

Hank's Panel

Hello from the freezing cold Aberdeen. I've been so sad that the last cage date was cancelled because of this Beast from the East. I've just been itching to play again. However, I've managed to watch some football on TV while the bad weather has kept me inside, which has helped. I'm hungry as ever to get back in the cage and talk of this summer's cage work just whets my appetite. I'm so looking forward to reconnecting with all our regular partners and, yes, I'm hoping for a sun tan so eventually I may meet Mrs Hank this summer! I'm ready to show these youngsters who is boss and currently practising my football skills. I'm always preparing, I'm so looking forward to it! The talk of all these cage dates is exciting and let's hope there's more dates than ever before!



New laws covering how we handle your data mean that shortly we will be asking you for permission to keep sending updates. It is totally up to you, but please do watch out for this and respond if you still wish to receive our newsletter and prayer points.

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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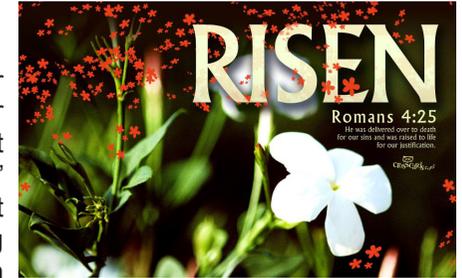
Newsletter

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Welcome!

Easter is almost here – for most in the secular world it means holidays and chocolate, but for Christians throughout the world it is the most important time in our Christian Calendar. Jesus' betrayal and unlawful arrest still horrifies us, but He gave himself over without protest knowing He was fulfilling God's plan. His disciples flee in terror but, after Jesus' death, He presented Himself to them alive over the next 40 days, and He talked to them concerning the Kingdom of God. When they were together for the last time, we hear in Acts 1:7-8 what Jesus said to them.



He told them, "You don't get to know the time. Timing is the Father's business. What you'll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world." (The Message)

These were Jesus' last words to them before He was taken up to Heaven. In Acts 2, we hear again - *When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.* (The Message)

They went on from there to be witnesses and spread the Good News of Jesus the risen King. As the Graham Kendrick song *The Servant King* says, Jesus Himself came into this world as a helpless babe, not to be served but to serve, and then He gave His life that we might live. He calls us now to follow him and bring our lives as a daily offering. So, let us learn how to serve - and in our lives enthrone Him, each others needs to prefer – For it is Christ we are serving.

We in NESYFC believe that we have been commanded to be witnesses in passing on the Good News to as many young people that we can reach in this corner of North East Scotland through Curtis and the outreach work he is doing, for it is Christ we are serving!



If you feel you can help us either on the Steering group or on our Advisory Group please contact us.

We wish you all a very Happy Blessed Easter.

Outreach update

We catch up with our youth worker, Curtis Sangbarani

I can't believe how fast this year is going by. It's great to see what God is doing in the lives of the young people we work with.

For instance, SU Riverbank (P5-P7) has up to 16 young people attending – there have been great discussions and interaction on Bible and Faith issues.

Seaton Cage nights (P3-S6) – 40+ young people - again good interaction and debate on the theme - Daniel and the Lions' Den.

SAMS Plus at The Mission (S4) – 10 young people responding well to Bible slots and faith issues.

A young lad we have been working with since the start of the project is now an example to others and has just had a try at refereeing the football which went well.

It is important that all us of involved with coaching the young people remember that what we do is for God's glory and the benefit of the young people, not for us. We are all role models, myself, coaches, parents and helpers, and need to reflect that in what we say and do.

The Football and football coaching continues to go well and is a big draw with the boys and is an additional point of contact.

We are already planning our summer programme and are very much looking forward to it. Last year we hired an additional two staff members thanks to a generous grant. That also meant we were able to take on more bookings over the summer as we had enough workers to help with the cage. This year we are hoping again to get some additional staff to work especially for the cage football over the summer which will allow us to continue the good work and reach more young people. We are already looking forward to the mission week in Kemnay and also partnering

with Seaton Church's *Make Lunch* project with our cage football. We also have a lot of ideas for different projects over the summer and also a lot of churches interested in partnering with us this summer. It's a great time to work together and really expand the work over the North East of Scotland. Every year we are hoping to reach and make a big impact on the lives of the young people through the message of Christ! It will be fantastic and let's just hope the summer weather is good to us here in Aberdeen! I'm looking forward to getting back in that cage and showing the young people how to play football!

Tillydrone

The Lighthouse Project that we partner with have found a new temporary home in Tillydrone, the old pub now turned into a food store, we have thankfully been given the space upstairs where there are offices and space for various groups, we have been provided a desk for which we are extremely thankful. The new hub which is being built just now is hopefully going to be completed within the next couple of years where there will be space to have regular groups for young people.



Temporary Accommodation above RS McColl's

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 Lord's continuing provision in finance and prayer support
- The provision of temporary accommodation for the Lighthouse premises which we work out of
- The young people who are becoming closer to God
- The freedom to preach the Good News without risk of arrest or persecution
- God's guiding hand giving strength and direction to our team

Ask For:

- Continued unity with various partners we work alongside with the young people
- Curtis, that he will continue to be a shining light for Christ in this area
- The young people and their families that they will continue to grow spiritually
- The Steering Group that people will be stirred into joining us, as numbers are still critically low

We remain in critical need for volunteers to serve on our Steering Group. Please pray and get in touch if you can help.