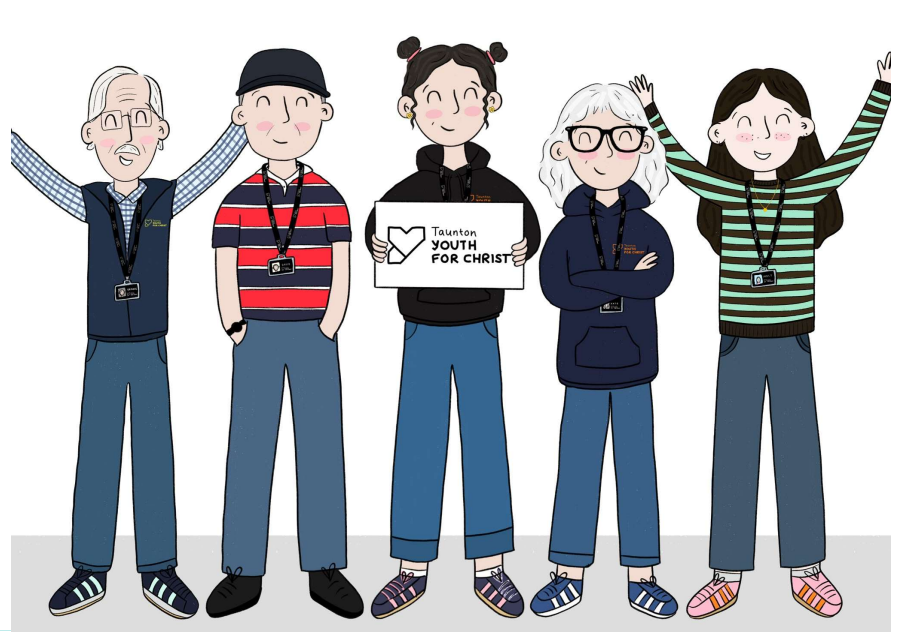


Transformed - October Newsletter

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









An update from Kelly

Navigating the Darker Nights

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."
John 1:5

As October draws to a close, it's been another busy and exciting month for Taunton Youth for Christ! Our Youth Hub is continuing to take shape, and it's wonderful to see the space gradually coming together.

Meanwhile, our outreach work is shifting with the seasons. The darker evenings bring their own challenges, and working with young people in outdoor spaces can become more difficult as the nights draw in and visibility decreases. We've moved away from the parks and into lighter, more suitable spaces within our local housing estates. As always with detached youth work, things are constantly changing, and we have to be ready to adapt, follow relationships and meet young people where they are.

We're also getting ready to head out for our Halloween outreach this Saturday, so please pray for us. These evenings provide a valuable opportunity to be present in our communities, connect with young people and offer a friendly, safe point of contact during a busy night.

As the seasons change, our heart remains the same: to keep showing up, building relationships and sharing the hope of Jesus with young people across Taunton.

Thank you for continuing to stand with us. Please pray for our team as we navigate the darker months, for meaningful conversations and new connections during outreach, and for the remaining funds needed to complete our Youth Hub. We're excited to see what the coming months will bring!

Celebrations

#1 - A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored Tarun as he took on the Cardiff Half Marathon in support of our Youth Hub! Thanks to your

incredible generosity, over £700 has been raised to help us bring this vision to life.

We're so grateful to Tarun for taking on this challenge and going the extra mile for Taunton Youth for Christ. Your support will make a real difference as we work towards completing the Hub.

Thank you, Tarun, and thank you to everyone who donated and cheered him on!

#2 - One of the greatest joys of our work is watching young people achieve things, especially when we know how many hurdles they've had to overcome to get there.

Last week, one of our young people passed her driving test and this week, started a full time job! This might seem like a small milestone to some, but having walked alongside her over the past five years, we know just how much it represents. She has faced and overcome so many challenges, and it's a real privilege to see her stepping into adulthood with confidence, ready to embrace what lies ahead.

These are the moments that remind us why relationships matter. We want every young person we work with to know that, whatever life brings, they don't have to face it alone.

We couldn't be prouder of her and can't wait to see what comes next!

Updates

Youth Hub Update

"Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin."
Zechariah 4:10

It's exciting to see real progress at our new Youth Hub! The internal walls are going up, helping us see how the different rooms will come together, and our kitchen is due to arrive in the next few weeks. Alongside the visible building work, there's lots happening behind the scenes, with essential work taking place to get the space ready for the next stage.

It's really encouraging to walk into the building and begin to picture how it will look and feel when it's finished — a place where young people can gather, build relationships, develop life skills and encounter Jesus.

For regular photos and updates as the work continues, keep an eye on the Updates section of our website. Thank you for being part of this journey and helping us turn this vision into reality.

40 Days of Prayer for the Youth Hub

We're now 26 days into our 40 Days of Prayer, and what a privilege it is to seek God together as we pray over our new Youth Hub! Since 5th October, we've been praying daily for the Hub, our team, finances, partnerships and, most importantly, the young people we long to see encounter Jesus.

As we continue through these final two weeks, we're inviting you to keep standing with us in prayer as we look to God for His provision, guidance and blessing over this next chapter of Taunton Youth for Christ. Please keep using the prayer calendar to guide you, and join us as we pray for every young person who will walk through the Hub's doors.

Thank you for joining with us. We believe prayer is foundational to all that God is building, and we're excited to see what He will do!

Prayer and Fasting Day

Our next gathering will be Monday 2nd November. 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.

AGM

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Annual General Meeting on 5th October. It was a valuable opportunity to reflect on all that God has been doing through Taunton Youth for Christ over the past year and to look ahead to the vision for the future.

If you weren't able to attend, our Annual Report is now available to read in the Updates section of our website.

Transformed in pdf

A request has been made for a downloadable version of our prayer requests, making this easier to print. Please find a button to download this at the bottom of this newsletter. I have changed this to a Word document for those struggling with the pdf.

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.

Taunton Youth for Christ Website - Updates

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 – 5:30pm - 7pm
Thursday - Halcon Outreach - 6pm - 8:30pm
Monday - Friday - Chaplaincy at Court Fields School, The Castle School

Youth Hub

Please take a moment to read the Youth Hub update above and pray for the work taking place as the space continues to take shape. Give thanks for the progress made so far, for the electricians and plumbers, and for the internal walls going up as we begin to see the rooms come together.

Please pray for the kitchen arriving in the next few weeks and for all the practical work needed to prepare the space for completion. Most importantly, please pray for the finances still needed to finish the project. Pray for favour over our grant applications, that the right people would catch the vision and that God would provide everything needed to complete the Hub and prepare to welcome young people.

School Chaplains - Court Field & The Castle School

Please pray for our Chaplains as they support young people through the challenges of school life, helping them navigate friendships, pressures, decisions and questions about their future. Pray that both Court Fields

and The Castle School would be places where young people experience kindness, hope and the love of Jesus through the presence of our Chaplains.

Ask God to give our team fresh energy and encouragement as they head into a new half term, and to bring to mind the young people who particularly need support. Pray for opportunities for faith to be explored naturally and for school staff to continue to recognise the value of chaplaincy within their communities.

Outreach

We need to pray!!

We are seeing an increasing number of young people carrying knives and this is becoming normalised among some of the young people we meet. Please pray against this growing culture of fear and violence. Pray that young people would no longer feel the need to carry weapons for protection or acceptance, but would find security, belonging and identity in something greater. Pray for hearts and mindsets to change, for courage to choose a different path, and for protection over our communities.

Above all, please pray that the seeds planted through our outreach would take root and grow. That Jesus would bring hope where there is fear, peace where there is violence, and opportunities for young people to encounter Him and discover the life He offers.

Halloween Outreach

Tomorrow, our team will be heading out into the Halcon community for our additional outreach, and we would really value your prayers as we step into what can be a challenging night.

Please pray for protection over our team and the young people we meet, for wisdom and discernment in every situation, and for meaningful

conversations and opportunities to build relationships with the wider community. Pray that we would be a light in that darkness!

We never underestimate the difference it makes to know we are covered as we head out to serve our community.

New School term

On Monday, most young people will return to school after half term. We know that school can be a difficult place for many.

Research by the Youth Endowment Fund found that 1 in 5 teenagers aged 13–17 had skipped school in the previous year because they felt unsafe. This is a sobering reminder that, for some young people, school is not a place where they feel safe.

Please pray for those who are anxious about going back, struggling to fit in or finding school hard to manage.

Thank You for Being Part of the Journey

As I reflect on this month, I'm reminded that behind everything we do at Taunton Youth for Christ is a community of people who make this work possible.

Whether you've given towards the Youth Hub, prayed for our young people, supported our outreach or encouraged our team, thank you!

Your support enables us to keep showing up for young people, even when the challenges they face feel overwhelming.

There is more to do, more young people to reach and more lives to see transformed, but thank you for standing with us as we take the next steps.

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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40 days of Prayer - click here to download

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