



Daylight Newsletter December 2019

We were encouraged recently to receive a letter from Pete, a prisoner we have known for some years. He says he has been seeking to be a Christian for a number of years and had written following one of our services as he had questions on salvation, saying “what happens to my soul after death is often at the front of my mind”. We have been able to reply to him, outlining the Gospel and encouraging him to read the Bible. Please pray that as he receives this reply and continues to attend services, he will come to know the Lord as His Saviour and have assurance for eternity.

As well as sharing the Gospel with those who are not Christians, an important part of Daylight’s ministry is discipling prisoners who have professed faith. During this year it has been a real joy to see many growing in their knowledge of the Lord and His Word as they have attended services and Bible studies and have studied in their own time.

We were particularly encouraged by one such prisoner who since being moved from a prison where we run regular Bible studies, has been completing correspondence courses and keeping in touch with a couple of our volunteers. In a recent letter he said, “I have found that when I wake up, I wake up half an hour before the door gets opened and I read my daily Bible reading, I feel more positive for the day. I noticed that the times in prison that I handled badly or when I reacted badly were when I had not read the Bible or prayed that day, so now both play an important part of my day”. Please pray that he will continue to be helped in his reading and prayer and that the correspondence courses will help him to grow further.

December Prayer Points

Bookings – Please pray that bookings for services in 2020 will be confirmed, that existing opportunities will continue and that doors that appear to be opening will in fact be opened.

HMP Chelmsford (Essex) – Give thanks for continued opportunities here this year. Please pray for the team running the service on **15th December**.

HMYOI Deerbolt (County Durham) – Please pray for the Carol Service for prisoners, staff and visitors and for John as he organises and leads it this year.

Pray too for Mas, a young man who struggles in large groups such as Church services. He has just been released and linked up with a Christian in his home town.

HMP Kirklevington (North Yorkshire) – Give thanks that we have been given the opportunity to lead a monthly Sunday service here from January to April of next year. Please pray for these services.

HMP Leeds (West Yorkshire) – Please pray for our next Bible study on **9th December**; that all will run smoothly and that God's presence will be felt.

Letter Writing – Give thanks that prisoners continue to find our Letter Writing Ministry beneficial, with many of them telling us how much they appreciate our volunteers taking the time to write to them. Please keep praying that we would find a volunteer local to our Chelmsford office to take on running this. If you would like further information on the role, please contact Hannah by emailing hannah@daylightcpt.org or calling 01245 252735.

HMP New Hall (West Yorkshire) – Give thanks for eight ladies who attended the recent Bible study here and for good conversations with them during the refreshment session at the end. Please pray for future Bible studies.

Patrick – Please pray for Patrick who has recently been released. Give thanks that he has a good church offering him friendship and support and please pray for him as he looks for work and accommodation.

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Scotland – Please pray that the Life Explored course which has recently started will be a great blessing to all who attend.

Pray too for the weekly service, that many would attend regularly and respond to the Gospel message as it is faithfully delivered.

Please also pray for those who feel sad being separated from their families and are unable to communicate with them at a time of year when families normally gather together.

Solent Prayer & Support Group – Give thanks for the services the team has been able to lead in HMP Ford during this year. Please pray for increased opportunities there in 2020 and for the group as they meet on 2nd December.

HMP Thorn Cross (Cheshire) – Please pray for the team running a service here on 29th December and for the prisoners that come along.

HMP Wakefield (West Yorkshire) – Give thanks for the many opportunities we have to speak to prisoners at meetings and services. Please pray that we may be led by the Lord to say ‘a word in season.’

Please continue to pray that our request to meet the five men who completed the recent Christianity Explored course will come to fruition soon and that R, who recently came to a Sunday service for the first time will begin to attend regularly. This is his third prison in five months and he is finding it hard to settle in.

Please also pray for the next Prayer & Fellowship Meeting which is due to be held on 9th December and for God’s blessing during that hour.

HMP Wayland (Norfolk) – Please pray for the four men who were baptised last month and for S, an older Christian man who feels God is very distant. Pray that he will listen to counsel and will attend Sunday morning worship services, even if he doesn’t feel like it.

Pray too that a suitable Managing Chaplain will be appointed to fill the vacancy here and for House of Genesis as they work with ex-offenders in the area.

West Yorkshire Prayer & Support Group – Please pray that God will guide the group in choosing themes for the different Bible studies at the various local prisons.

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