

"...from darkness to light..."

Daylight

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Daylight Newsletter February 2019

At a recent Bible study with a group of thirteen prisoners, one of our volunteers considered the theme of forgiveness from Matthew 18:21-35 and the parable of the unforgiving servant. He felt that the Lord had wonderfully answered prayer as it was as if the Lord had switched a light on in some of the men's hearts and they began to understand the Gospel for the very first time.

The discussion and questions were quite remarkable as the men were really grappling with the reality of their own sin and the wonderful provision for sinners that the Lord Jesus Christ has made through His death on the cross. He reported that it was one of the best Bible study times he has had the privilege of leading as the Lord was clearly at work in the hearts of the men.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue His work in the hearts of these men, bringing them to trust in the Saviour.

At another of our Bible study groups a new prisoner named Peter came along. He is a lapsed catholic and had been disillusioned by things he had heard about wrong doing in the church but had a lot of really good, searching questions.

Nigel was able to spend a session answering his questions with the full support of the rest of the group. They covered a lot of Gospel and Biblical issues and he felt the presence of God and His leading throughout. Peter accepted all his answers and seemed to be satisfied by their truth. He understood the Gospel and seemed to be really searching and very close to true faith. Please pray for Peter.



February Prayer Points

HMP Ashfield (Gloucestershire) – Please pray for the continued work here and give thanks for the good relationships that we have built up with them over the last year. Pray particularly that the Lord would provide a few more regular, faithful men to preach at the services.

Pray too for Rob, a Christian prisoner we have met a number of times over the last few months. He was recently released and has asked us to pray that he might honour the Lord by serving his family as he transitions back to life at home.

HMP Bristol – Please pray for John who became a Christian in prison and is now passionate about sharing his testimony and the Gospel with other prisoners. Pray that Lord would continue to work through him and that other prisoners would come to know the Lord through John's story.

HMP Cardiff (South Wales) – Give thanks for a good start to the Christianity Explored course here. Please pray that the prisoners that come each week will be challenged by what they hear.

HMP/YOI Deerbolt (County Durham) – Please pray for a young man who asked for a Bible and wants to re-establish contact with family members that he has treated badly.

Pray too for wisdom in speaking with prisoners who self-harm.

HMP Holme House (County Durham) – Please pray for two men who were very enthusiastic at being able to meet with two Daylight chaplains to look at the Bible together.

HMP Parc (South Wales) – Please continue to pray for preaching opportunities here.

HMP Portland (Dorset) – Please pray that numbers at the Bible studies will pick up again after a post-Christmas lull.

HMP Swansea (South Wales) – Please pray for the new Christianity Explored course here, that a good number of prisoners would come and that the Lord would speak to their hearts as they study Mark's Gospel.

HMP Wayland (Norfolk) – Please continue pray that a suitable Managing Chaplain would be found to fill the vacancy here and for the rest of the chaplaincy team as they are additionally stretched.

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Pray too for S & P who were baptised in prison. S was released at the end of last year, so please pray that he will be settled in a suitable church. P is getting towards the end of his sentence and has recently been moved to another prison. Please pray that he would go on with the Lord.

Pray too for T, also baptised in prison. He suddenly and unexpectedly was moved to another prison following an incident here. Please pray that he will cope, find support and not be thrown by the move.

Bristol – A couple of the prisons in the Bristol area are having a change around in Managing Chaplains. Please pray for continued good relationships with the chaplains, particularly over the next few months and that the Lord might open up new opportunities in other prisons.

Finance – Give thanks for the Lord's provision for the financial needs of the work during 2018. While expenditure some months did exceed income, overall we ended the year with a surplus which has enabled us to start 2019 with healthy reserves and we have already been very encouraged by the January figures. We are thankful for generous Daylight supporters and are grateful to the Lord for His goodness thus far and look to Him for the future for all our needs.

Scotland – Please pray that the Christianity Explored course which began in January will be a blessing to the prisoners who attend every week. Please also remember those who have recently been released after having completed the previous course.

Pray too for the Daylight chaplain who conducts the weekly service and also visits prisoners on the wings, that his work would be greatly blessed as the good seed is being sown.

Scott (Ex-offender) – Please continue to pray for Scott as he tries to settle into a church in the valleys of South Wales.

Solent Prayer & Support Group – Please continue to pray for them as they look for opportunities in new prisons.

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Praise God for the regular contact we have with chaplains in the area, as we telephone to ask for prayer points.

Please pray that the group will be given the opportunity to run Christianity Explored at one of the prisons in the area.

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