

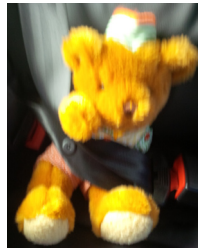
Prayer Points



- Give thanks for the big numbers of young people attending the Cage events, which will greatly help our relational work.
- Give thanks for the provision of a new football pitch at Riverbank Primary which will eliminate travel problems.
- Give thanks for some additional funding that has just been received, which gives us more time to raise funds for our restructuring.
- Pray for a successful outcome in our application to the Robertson Trust (meeting to discuss 22nd Nov)
- Pray for more volunteers for the Cage and Steering Group.
- Pray that through the relational work, more young people will give their lives to Jesus.
- Pray for Curtis, that the Lord sustains him through the busy weeks ahead.

Hank's Panel

All I can say is that the new term's cage football hasn't disappointed. It's a privilege to be the mascot each week and now in the academy I have seen so many fantastic players as well as new skills. The kids have loved it. Although I haven't managed to play due to my constant hamstring injury I picked up in the mascot tournament I feel I have built great relationships with the pupils from the academy and Seaton area. Yours truly the number one cage football fan. Hank.



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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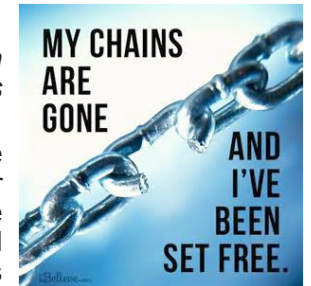


Welcome!

Hebrews 13:3: 'Remember the prisoners as if chained with them – those who are mistreated – since you yourselves are in the body also.'

So it is with all of us believers who are involved with the team ministry in Tillydrone and Seaton including you, our supporters. Our brothers and sisters who live there are going through trials because of the circumstances they find themselves in, and we suffer with them and help them as members of the same body. Let us give thanks to the Lord for His provision for the work, and for the resulting fruit of changed lives. May this lead to more young people giving their lives to Jesus.

In this issue, please look at the enclosed endorsements of the work Curtis and others are doing, from two schools in the area. Give thanks for the good working relationships, and praise God for the encouragement that these words provide and for the positive impact on young lives that they reflect.



24 hours of Prayer: 30th September

There will be a 24-hour continuous session of prayer at the Mission Church, St Machar Drive (AB24 3RX, near Aberdeen University) from **12 noon Fri 30 September to 12 noon Sat 1 October, 2016**. There will be several prayer stations, with prayer over all that's going on in the 'St Machar catchment area' through the local churches and organisations (Aberdeen University Christian Union, NESYFC, Scripture Union, SAMS, School Pastors, etc.), including the areas of the University, Old Aberdeen, Tillydrone, Woodside, Seaton and Powis. This special time will be open to the Spirit's leading on whatever is on your heart at the time.

If you are able to come, please book a slot at this link: www.tinyurl.com/stmachar You can make your slot/s exclusive or open but each slot must be filled by at least one person. The building will stay open, since there will always be someone in the building. There will be an open prayer meeting at 11am on Sat 1 October to close the 24 hours together. If you have any queries (including issues with following the link), contact Steven Hamilton at the Mission – stevenmhairihamilton@gmail.com 07754 914340. Also if your Church or organisation works in the area, you can e-mail Steven with prayer points or bring them along for your slot and leave them at the Mission. The Mission is signposted off St Machar Drive, just down from the Hub and opposite Old Aberdeen, and there is parking just behind the Mission on Dunbar Street (this is also where the access door is). Please be there if you can!

Outreach update

We catch up with youth worker Curtis Sangbarani on activities over the summer.

Hi Guys!

Well, it's been a fantastic new term and we have a lot to report. Cage football has been brilliant. As per normal we have been using it every second Monday evening in partnership with Seaton church and the red bus from Dyce, which has seen on average around 50 youngsters in attendance. We also started a new partnership with St Machar Academy which has got off to a flyer. It's so popular, that we have to hand out numbers to keep track of who is next in line. Every Thursday, hundreds (and yes I do mean hundreds) gather in large crowds for the cage football, even the local police man came down as well as the teachers and head teacher. It's going so well the pupils are constantly asking for it on a non Thursday.

The football at Riverbank Primary has progressed so much that we are now playing in League B, plus having all our games played at Riverbank school, due to provision of a new pitch area - this has been great for the community and they really have come out in numbers to support it. The other activities that have continued consistently well are the School Pastors, befriending and TLG project.

These are a couple of quotes from the head teacher of Riverbank primary and also a guidance teacher from St Machar Academy on our work in the schools.

From Riverbank Primary Head Teacher 'The work that Curtis has undertaken with the children at Riverbank School has been invaluable in terms

of developing their self confidence, self esteem and self regulation skills. He is a wonderful role model for all the children and this is particularly important for some of our boys to have a very positive male



The Cage at St Machar Academy

role model in their lives. The exemplary work he has done with one of our boys in particular has been monumental in ensuring a more positive outcome for this boy. The child in question was finding coping with school and his peer group very difficult indeed and he had been excluded from school on many occasions. Since working on a one to one basis with the NESYFC youth worker, the change in this boy has been dramatic. He is able to engage with the curriculum and his relationship with his peers has improved so much so that he is able to support other children with their behaviour and there have been no more exclusions. I cannot thank him enough for the support he gives the school and the children at Riverbank and hope that he will be able to continue to do so in the future.'

From Family Liaison Officer at St Machar Academy – To North East Scotland Youth for Christ – 'St Machar Academy is a large diverse and multicultural school in Aberdeen, and we are very grateful for the support of NESYFC and School Pastors.

The team speak to pupils during interval and lunchtimes, and offer a haven for pupils who struggle socially, particularly during these times. We have set aside a classroom in our Maths annexe where pupils can go and speak confidentially to NESYFC or just visit for a catch up when they feel stressed or unhappy. They are a known face throughout the school and pupils feel confident and happy speaking to any of the team. They make a huge difference in young people's lives.

Curtis and his team recently brought cage football into school on Thursday afternoons, offering pupils the chance to take part in a great activity which has been very popular'

Thanks again !!!!

Curtis

Invite to NESYFC's AGM and Social time. All welcome! Meet the team &and hear about the work.

Sat 22nd Oct 1.30 for 2.00pm - 4.30pm Deeside
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