

 PRAYER

**give thanks for...**

- the Gospel entrusted to us
- the work of the youth worker
- all our volunteers and supporters
- those living out their faith in universities
- a full weekend away

**pray for...**

- continued vision and direction for 2017
- faithfulness in following the Spirit
- God's presence in all we do
- a renewed openness to the Gospel
- inspiration in preparing materials

 SOME UPCOMING EVENTS (PROPOSED)

10 Jan Plockton High New Year assembly

18 Jan SU Scotland Pray Day:

[www.suscotland.org.uk/pray/prayer-events](http://www.suscotland.org.uk/pray/prayer-events)

3 Feb COOL Annual Celebration, Dornie

25 Feb Plockton High RBS 6 Nations trip

18 Mar Wedding of Willie Fraser and Heather Strong

5 Apr Plockton High Easter service

JANUARY 2017

FEBRUARY 2017

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 SPOOF EMAIL

- All emails from Dave have the COOL signature and contact details at the bottom, including our logo if your email program is able and set to display it.
- We rarely include links except to our own website. When we do share other links, we always explain exactly what they are for.
- Spoof emails often use unusual and out of character language, especially in the greeting or the sign off. If unsure, please feel free to check with us.
- Above all, never click on an unsolicited link that you are unsure of.

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“This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.” Jeremiah 6 v 16



At the beginning of the New Year it is always good to take stock; to look at where we have been; to focus on where we want to go next and how we get there.

As COOL, we stand at the gate of 2017 and we look back at the year gone by. We recognise and give humble praise to God for all his grace and faithfulness to us in the past. He has given us a glorious Gospel of freedom and salvation to go out with. He has given us an energetic and dedicated youth worker who faithfully and enthusiastically preaches and lives out that Gospel in our schools and communities. He has given us a dedicated team of volunteers who run the management committee, finance sub-committee and local youth clubs and activities. He has generously provided faithful and open hearted people who have committed funds to COOL to continue to reach out to our young people across the area. He has given us dedicated prayerful supporters who

bring our work and efforts before the Throne of Grace. God has been good to us and we praise His Holy Name.

So then we look forward into 2017 and as we do so, we stand at the crossroads and look – seeking God’s face and seeking his direction. Only in Him can we move forward and we want to commit our ways, our thoughts, our future hopes and desires into His hands and ask that they are acceptable to him and ask for His blessing and direction for this coming year.



We ask for the ancient paths and ask where the good way is. We seek to serve and preach faith in Jesus Christ as the only way to salvation and the only way to know God. We faithfully recognise that without Christ we cannot know God, because Christ is the way. We want every person, young and old, to know this Gospel of freedom.

And we commit in 2017 to walk in that way. We place ourselves in Jesus’ hands and humbly ask that He continues to use us as His witness in this place. We commit every meeting, every plan and every event into His almighty hands and prayerfully seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance, and when we have it, we commit to walking the path that He has laid out before us.

So we look forward to 2017 with grateful, humble and thankful hearts, thanking the Lord for all His blessings and beseeching Him to keep us in His ways and bless the young people of this area with His Gospel and His unfailing love.

*Colin MacDonald, COOL Chairman*

We had a busy term at the end of last year including: a fully booked weekend to Glenshee in September; youth club work in Glenelg, Kyleakin and Lochcarron; a flying visit to various students around Scottish universities; perhaps the best attended S6 Big Questions Day with guest speaker, Dr. Alastair Noble; the usual round of monthly primary assemblies, this term focussing on lessons from our Peru trip; several primary Christmas services in local churches but unfortunately, no High School service this Christmas due to bad weather.



We continue to offer support to all our local primary schools, curricular and extra curricular work in Plockton High, staffing for youth groups and pastoral support to students as time allows.

Finally, we are aware that many of you have received emails from COOL addresses in the last few months that don’t appear to originate from us, often inviting you to click on links. These are very common and we often receive similar ones from you too! We cannot prevent these emails being sent but have done all we can to minimise them getting to you: usually they now get bounced back to our server. If you are unsure as to the source of an email, there is no need to let us know but we have included some useful tips overleaf.

Cut your COOL bookmark along the line