

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Give thanks that two ladies who are showing an interest in prison ministry are planning to attend the group's next meeting on January 26th. Please pray that the Lord will guide them towards further involvement.

We are very thankful that two members of the group were able to attend a service and three Christmas Community Events in one of the local prisons. Please pray that the conversations they were able to have with a few of the men will prove to be a blessing.

Give thanks that the chaplaincy team who had been unwell at one local prison have recovered, but continue to pray for the Managing Chaplain of another prison, who although out of hospital, is too poorly to return to work in the near future.

Will – Please continue to pray for Will who was released last summer. Give thanks that he has been able to join the online services of a local church and that he is keen to continue receiving the regular written messages and other contact from Daylight.

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Daylight Newsletter January 2021

From time to time we ask for prayer for Daylight people carrying out chaplaincy work as they face the difficult task of supporting those who have recently been bereaved. Offering support to prisoners during these times is always important, but has been particularly needed during the last year when it has not been possible for prisoners to attend funerals or to receive visits from other family members.

One of our chaplains recently had the opportunity to spend some time with Derek, whose son had been involved in a serious accident. Together they were able to speak to family members at the hospital as his son's life support was turned off. While he has not previously shown any interest in spiritual things, Derek was very grateful to our chaplain for being with him and we pray that something of what was said will be used to speak to him.

In another prison, our chaplain was able to spend an afternoon with Dan, a young man who normally attends a small Bible study group on his wing and had just heard that his good friend had died in suspicious circumstances. Please pray that this event will be used to make him think about where he stands spiritually and for all those who have the responsibility of supporting bereaved prisoners, that they will be given much wisdom and sensitivity.

Over the last month, it has been encouraging to receive Christmas cards from a number of prisoners, letting us know how much they have appreciated the weekly written messages, as well as other literature and letters from our volunteers over the last year. One writes, "Thank you for your continued support, help, encouragement, love, kindness, you keep giving me. God bless you". Please pray that this contact will continue to be an encouragement and that it will be used to speak to many.

Thank you for your support.

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January Prayer Points

Aled (Ex-offender) – Give thanks that Aled had a good journey back to the United States and seems to be doing well. He has already found a church to attend and has been offered temporary accommodation by a friend. Please pray that he will soon find employment.

Chloe – For a number of years, many of our supporters prayed regularly for Ed, and following his sudden death in a car accident last year, we have been grateful for your continued prayers for his widow, Chloe. Please pray for her particularly this month, as she faces the first anniversary of Ed's death, that she will be upheld and comforted through this difficult time.

Ivan – Please pray for Ivan, a Hungarian prisoner who got in touch requesting Christian literature. We were able to send him a Bible and a copy of *Ultimate Questions*, both in his own language, and he is also now in contact with one of our volunteers through our letter writing. He is very keen to learn from the Bible and is currently studying Revelation with the help of Richard Bewes book, *The Lamb Wins*.

Jim & Billy – Please continue to pray for Jim and Billy. Since last month's newsletter, Billy has been moved to another prison, so please pray that he will settle in well and continue to receive spiritual support there. Pray too that Jim will get on well with his new cell mate and that he will grow in grace as he studies God's Word.

Julia – Please continue to pray for Julia, who has now been released and given accommodation near the hospital where she is receiving treatment. Give thanks that we have been able to maintain contact with her and continue to pray that the Lord will use something in the letters and written messages she receives to speak to her.

M – Please pray for M who is due to be released in April, that he will be able to find accommodation and employment.

Prison TV – Give thanks that one of our trustees recently had the opportunity to record a few short Gospel messages to be broadcast on a prison TV channel. Whilst originally intended for the prison where he works, the messages have now been broadcast in prisons across England and Wales and he has been asked to take a weekly slot on the channel. Praise God for this opportunity and please pray that the messages will be used in the hearts and lives of many.

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Rob – Please pray for Rob, a man currently in the segregation unit. The first time our chaplain saw him he was very abusive and hostile, but the following week he was much calmer and accepted a copy of *Ultimate Questions*. Please pray that the Lord will speak to him as he reads it and that there may be further opportunities to speak to him in the future.

Scotland – For some years, Iain, a Free Church Minister, has carried out Daylight chaplaincy work in his local prison, and along with two volunteers, Donald and John, has run weekly services and Christianity explored courses there. We give thanks for the way the work in this prison has been blessed over the years and for the many prisoners who have heard the Gospel.

Iain has recently accepted a call to a church on the Isle of Lewis, so please pray that whoever takes up his chaplaincy role will be someone who will faithfully teach God's Word. Pray too that Iain will know the Lord's blessing in his ministry at his new church.

HMP Wayland (Norfolk) – Please pray for A, an older man with mental and physical health issues who is waiting for release. He has been a Christian for many years and has served his time, but is being held up waiting for assessments. He also needs to find a supportive place to live on release, so please pray that he will soon find somewhere suitable.

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