

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9

1 Friday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending at HMP Buckley Hall today.

2 Saturday

In our anniversary month, we thank God for the faithfulness of Sylvia Mary Alison, founder of PF England and Wales, and the many individuals who caught that first vision for a network of praying groups serving our prisons.

3 Sunday

We give heartfelt thanks for each and every volunteer who carries God’s heart for those in prison, and who faithfully serve in so many ways to see every life in prison transformed!

4 Monday

Our CEO, Peter Holloway, is speaking at the London School of Theology today. Thank God for this opportunity to speak to Christian leaders about this part of God’s mission.

There are *Sycamore Tree*

courses concluding today at HMP Onley and HMP & YOI Pentonville.

5 Tuesday

The PF Board is meeting today – pray they would have discernment and inspiration as they guide the organisation’s work.

6 Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Lent, we acknowledge our own brokenness before God, knowing we are no better than any of the convicted people we serve, and humbly seeking God’s forgiveness and help to live the life He calls us to. There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP Springhill.

7 Thursday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP Berwyn today. Pray that as learners enter the room today, there would be a sense of

expectancy and hope.

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses concluding today at HMP & YOI Swansea and HMP Risley.

8 Friday

Today is *International Women's Day*, and so we remember the nearly 4,000 women in prison in England and Wales. Pray that God might heal them emotionally and spiritually, that they might find release from addiction, freedom from abuse, and hope for the future.

9 Saturday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending at HMP Winchester today.

10 Sunday

Pray for our Angel Tree Coordinators, as they work with their groups to enable young offenders to send their mum or carer a Mothers' Day card. Pray that God would open doors and hearts so that this programme might bear long-lasting fruit.

11 Monday

There are two *Sycamore Tree* courses starting today, at HMP Brixton and HMP Onley, and three concluding at HMP Garth, HMP & YOI Thorn Cross, and HMP Wandsworth.

12 Tuesday

There are two *Sycamore Tree*

courses starting today, at HMP & YOI Bedford and HMP & YOI Downview, and two concluding at HMP Stocken and HMP The Mount.

13 Wednesday

Today and tomorrow is the Managing Chaplains Conference. As they come together across faiths and denominations, praise God for the shared commitment to see lives transformed, and ask for wisdom and unity as they share their experience and best practice.

14 Thursday

Pray for any prisoner trying to write their *Letter Link* pen-pal a letter this month, that they might have the motivation and courage they need, and be encouraged by the response.

15 Friday

We thank God for prison staff, who often face many challenges each day they work, but who play a vital role in the lives of the men and women under their care. Pray for their safety, and that they might work with integrity and compassion.

16 Saturday

As the Justice Secretary, David Gauke, considers abolishing jail terms of less than six months, pray for all those involved in

making policy and fixing budgets, that the right decisions would be made that prioritise rehabilitation and strong, safe communities.

17 Sunday

We pray for those prisons that the Chief Inspector of Prisons has raised an “Urgent Notification” for over significant concerns: HMP Nottingham, HMP Exeter, HMP Birmingham and HMP Bedford. Pray for strong leadership in these prisons, so that conditions and treatment of inmates will improve.

18 Monday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMYOI Wetherby, and one ending at HMP Altcourse.

19 Tuesday

Pray for prisoners being released this month, that they might have the support they need from family, friends and organisations, to get back on their feet quickly. Pray that God might guide your own church to be welcoming and supportive to those who have been released.

20 Wednesday

Sycamore Tree courses are ending today at HMP & YOI Bullingdon and HMP Kirkham.

21 Thursday

On this *International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*, we acknowledge the over-representation of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnicity men and women in our prisons. Pray that inequalities in our criminal justice system would be recognised and removed, and for positive action in those communities affected to see lives changed.

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending at HMP Wealstun.

22 Friday

Pray for all those in prison struggling with drug addictions, that they might find the support and healing they desperately need. Pray for the increased security measures needed to stop the flow of illegal drugs into prisons.

Saturday

23 Remember prison Governors in your prayers today, men and women with a very challenging role. Pray for their safety, for mental clarity and discernment, and for hearts that are merciful and hopeful.

24 Sunday

Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in prison who hope to attend a Chapel service

today, that they might find the hope and peace they need in that time of worship.

25 Monday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending at HMP & YOI Wormwood Scrubs.

26 Tuesday

There are *Sycamore Tree* courses ending at HMP Lowdham Grange and HMP & YOI Styal.

27 Wednesday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course beginning at HMP Oakwood.

28 Thursday

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending at HMYOI Feltham.

29 Friday

Pray for Joanna, programme administrator for *Angel Tree* and *Letter Link*, whose birthday is today! Thank God for her dedication and warmth, and pray that she might know God's peace and love in the coming year.

30 Saturday

Today is our much anticipated 40th anniversary celebration at

Westminster Chapel in London! Praise God for His faithfulness to this ministry, for His love that never fails, and His mercies to us, which are new every morning!

31 Sunday

On Mothers' Day, we remember all those mothers who are separated from their children by a prison sentence – for mums in prison, and for mums with a son or daughter in prison. We pray for God's comfort and strength to be near them. Pray especially for all the young offenders who have sent their mum or carer a card through the *Angel Tree* programme, that it might build bridges and bring healing.
