

A REFLECTION

WHY PRAYER MATTERS

Over the last few years, COOL have seen **big changes** in our children and young people. In our area, COOL are working with fewer young people from a **church background**. It can be a hard to explain to them why it is so important to put their faith in Jesus. It can feel like a difficult place to start from and we wonder where to go next.

It is during these times when we don't know what to do next that we are reminded that the best thing we can do for our children and young people is **pray for them**. We can keep working hard each day, and yet, without the help of the Lord, we will get nowhere.

The way we should be in prayer reminds me of the parable of the persistent widow in Luke 18. Her **persistence** in asking that the judge would grant her request eventually led to him granting her request. She **didn't give up** in chasing what she believed God wanted her to do, and her persistence paid off when her request was granted

This is why prayer matters. When we don't know where to go next with sharing the Gospel with the children and young people, we can bring them before the Lord in prayer. **We can plead with God to work in their lives and He will hear our prayers.**

UPCOMING DATES

PRAYER FOR YOUTH

Some advance notice of our **prayer for youth evening** in the Lighthouse Centre in Kyle on **Thursday 6th June**. Lifting up our children and young people in prayer is one of the best things we can do for them, so I really hope this evening will be well supported.

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUBS

We're very excited to announce some dates for the summer holidays. This **summer's holiday club** theme is The Restoration Station and we have 3 weeks of this club for primary school aged children in our local area. From
8th-10th July in Lochcarron,
15th-19th July in Inverinate
29th-31st July in Kyleakin

YOUTH ACTIVITY WEEK

We also are running our annual Youth Activity Week for P7 and High School aged Youth from the 16th-19th July in Glenelg. We are so excited to see how God will work through these weeks!

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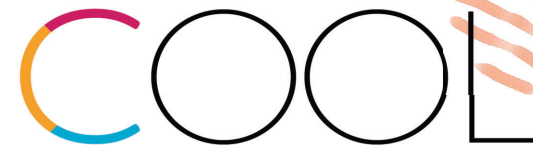
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PRAYER POINTS

GIVE THANKS FOR

The continued prayers of our **supporters** who have allowed us to continue in our work for the last 23 years

The group of young people we brought down to **Awakening Conference** and for the way God was working in their hearts during that weekend

The appointment of **Heather** as our Church Liaison Worker.



NEW WORKER

At the start of March, **Heather** joined the COOL team as our **Church Liaison Worker**. She'll be working with growing communication between **COOL and local churches**

AWAKENING

In the middle of March, we brought a group of young people down to Perth for **Awakening Conference**. It was a weekend full of great teaching, worship and learning about Jesus. Each of the young people who came along was really **encouraged** by what they heard and we really feel like **God was speaking** to each of them during the weekend.



PRAY FOR

Our young people as they continue their **exams** during May

Pray for the **P7's** as they go to the High School for their **induction week** in May

Plans and preparations for this summer's **Holiday Clubs** and **Youth Activity Week**.

- Pray for our **leaders and helpers** as they plan for the weeks
- Pray that we can reach **lots of young people** with the message of the **Gospel** this summer

FRIDAY YOUTH

We've also been really blessed by the group coming along to Friday Youth. Over the last few months, we've seen some **real growth** in the kinds of questions the young people are asking about Jesus. They've been listening and engaging more with what we've been sharing. It's been a real joy to see the things we've been sharing about Jesus really **starting to make an impact** on their lives and the way they view their lives.

CHOCOLATE

At the end of March, we had Finlay from **Chocolates of Glenshiel** coming along to make chocolate bark with the young people, just in time for Easter. He shared a wee bit with the young people about what **Easter meant to him**. They had a great time, and we are really thankful to Finlay.

