HMP Wayland (Norfolk) – Please pray for the ongoing one to one Bible studies, for a good working relationship with the chaplaincy who are currently very stretched due to sickness and that the Bible study would be able to go ahead each week.

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Give thanks for the opportunity two members of the group had to take an active part in a service at HMP Leeds. Please pray that there will be opportunities for more regular involvement there in the future.

Give thanks that a young man has begun his Daylight training, with a view to joining the prison team.

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