

Hank's Panel

What can I say, I really must have the best job in the world. All I have to do is sit and watch some epic football skills and games from the youngsters around Aberdeen. I was so excited to be at Fusion Fridays at Deeside church with the cage football and watch some new talent emerge. Our home for the cage and trailer has temporarily been in Deeside but soon we are moving to a new home: we will keep you updated on that. I was at Seaton Monday night with the cage and it was so cold and wet I couldn't even feel my paws, but it was great that the glorious Scottish weather doesn't stop the youngsters from showing up. We have had to cancel a couple of times this term due to lack of volunteers. I told Curtis that I'm able to help him set up the cage but he has said to me I need actual fingers to grip on to the panels so unfortunately I can't help but I'm hoping we recruit more in the near future to keep dates going.



Praise God that we have been offered secure store for the Cage and trailer near to where it is needed. This is indeed an answer to prayer!

Help us!

You can help us reach young people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Pray** for us and the young people of the North East. **Volunteer**, working with young people or in background support. **Give**, in your will, a few pounds a month or a one-off. All makes a difference!

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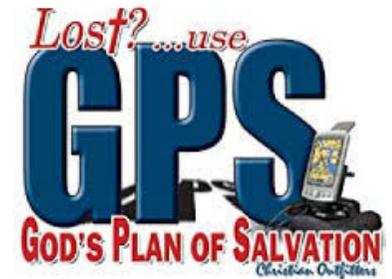
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Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter!

John 10:10 "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full"

As we celebrate Christmas and Jesus birth, we reflect on the fact that Jesus came to Earth with a Mission – to save mankind by dying on the cross in our place. This is the powerful message of salvation, as lives are transformed beyond anything we could ever imagine, or achieve by our own efforts.



This is our mission in Tillydrone/Seaton – to see young lives radically changed and empowered, with a new sense of identity and purpose. Praise God that the dedicated work that Curtis has been putting in is reaping a harvest for the Kingdom – see his report inside.

Many thanks for all your support which makes the work possible. May Christ's rich blessings be with you all.

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



Outreach update from Curtis

It's been such a fantastic term so far and I can't believe it's almost Christmas already and soon to be another year gone by. We have had a lot of positives as we look back upon this term.

Befriending has been going very well, with both the young lads I meet with doing activities such as bowling, pool, eating (which is always good!) and going to the Aberdeen games.

Sams+ is still running, although many of them have been unable to make it lately, which means I had to put on even more weight from eating most of the food we had made for them.

School Pastors. We are building up some great relationships and continuing connections with those who we worked with last year at Riverbank Primary as P7s, and are now St Machar Academy first years. The school pastor lunch club is still as packed out as ever and I'm enjoying beating many of the kids when it comes to playing chess, the only time I ever win!

The Riverbank football team from last year were invited to be in the parade for switching on the Christmas lights with Denis Law, with over fifteen thousand people of all ages in attendance on Sunday 26th November, a cold but clear evening. Denis Law, Manchester United legend, comes from Woodside, next to Tillydrone. The football team from this year has been going very well. We have a young lad we have been working with for years who was a previous member of the football team, who has now come in as a coach and has been tremendous. It is great to see those who we have worked with now working alongside us. He is also involved with the Lighthouse Bible study alongside one of the leaders, and the change in his life has



been amazing - he is even encouraging fellow pupils from St Machar Academy, which can be daunting to go along to prayer meetings and Bible groups run through the Lighthouse.

The **SU group** has just started up again, running until April in Riverbank Primary. We had a great turn out the first week, with

many girls and also many boys, who we have built up relationships with in the football team, who are now attending. It consists of some fun crafts and games and also a God slot where we will share the Bible with them. The Lighthouse old premises is due to get knocked down before the end of this year, and they have had to find temporary premises to work out of. Currently, meetings are getting held mostly in the Lads Club. Please pray that the vital work of the Lighthouse ministry will not be disrupted by this situation.

Fusion Youth Nights at Deeside. We have also partnered up with Deeside Christian Fellowship initially to the end of this year - taking our cage football into the their church on the Fusion Friday youth nights every second week. This has been well attended, and a lot of young people are enjoying getting use of the football cage, and relationships formed.

Cage Volunteers. As we move forward, we ask for prayer as we look to increase the number of volunteers we have for our cage football, as recently we have had to cancel a few cage events due to lack of volunteers. If you know of anyone who can spare a few hours a week, especially from April to September, please let us know. It is to help with the setting up and taking down and also manning - no special skills needed!

On a positive note we are looking forward to all our Christmas parties coming up as we celebrate such a fantastic year in all areas of the work.

Prayer Points

Prayer is very much the power house of the ministry NESYFC is involved in. Please pray for us and:



Give Thanks For:

- The continuing financial provision and prayer support which upholds the work
- The growth in the young people we work with, as they continue on their spiritual journey
- The success of the Riverbank football team and what it means for the young people involved, and their families.
- The 'one body' unity of the partners we work with - Lighthouse, DCF, Seaton CC, City St Machar, TLG, Red Bus, Samuel Trust, the Mission and others.

Ask For:

- Urgently needed volunteers to help with the Cage ministry, to avoid having to cancel events.
- More folk to join the Steering group to help with the background work. Numbers still critically low.
- The Lighthouse ministry - that they will find a suitable temporary home in Tillydrone for the next 2 years until the new hub is completed. We work out of their premises!
- The discipling of young people in Seaton and Tillydrone, and their spiritual growth.
- Curtis, to keep him strong in the Lord, and that there will be additional help to work alongside him soon.