

THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS



We all need order in society, but seldom give a thought to the people involved in the justice system and the stresses and emotional strains that they face. Victims, offenders, their families, police, magistrates, prisoners, and ex-prisoners all have very real and very different emotional and spiritual needs. The churches work well together to serve some of these people: prison chaplaincy, for example, is long established. Other areas, for example Court Chaplaincy, can be less well covered though the need is just as great. It takes prophetic figures like Mary Carroll, (see Court in the Act) to make a difference. Here, four people involved at different stages of the process, show – how important a Christian presence can be.