



Transformed - April Newsletter

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



Seeds

We've recently been reminded of something deeply encouraging: never underestimate the seeds that are sown, even on what looks like the hardest ground.

For several years, one young person was consistently involved with us—through school mentoring and community outreach. At times, it may have

seemed like little was taking root beneath the surface. But recently, they made the incredible decision to give their life to Christ.

It's a powerful reminder that God is always at work, even when we can't see it. What may look like resistance or indifference can still be soil where seeds are quietly growing.

This has encouraged us afresh to keep scattering seeds—faithfully, patiently, and without hesitation. Because ultimately, it's not about what we see, but about trusting in the transforming power of God, who brings growth in His perfect timing.

Updates

Easter Eggs

A huge thank you to Oakwood Church for their incredible generosity in providing over 50 Easter eggs for our young people. Through this gift, each young person was reminded just how outrageously loved they are by a God who gave everything to know them personally. We are so grateful for your kindness and partnership in sharing this message of hope.

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A request has been made for a downloadable pdf of our prayer requests, making this easier to print. Please find a button to download this at the bottom of this newsletter.

Prayer and Fasting Day

A reminder that we won't be meeting on Monday for our prayer and fasting meeting due to the bank holiday. Our next gathering will be Monday 11th April. 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.

Tuesday – Mentoring in the community, Priorswood & Halcon Outreach
6pm - 8:30pm

Wednesday - Mentoring in the community, Pyrland School - 1pm - 4pm,
Bible study one - 4:30pm - 6pm, Bible study two – 6:30pm - 8pm

Thursday - Halcon Outreach - 6pm - 8:30pm

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

Outreach

Last month, we shared some of the challenges we were facing in outreach and asked for prayer as we pressed into what felt like hard ground. This month, we are so encouraged to share how God has been moving.

With the arrival of the spring weather, outreach has been full of life. We are now averaging around 40 young people each session, and we've seen a fresh wave of new faces joining us. There has been a noticeable openness, and it feels like some of that hard soil is beginning to soften.

We are so grateful for the way God has given us wisdom in navigating difficult situations and for the unity and strength within the team to keep showing up consistently. Where things once felt heavy, we are beginning to see glimpses of breakthrough—through conversations, connections, and growing trust with young people.

Volunteers

As outreach continues to grow, we are in need of a few more volunteers to join the team—particularly those with the right heart, resilience, and experience for this kind of work. This is a unique environment, often requiring emotional maturity, consistency, and the ability to build trust in complex situations.

Please pray with us for the right individuals to step forward—people who are compassionate, grounded in their faith, and able to engage wisely and sensitively with the young people we serve.

Asylum Seekers

Sadly, our asylum seeker outreach has come to an end following the pending closure of the hotel, so we want to take a moment to reflect with deep gratitude on what has been an incredible three-year journey. It has

been a privilege to build relationships, offer support, and stand alongside so many individuals during such a significant season of their lives. While we are sad to see this chapter close, we are profoundly thankful for every conversation, every connection, and every opportunity we had to show care, compassion and the love of Christ. We trust that the impact of this work will continue far beyond what we have seen, and we carry these experiences with us as a lasting reminder of the power of presence and kindness.

Court Field School

Please continue to lift Chloe up in prayer as she steps into a new season of outreach, engaging with young people in a community space outside of school. This is an exciting opportunity to build new relationships and connect with young people in a different context.

Pray that she would be filled with wisdom, confidence, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as she navigates this new environment. Ask that she would quickly build trust with the young people she meets and that meaningful connections would be formed.

Please also pray for protection, strength, and encouragement as she pioneers this work—that she would know God’s leading in every conversation and that this space would become one where young people feel safe, seen, and open to encountering Jesus.

GCSE exams

Please pray for the students we support who are preparing to sit their GCSEs in the coming weeks. This can be a stressful and overwhelming time for many, and we are doing what we can to support and encourage them practically where we can.

Please pray for peace, focus, and confidence, as well as for their wellbeing during this season—that they would know they are not alone and feel supported every step of the way.

Thank You

This mission has always been bigger than any one person—it is something we carry together. What we are witnessing among young people in Taunton is the fruit of a community choosing to stand, give, and believe alongside us.

Each of you plays a significant part.

To those who serve so generously with your time and energy—you are on the front line, creating spaces where young people feel safe, known, and valued. Through you, they are experiencing the love of Jesus in real and lasting ways.

To those who give financially—you are enabling this work to happen. Every conversation, every act of support, every opportunity we have is made possible because of your generosity. Your giving is truly making a difference in young lives.

To those who pray—you are underpinning everything. Your prayers are powerful, sustaining this work, opening doors, and preparing hearts in ways we may never fully see.

We are deeply thankful for each and every one of you. If God puts something on your heart for us, we would love to hear it—please do share it with Kelly.

Together, let's continue to see young lives transformed by Jesus.

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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