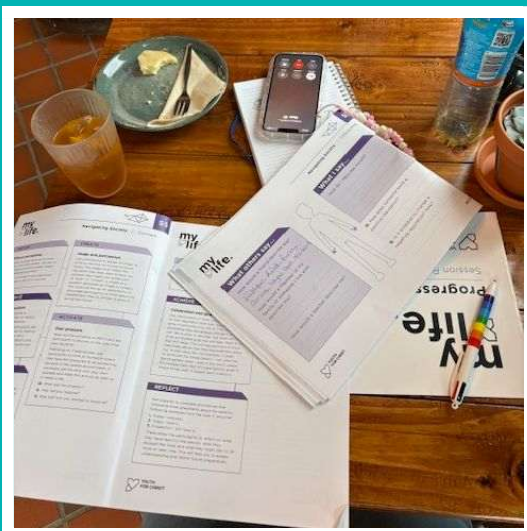




Transformed - November Newsletter

We're about seeing young people's lives changed by Jesus.



Entering Advent

As we step into Advent, we enter a season of anticipation, hope, and purpose. It's a time to reflect on the incredible gift of Jesus. God coming near to meet us in our world and to consider how we, in turn, can bring His love to others.

This season reminds us that mission is at the heart of Christmas. As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth, we are also called to watch, to wait, and to step boldly into opportunities to share hope, peace, and love with the young people and families around us.

May this Advent be a season of prayer, action, and expectation. A time to see God at work and to join Him in His mission in our community.

Updates

31st October

Our team headed out on Halloween and connected with a huge number of children, young people, and families throughout the community. We had countless positive conversations, and it was especially encouraging to see some of our regular young people getting involved and helping out. The evening was a fantastic opportunity to build relationships, spread kindness, and be a positive presence.

Remembrance Sunday

We had the privilege of laying a wreath again this year on Remembrance Sunday, alongside one of our young people who has made remarkable progress this year. It was a powerful moment to honour those who have served and sacrificed, and to see the growth and confidence in the young people we walk alongside.

Prayer and Fasting Day

Our next prayer and fasting day will be Monday 8th December. We will be meeting in our office at Oakwood Church at 10:30am to pray together.

Please come and join us as we contend for the Youth in our town.

Church Partnerships

Please get in contact with us if you'd like to:

- Talk about outreach opportunities in your community
- Invite us to share on a Sunday morning
- Arrange some 'Safeguarding and Youth Culture' training for your church group

We'd love to support your church in engaging with young people and seeing God move in your community.

Prayer Points

Weekly Prayer Covering

Please pray for and during our various activities during the week. That every encounter with young people would be filled with God's love, power and revelation. That the seeds we plant today, through conversations, activities, and support, will grow into lasting fruit.

This is our mission field and we long to see a harvest of transformed lives.

Monday - Safe space/group mentoring session - 4pm - 5:30pm

Tuesday - Priorswood & Halcon Outreach 6pm - 8:30pm

Wednesday - Mentoring in the community, Pyrland School - 1pm - 4pm,
Bible study one - 5:30pm - 7pm,
Bible study two - 7pm - 8:30pm

Thursday - Asylum seeker Outreach - 4pm - 5:30pm,

Hamilton Park Outreach - 6pm - 8:30pm

Monday - Friday - Chaplaincy at Court Fields School & community mentoring

Outreach

Last week there was a serious incident - a stabbing - in one of the areas we regularly work in. Although this didn't happen on one of our outreach nights, it involved young people we know, and it has understandably shaken the community.

As we head out this month, our heart is to help young people feel safe, supported, and listened to. We would really value your prayers as we step into these spaces again. Prayers for peace in the area, for protection over the young people and the team, and for calm, positive interactions.

Please also pray for wisdom and the right opportunities to talk with and educate young people about the dangers of knife crime. We are currently looking into how we can provide regular support for young people in this area.

Asylum Seekers

This month we've had the joy of meeting new young people within our asylum seeker community, and it's been encouraging to see new connections forming. Many still face deep uncertainty as policies shift and local responses vary, so we invite you to hold them in prayer.

As we enter Advent and Christmas, we're especially grateful for the natural gospel opportunities this season brings. Beautiful moments to share Jesus with those of other faiths in a gentle, genuine way. Please pray that our relationships would deepen, that we would show God's love with wisdom and compassion, and that Jesus would be magnified in every interaction.

Phase 2 - Youth Hub

This month has brought some encouraging conversations, even as we remain on hold waiting for building regulations to progress — a stage completely outside our control.

Our greatest hurdle in this next season is going to be finance, but at its core this isn't simply about funding a building — it's about partnering with a young person and creating a space where lives can be transformed by the love of Jesus.

If you feel able to give toward this next step, we would be truly grateful. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps create a place where young people can find hope, belonging, and the chance to encounter Jesus for themselves.

Thank you for standing with us, believing with us, and investing in the next generation.

School Chaplains

As you may know, Chloe serves full-time as a School Chaplain at Court Field School. Her work there has been a wonderful example of the impact a chaplain can have, supporting young people, building relationships, and sharing Jesus in a school setting.

We are now exploring the possibility of what it would look like to have a chaplain in schools across Taunton. We are excited by the potential to see a chaplain in every school, providing care, guidance, and gospel-centred support. This is very much still in seed form but some schools are already communicating that they would welcome this, and we are seeking God's wisdom and favour as we pursue these opportunities.

Please pray for open doors, strong relationships, and for God to guide each step as this vision develops.

Christmas

As December approaches, our hearts and diaries are filling with opportunities to connect with young people through a variety of Christmas events. This season is a wonderful chance to share the love of Jesus, bring hope, and create spaces where He can be encountered.

We always give gifts to every young person we meet and we will continue to do this again this year, as many come from homes facing deep poverty, so even a small gift can mean a great deal. Our aim is to love them abundantly and show in a tangible way just how much God loves them.

We also know this can be the hardest time of year for some. Please pray for protection over the young people, that they would feel safe, cared for, and surrounded by God's peace. Pray too for wisdom, energy, and open hearts as we share Jesus in every encounter.

Thank you

We are so grateful for everyone who walks alongside us in this mission. Your support is at the heart of what God is doing among young people in Taunton. Truly, none of this would be possible without you.

To our **Trustees and Volunteers** – your commitment, love, and faithfulness inspire us every day. Through your time and energy, God's love is being shared in real, tangible ways across our community.

To our **Financial Supporters** – your generosity fuels this work. Every gift plants hope and creates opportunities for transformation in the lives of young people.

To our **Prayer Partners** – your prayers sustain this ministry, open doors, bring protection, and invite the Holy Spirit to move. If you ever feel led to

share a word or vision, please pass it on to Kelly — we love hearing how God is speaking through you.

We thank God for each of you and for the part you play in shaping the future of young people in Taunton. Your partnership makes a lasting difference.

How to Give

Your support helps us bring hope, love, and the message of Jesus to young people in Taunton. There are a few ways to partner with us:

- **Online:** Visit our website to make a one-off donation or set up a regular gift.
<https://www.tauntonyfc.co.uk/>
- **Bank Transfer:** Contact us for details if you'd like to give directly.
- **Cash or cheque:** If you would rather gift via cash or cheque, you can get this to Kelly directly, or via our new office address;
Oakwood Church Centre, Obridge Road, TA2 7PU

Every gift is a part of God's work, helping us point young people to Jesus and see lives transformed. Thank you for joining us in this mission.



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