

## **Prayer for Parliament**

### **Notes of Prayer Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**Jeffrey Donaldson:** sees great potential in possibilities of certain key figures sharing their earlier experience in the **NI** peace process with Israeli and Palestinian leaders. Hoping soon to establish contacts there with a view to developing this. Hoping to persuade leaders of the paramilitary groups in **NI** to disarm and put a stop to criminal activity and feuding.

**David Burrowes:** Criminal justice and Immigration Bill in progress: concerns in relation to families' rights of access to information, victims of crime, homicide and infanticide, and assisted dying (attempts to liberalise the law).

Police and Crime Bill tackling prostitution and trafficking.

Please pray for the Christian Police Association, and for the Street Pastors scheme (of which he is a patron).

Also about influences on children in schools – where RE teacher may teach Christianity in a negative way, perhaps discouraging acceptance of it.

Pray for MPs with families and children, when at half terms and recess they may have time to share with them (to provide spiritual instruction for their children). See Gal 6:9-10.

**Further news:** a Private Members Bill relating to provision and support for autistic children is under way.

Christian Concern for our Nation is concerned about Clause 58, a late insertion into the Coroners and Justice Bill that could remove the free speech clause added earlier and threaten the freedom of Christians.

We wonder sometimes what the Government's agenda is – it may be driven by lobbying bodies and pressure groups?

**Word shared:** it helps our faith if we can get a future perspective; imagine things where we believe they should be, 'stand' there and look back to where we are, so see the road?

**Scriptures shared:** Psalm 33:10-12. Psalm 67 which was proclaimed powerfully together in unity and extolled into the heavenly places. Daniel 2:20-22.

**The prayers:** included praying prophetically for and with **David Burrowes** and **Jeffrey Donaldson** with words of witness and testimony.