

Give thanks for...

- The hope, joy and peace that we can find in knowing Jesus, and the Fathers love towards us in giving us His son
- The way most of the S1's seem to have transitioned into High School so well
- The amazing summer we have had with Holiday Bible Clubs and the Youth Activity Week, being able to share the love of Jesus with so many
- The amazing teams of people that made these events possible and run so well
- The joy of leading assemblies and being able to share the stories of the bible
- God's goodness and hand upon the work of COOL and our family. Also the supporters and volunteers who make the work possible

Please pray for...

- All the children and young people who attended our summer programme and that they would remember all that they learned and ultimately choose Jesus to be their joy
- The Alltnacriche Youth Weekend starting on 30th September and all the young people who will attend
- The S1's who are still finding the move difficult and struggling to fit in at high school
- Our new Head Teacher and Deputy Head that they would know God's help in their leadership
- The restarting of our Friday afternoon club in a new venue this year



Eilidh-Ann continues...

"One thing that is really sad is that the weekend flies by and you find that you do miss everything and everyone. Overall, in my opinion it is such a great weekend, and it's good for young ones to get out and experience loads of new things."

Planning is well under way now and the bookings are coming in fast so please pray with us for the weekend.

Schools

It is a privilege to continue our work with schools in the area; leading assemblies, hosting clubs and RME involvement. We are very grateful to the schools and thank God for them. **We would also like to give thanks for the new Head Teacher at Plockton High School, Jo Scott-Moncrieff and the Deputy Head, Martin Clark and wish them every success and Gods blessing in their important roles.** We are thankful for the many years and great memories of working alongside Susan Galloway and Iain Johnston in these roles and pray they have a long and happy retirement.

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

ROM 15:13



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Do we live joyfully?

Hope, joy, and peace are three words we often hear associated with Christmas. **They are also three things the world around us severely lacks but yet craves deeply.** It searches for ways to try and find them but more often than not, it looks in the wrong place. It looks to humanity, it looks to pleasure, it looks to happiness, despite the fact they haven't worked before. **These things will come and go but there is something inside each of us that craves hope, joy and peace that lasts. We know, and can testify, the only thing which does is the hope, joy and peace found in Jesus by believing in Him and reminding ourselves of it.**

I wonder how often we remind ourselves. Its so easy to let all of the 'stuff' of life to take the place of the joy found in Him. It can creep in and build up over time and before we know it, we've lost that joy and that peace. **Remember what David wrote in Psalm 51, "Restore to me the joy of your salvation". He came to the point of realising he had lost his joy and knew it was only by coming to God he could regain it.** Do you need to come back or maybe even come for the first time to receive His joy? He is in control and knows what is going on, which means we can be emptied of sorrow and filled with joy. **I meet so many young people that need to grasp hold of this and be free to live in joy.**

David sang Gods praises in the midst of whatever was going on around him and gives us a great example of how to stay joyful in all situations. There is a great sense in which we can have joy, or remind ourselves of the joy within, by actively being joyful, especially through the difficult days. It is not only good for us but is a huge testimony to others of the real difference Christ makes in our lives.

A new addition

We are really excited for you to meet the latest member of the COOL team! Nina was born on Tuesday 28th June and has settling in really well to the busy house. **We give thanks to God for her, as we do all our children, and pray His Blessing over them.**



Summer holidays have been...

...and what a blast they were! It was a blessing to be able to run the Holiday Bible Clubs this summer again in person with a mix of outdoor and indoor time. We found doing the clubs during Covid that the kids responded really well to being outside more so we are now incorporating this into all our clubs. **There was a fantastic turnout in Inverinate this year, so much so that the usual 9 seater minibus we use to bring the children from Glenelg just wasn't enough and we give thanks for this.** We also changed the venue this year and that worked really well for accommodating the outdoor elements of the club.



Kyleakin was oversubscribed in the end and we had to close the bookings as we just didn't have enough resources or team to accept any more! There were around 60 kids each of the 3 days but we could have had about 70, so we'll plan for that next year. **It was particularly good to see so many children from the upper primary ages as they sometimes think they**



are too old. It was also great to connect with a number of new families who have not been along to the clubs before and wonderful to see so many from Plockton Primary. It was great.

The children were all so well behaved and very respectful, making it such an enjoyable time and very special. **In both clubs we knew Gods help and nearness as we spoke of Him and all that He has done, but in Kyleakin in particular there were a couple of sessions it was evident that God was working in the hearts of the children right before our eyes. There was an incredible sense of His presence during some of the story times and the questions being asked showed how some of them were really thinking.** Please pray that the children will continue to think about all they heard and that God would keep working in their hearts.



I asked one of our first time leaders what she thought of her first Holiday Bible Club. Ruth writes...

I had the privilege of serving as part of the team for the Kyleakin Holiday Bible Club this summer. It was amazing to see the way Timmy, Janette and the team worked tirelessly to create a special and memorable week for the children. I was working alongside others who I had never met before, but we had one thing in common – our love for Jesus and our desire to see children and young people come to know Him in a deeper way. It was an honour to be part of this and I pray that the Lord would water every seed that was sown, in Jesus' name.

The Youth Activity Week was a wonderful opportunity to share the Word of God with around 20 young people each day, as well as having lots of fun activities of course too. We had the famous river challenge, Sandaig team games and swim, Glenelg community garden project and Killilian pools. Most of the young people do not come from church backgrounds so it was especially exciting to be able to speak to them and hear what they are thinking.

Upcoming Youth Weekend

We are excited about our Youth Weekend at the end of September which is always a highlight of the year, but I'm going to let one of the young people give her view. Here is what Eilidh-Ann had to say...

"It's that time of year again - Alltnacriche Youth Weekend trip. What do you do? Well, there are loads of fun activities such as zip wiring, ropes course, camp fires, discussion groups and loads of time to meet up and hang out with your friends.

After an eventful day we would go into the music hall, and sing some songs and then get put into groups and answer some questions about the topic we were focusing on that night. The staff and the food are amazing as well!!! You find that everyone is so kind and there will always be someone there if you have a problem."

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