

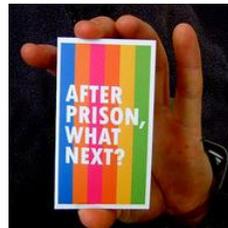
The aim of the films is to show best practice of how Chaplaincy can work positively with outside faith communities in reducing re-offending and aiding resettlement. The films show the role of Chaplaincy within the prison supporting the offenders in their faith and then liaising with external faith organisations prior to release in order to support their re-entry into society.

For the two women filmed at Styal this has been a great success story and we, as a team, learnt a lot about the importance of the role of external faith communities engaging with us prior to release which we have always tried to encourage. The films will in time be rolled out after editing to faith communities and prisons.

It is a great privilege to minister to the women at Styal, to guide them in their faith, to nurture their relationship with God and to walk alongside them on their journey. I also have responsibility for Prison Visitors and find it interesting that many of these volunteers come from local faith communities. Working with people of faith outside is crucial to our through the gate work and we are looking to expand this engagement as much as possible.

Community Chaplaincy is a great source of hope in resettlement and reducing re-offending and I praise the work of GMCC highly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Arthur and Marlene for all their commitment and dedication to GMCC as they hand over the management reins.

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PRISON PRAYER LETTER OCTOBER 2017**

**He who plants and he who waters are one.....for we are God's
fellow workers. 1 Cor 3:7-8**



I work as the Anglican Chaplain in the multi-faith team at Styal, a women's prison housing approximately 460 adult females and young offenders. I have been here for three years, having begun my ministry in a custodial setting at Oakhill Secure Training Centre in Milton Keynes with 13-16 year olds in custody and then joining HM Prison & Probation Service.

I was appointed Co-ordinating Chaplain at HMP Kirklevington Grange, a resettlement prison in the North East and I enjoyed my time there very much. I returned to parish ministry and spent a wonderful three and a half years in North Devon before returning to HMPPS in my current role. Working with women is more demanding and challenging in many ways as their needs are complex and diverse. Our team does a huge amount of pastoral support, bereavement support and works closely with POPS (Partners of Prisoners) and the available counselling services.

We were recently the subject of three short films made by Cambridge University in conjunction with HMP Feltham, looking at how offenders re-enter their own faith communities after growing and nurturing their faith in prison. The films follow two men from Feltham and two women from Styal (one Muslim & one Christian) on their journey to release and then through the gate and into the community.

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1. **B** has recently been released and has moved into a Christian programme. Please pray for this to be successful for him.
2. HMP Buckley Hall request prayer for some new excellent volunteers who wish to get clearance. Please pray that this will happen quickly.
3. There has been a death in custody recently which has affected people significantly. Please pray for the staff and family especially.
4. **J** is caught in addiction with Spice. Please pray for freedom for him.
5. **N** has been withdrawing from methadone and is very close to being substance free. He is due for release in November and is planning to move into a Christian programme. Please pray that the Lord will keep His hand on his life.
6. **N** is facing great uncertainty at the moment. Please pray that things will be resolved soon and he will cope with the developments.
7. **C** has been recently released. Please pray that he might be accepted back into a community he is comfortable with.
8. **G** is coming near to the end of his sentence and beginning to contemplate life outside prison. Please pray he will settle well back into the community and find meaningful activity.
9. HMP Forest Bank have asked for prayer for the work of their Education Dept, all who strive to enable those in their care to develop new skills and talents and develop as people.
10. **S** who is in his 50's is in custody for the first time and very frightened. Please pray for some men around him to be helpful and friendly.
11. **A** has recently been to trial. Please pray he will be able to accept the outcome and serve his sentence peacefully.
12. **D** did not get the long sentence he feared and is now trying to get through his sentence. Please pray that he will fill his time meaningfully and resolve to draw a line under his passed on release.
13. **R** is feeling lonely and isolated and knows it will be even worse when he is released in November. Please pray that this will change.
14. **J** self-harms a great deal when he is stressed and wants to stop but does not know how. Please pray he will find someone to help him.
15. **K** is now doing well and feeling more settled in custody. Please pray this will continue and he will find meaningful activity.
16. **P** has gone to the police to report abuse he suffered as a child and is finding things very tough. Please pray for help and peace for him.

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17. **D & R** have both lost their dads. This can be very difficult whilst in prison. Please pray for them to reach out to the Chaplaincy Team.
18. **R** was released last month. Please pray that he will resettle well into the community.
19. **S** has found out his aunt has committed suicide and is trying to process this. Please pray for the help that only the Holy Spirit can bring.
20. **R & R** need prayer as they are both elderly prisoners who have not been in custody before.
21. **I, S, A, T, J, T, J, D, C, D** at Buckley Hall have now completed the New Alpha Course. Please give thanks and pray for their lives to be changed and blessed.
22. **P** has suicidal thoughts. Please pray that he will find the help he needs to be able to handle this condition.
23. **C** who is on an ACCT (under observation) has a bad back that may need surgery. Pray for the Lords help for him and for his issues to be resolved
24. **M** has a kidney stone and is waiting for treatment. Pray for this to happen quickly for him.
25. **P** has been transformed after meeting with the NHS counsellor. Please pray that he may continue to make good progress.
26. **A** is due for release soon. Please pray for good church links and a community to be part of.
27. Please pray for God's help for the Chaplaincy Team at Buckley Hall who find it difficult to develop relationships due to differing working shifts.
28. **G** has a daughter **M** and has recently lost her partner. Please pray for them both that they will know the comfort of the Holy Spirit and come closer to the Lord Jesus during this difficult time.
29. **M** is being released next year and needs supported accommodation. He is feeling very anxious about this at the moment. Please pray this will soon be resolved and he can look forward to his release.
30. **C's** daughter is in intensive care and not likely to respond to treatment. This is obviously a difficult time as Mum is unable to be with her at all times. Please pray for improvement for **C's** daughter. Although things look grim our God is more than able to restore her.
31. **G** is now living in the community but is seriously ill in hospital. Please pray for her health to improve and that she will be helped to resettle after discharge from hospital.