

Give thanks for...

- All the children and young people that attended Holiday Bible Club and Youth Activity Weeks
- God's Spirit at work in the lives of hundreds of young people at Soul Survivor
- The many children and young people who choose to follow Jesus over the summer
- The invite to visit Lochcarron and Applecross Primary Schools and deliver assemblies there
- All the volunteers who serve God with COOL

Please pray for...

- High School leavers as they are settling in to their new environments and choices
- S1's who are finding the transition to High School difficult or not what they had hoped for
- Pupils who feel isolated or that school is not an easy place to be
- Pupils who are struggling in their Christian faith
- The monthly visits to the various Primary Schools in the area
- The weekly clubs in the High School during a Monday and Wednesday lunch time

Upcoming events...

6th October	PHS Rome Trip
November	Prayer for Youth Meetings
25th November	COOL Committee Meeting
29th November	PHS St Andrews Assembly
3rd December	SU Staff Conference
20th December	PHS Christmas Service
6th January	Schools go back



Fundraising

COOL would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who give financially to our work, remind you of a very simple way of giving, and introduce a new way to give.

We have had great benefit from those who have used  when purchasing online with over £2845 being raised so far. If you haven't added the Donation Reminder (easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder) plugin to your web browser can I encourage you to do this as it helps to see how much each website will give.

COOL have also registered with  so if you are someone who uses Amazon a lot, it would be really appreciated if you could buy through AmazonSmile.co.uk and COOL will receive a percentage of the purchase price. Use the following link or scan the QR code on your device to register: smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/SC031455



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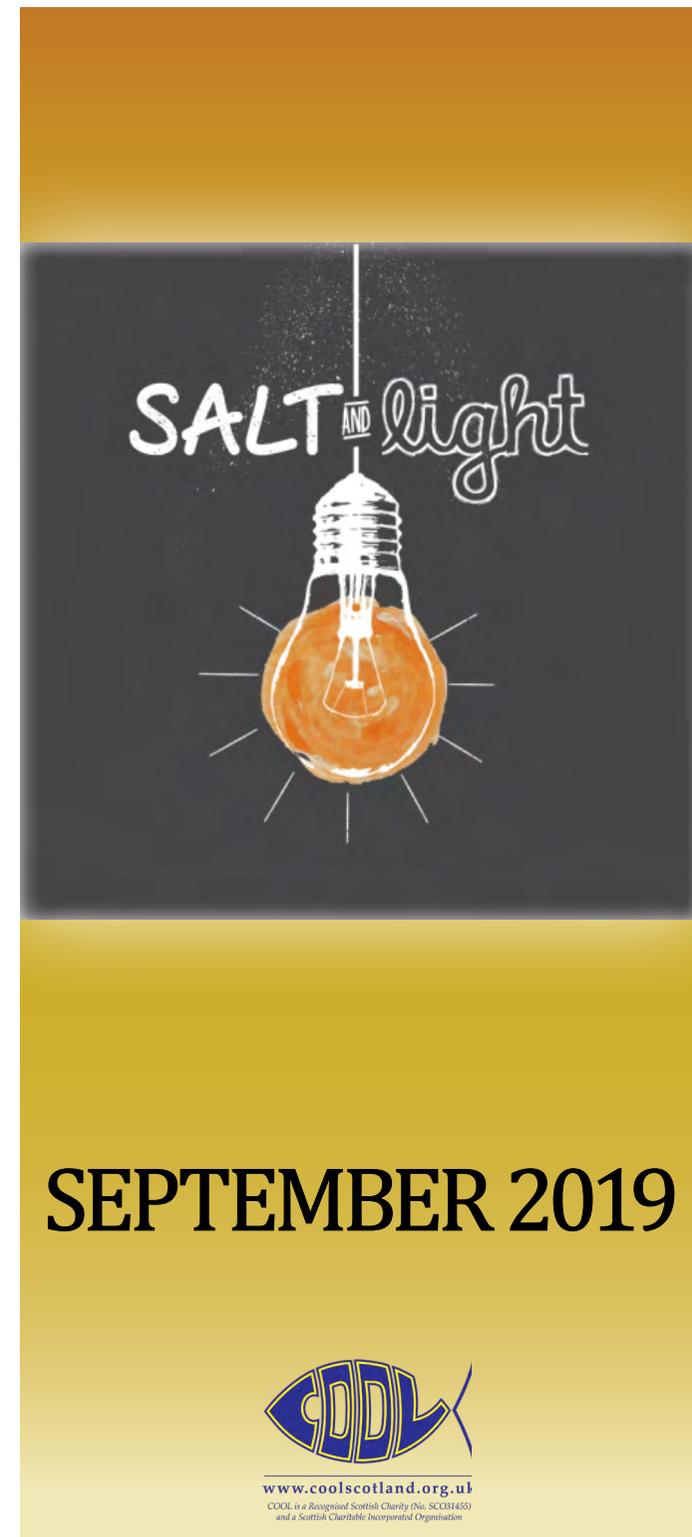
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Are we showing our children and youth how to be salty and bright? Do they see us shine?

At our Back to School with God joint service at the end of August, we were thinking about Jesus words in **Matthew ch 5; "You are the salt of the earth" and "You are the light of the world"**. There is a call to be salt and light, or to be tasty and bright, but there is also a warning not to lose our flavour or to hide our light. It is so easy to be overwhelmed by the culture around us, and the struggles we face; losing sight of the prize and becoming less tasty and bright. Sometimes we have to stop and refocus, **Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth (Colossians 3:2)**. Jesus wants us to come under His yoke and shoulder our burdens with us. He wants to help us be tasty and bright for Him. Do we let Him? Do we light up the lives of those around us?

Summer Work

Although it almost seems a distant memory now, the summer programme was an amazing and rewarding few months. As well as the ongoing schools work, we had the privilege of meeting with all the P7 children in the schools we visit and being involved in the events organised for the summer.

The Awakening Conference was a special time as our young people joined with the Stornoway youth to worship God and learn from His Word together. It is very **powerful to see the passion and desire that many of our younger generation have today to know more of God**, and when they come together like this, the Holy Spirit does marvellous things.



As the schools came to a close for the holiday, there were two weeks of Holiday Bible Club and youth activity weeks. Megan gives us her thoughts on the clubs:

"Both Holiday Bible Clubs were a great success this year. In Kyleakin there were about 50 kids every day and at Glenelg & Inverinate club, about 25. **The theme was backpackers and we took the kids on a journey following Jesus in His final days leading up to His death and resurrection.**



Both clubs were filled with an abundance of fun and games and all the kids really enjoyed themselves. Each day we had some brilliantly lead teaching and then some down time to

reflect on the bible stories and what they meant for us today. **The kids were really engaged and asking some great questions**, testament to the great teaching they received. Every day the kids had an opportunity to make a craft which would help them to remember what they had learned that day. By Friday, when we recapped the previous day's teachings, they still remembered what we had done on Monday; a real encouragement that they had been taking in everything through the week. It goes without saying that a lot of effort goes into these clubs, as it does every year, but **when you see how much the kids enjoy themselves and know that they are hearing the good news of Jesus, it makes it all worthwhile!**



In the evenings we were joined by the teenagers at Kyleakin for games, a walk and a trip on the Misty Isle Boat, and the afternoons at Glenelg the week after for the river challenge, raft building and a trip to Arnisdale. These were a lot of fun and a great opportunity to build on the relationships with our young people while learning from Gods Word.

Immediately following the HBC in Inerinate it was time to get packed up and head off to Kinross for the last ever Soul Survivor festival. Two of the S6 girls, Martha and Susannah, write of some of their highlights:

"The teaching at Soul Survivor encouraged and taught us to live our lives in Christ and showed us how much work God does in our lives. The messages we received, and the worship we experienced, were something we won't forget, but the highlight of those few days was probably the fellowship (and the food). The time I spent with my friends and youth leaders at SS made me feel so encouraged in my faith. Behind the teasing and towel fights, there is so much love and support for each other in our wee family."



The summer work was made possible by a team of almost 50 volunteers, not including our young leaders who helped at the HBC's. **We give thanks to God for each one as they gave up many hours of their time to serve God in this way.**

Autumn Term

The autumn term is now well under way with Primary School assemblies, the usual High School clubs and Friday Night youth being a foundational part of the work of COOL. As well as all the Primary Schools from the last school year, we have now been invited to visit Lochcarron and Applecross schools too, which is just fantastic and a real answer to prayer. **It has also been a privilege to be involved in leading a session on values with Mrs Galloway for the S3 students.** This is part of their Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) where they have the opportunity to win £3000 for their chosen local charity. Throughout the programme they learn what is important to them and to their communities.

