



## Daylight Newsletter February 2021

*Daylight people carrying out chaplaincy work continue to have many opportunities to speak to individual prisoners each week. Sometimes this involves encouraging Christian prisoners, and at other times, it gives the opportunity to share the Gospel, often with those who have never heard it before.*

*A number of weeks ago, while carrying out chaplaincy duties in the segregation unit, one of chaplains met Adam, who said he was not religious. When our chaplain asked why that was, Adam replied, "Because there's no evidence". He was willing to accept literature, so our chaplain left him with a copy of John Blanchard's *Ultimate Questions* and later took him a book on creation. Since reading these, Adam's attitude has been very different and he is now asking for more literature.*

*Another of our chaplains has continued to have regular chats with Jim and is starting to go through John's Gospel with him, using *The Word One to One*. Jim was given a copy of C.H. Spurgeon's *Advice for Seekers* some weeks ago, and when our chaplain saw him recently, he asked, "Have you got any more books by that bloke Spurgeon? I really enjoyed that one you gave me".*

*Our chaplains have also continued to spend time with bereaved prisoners and in some cases have been asked to take memorials for their loved ones. This has given the opportunity to open up passages of Scripture with them, such as John 14 and Psalm 23, and they have been very appreciative of this.*

*We give thanks for such opportunities, and would ask you to pray that these conversations will be used in the hearts and lives of these men.*

## February Prayer Points

**Aled (Ex-offender)** – Give thanks that Aled is still attending services and Bible studies at a local church in the United States and that he has now found employment. Please pray that he will settle into his new job well.

**Chaplains** – Daylight people often get to know chaplains of other faiths and from time to time have the opportunity to share something of the Gospel with them, or to let them know that we are praying for them when they are facing particular difficulties.

There are three such chaplains who would appreciate prayer at the moment. Please pray for one who is badly ill with coronavirus, for another whose young son is critically ill in hospital and for a third, who is currently facing extremely difficult family circumstances.

**Ewan (Ex-offender)** – Please pray for Ewan, who was converted during his time in prison. Give thanks that he had a house to return to on his release and that he has begun to attend a local church.

**Future Planning** – Give thanks for the way we have seen the Lord's hand on the work over the last year. We have known blessing on the ministry of the Word, although delivered in different ways, and the encouragements have been not just in individual contacts, but also with seeing prisoners reached who would not normally attend services and Bible studies. We also give thanks for the way our financial situation has been sustained throughout this period. Please pray that the Trustees would be given wisdom as they meet via Zoom to consider plans for the work going forward.

**HMPs Deerbolt & Kirklevington Grange (North East)** – Please pray for the newly appointed Anglican chaplain who starts at the beginning of March and for around sixty young men at HMP Deerbolt who are receiving Daylight's weekly written messages.

**Jimmy (Ex-offender)** – Give thanks that Jimmy continues to do well at a Christian rehab and that he is benefiting from taking part in weekly Bible studies. Please pray he will continue to progress during his time here.

**Lou** – Please continue to pray for Lou who has recently been going through John Blanchard's Ultimate Questions. He is due to be released this month and has been linked up with a church to attend.

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**Solent Prayer & Support Group** – Following the previous chaplain's retirement, a new Managing Chaplain has now been appointed at the prison where the team runs services. Give thanks that they have already been able to make contact with him and please pray for him as he settles into his new role.

**Tim (Ex-offender)**– Please pray for Tim who was released to a hostel in January and was keen to take a Bible with him. He was concerned about going back to his previous lifestyle of drugs, so please pray that he will be kept on the right path.

**HMP Wayland (Norfolk)** – Please pray for the staff and residents here, as they are currently facing many cases of coronavirus across the prison. Pray that a calm atmosphere will be maintained and that the number of cases will soon begin to reduce.

Pray too for R, a new arrival who recently requested and was given a New Testament, that this will be used to speak to him.

**Wes** – Please pray for Wes, a prisoner who recently had coronavirus. One of our chaplains had a good conversation with him a few weeks ago and was able to give him a Bible. Please pray that he will read it and that the Lord will speak to him through His Word.

**West Midlands** – Give thanks that Nigel has recently been given the opportunity to start regular chaplaincy work in a prison where Daylight has not worked for some years. Please pray for him as he begins his work here.

**West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group** – Give thanks that the group have been able to continue to meet each month and that contact with all five prisons in the area is being maintained through the weekly resources and monthly calls for prayer points. While services and mid-week meetings in the prisons have stopped once again because of lockdown, we praise God that all remains calm in each establishment.

Please continue to pray for one of the Managing Chaplains, who is still recovering from Covid, after catching the virus a number of weeks ago.

**Written Messages** – Give thanks that the weekly written messages continue to reach a good number of prisoners. Please pray that these will continue to be an encouragement to Christian prisoners and a challenge to others.

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