

Give thanks for...

- Gods provision over the last year, and indeed decade, for the work of COOL
- The relationship COOL have with the primary schools and Plockton High School
- The students who left Plockton this year and now living out their faith
- The work of the youth worker
- All the volunteers who serve God with COOL

Please pray for...

- The Westerduin family and the friends of the family who are still grieving
- Continued vision and direction for another year and into another decade
- Gods presence in all we do and faithfulness in following the Spirit
- Pupils who feel isolated or that school is not an easy place to be
- Pupils who are struggling in their Christian faith
- Inspiration and help in preparing material

Upcoming events...

20th January	COOL Committee Meeting
20th January	PHS Nat 4/5 Prelim Exams
27th January	PHS H/AH Prelim Exams
7th February	COOL Annual Celebration
19-20th February	SU Staff Days
21-23rd February	Alltnacriche Youth Weekend
27th March	PHS Easter Assembly



Fundraising

COOL would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who give financially to our work and remind you again of two very simple ways to help.

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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WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:20



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Are we ambassadors for Christ?

If you are a Christian, and you follow Christ, then He says that you represent Him on this earth.

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."
(2 Corinthians 5:20)

Just as an ambassador for a country represents and communicates the desires and will of the government or head of state in a foreign country, so we are to represent and communicate the desires and will of Christ to others. Its not just the role of a Christian worker; God has equipped every believer to represent Him by giving His Holy Spirit to dwell in us. Its our choice what we do from day to day.

At the beginning of a New Year its sometimes good to re-evaluate our priorities and to ask ourselves who we are representing in our lives - Christ or ourselves? Who are we representing at work, with our friends, at the shop, or on social media. Are we full-time or part-time representatives? It is helpful to always ask ourselves, how can I best represent the King in this place, with this particular person?

From the Chairman

At the start of 2020 it is my pleasure and privilege as COOL Chair to wish all of our supporters a Happy New Year.

We are thankful to God for another year of provision for COOL and for our Youth and Schools Worker Timmy Currie who continues the work of COOL across Lochalsh and South Skye. Timmy has contact with all primary schools in our area and is part of the pastoral team in Plockton High School, where the majority of his work is based.



It is a real blessing to have a dedicated worker who can live out the gospel with our young people in the schools and communities.

We are thankful to the Head Teachers and Staff for the access given to COOL into the primary schools and Plockton High School. Every community in Lochalsh and South Skye with young people in it benefits from the work of COOL and we are most thankful to all who support COOL from across the area and beyond.



It is, however, evident that despite a small increase, financial support for COOL is at present not sufficient to meet our outgoings. We have some small reserves in hand for such eventualities, but if not addressed, we will find ourselves in a position where we can no longer fund a Youth and Schools Worker. **We trust in the Lord for our provision and ask our supporters to continue with us and to spread the word of the good work of COOL and our need of financial provision in the Christian community.**

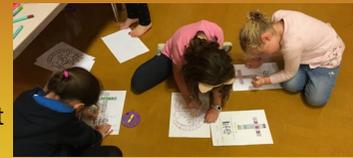


So as we head into 2020, a new decade, we look back with thankfulness and look forward in hope and trust in the Lord. **We are humbled by the Lord's provision to date and the generosity of His people, and we trust that through you, He will continue to support the work of COOL in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the young people of our communities.**

Youthwork

The final school term of 2019 was one which saw times of great joy but also of deep sadness and grief. In late september, Kyleakin Holiday Bible Club team hosted a fun day with bouncy castles, games, ice cream and much more, for all those who attended the club during the summer. Although slightly damp overhead, it was such a fun day with many of the children from the club attending.

We have continued with our monthly visits to the primary schools for assemblies thinking about the importance of family and how Jesus showed people they were important to Him, even when they weren't to other people. The weekly clubs in the High School have also continued with a committed group of young poeple coming along. **These times have given a great opportunity to get to know the young people and to be able to come alongside them in the difficult times.**



In the midst of the joy and the routine, came devastating news in early November that would cause many tears to be shed and a deep sadness to grip our hearts. One of our beautiful young people had gone to be with her Father in Heaven. Although we now knew that she was free from all her pain and sorrow, it didn't take away from the fact that she was no longer with us, and how sorely missed she would be. **It has been an incredibly difficult time for the family but their faith and hope in Jesus Christ has been an amazing witness to those around them.** It has also been devastating for her friends, and many in the school community, so please continue to pray for them that they might reach out to the God of all comfort.



Plockton and Kyle
Free Church

Youth Weekend

Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd February 2020

Alltnacriche, Aviemore
P7 - S6



COOL Annual Celebration

Friday 7th February 2020 at 7:30pm
Dornie Village Hall