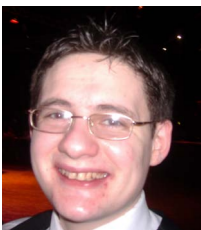


Interview with Tim

Meet our new prayer coordinator, Tim Still.



How did you become a Christian? At the age of seven originally at the Salvation Army with the support of family and friends there

Who's your hero? Gordon Ramsay

What's the most exciting thing that's ever happened to you? Went to Zambia Africa with the Salvation Army

What do you do in your day job? Youth Ministries Worker at Mannofield Church

What's good about working with young people? Its exciting, challenging and great fun!

What are you hoping to do as prayer coordinator? Develop this important part of the ministry to fully support the work

What do you think of NESYFC so far? Committed to young people

What's your favourite fruit? Passion fruit

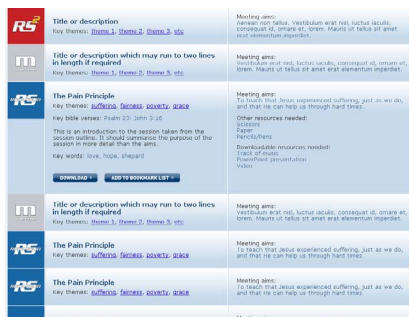
You can get in touch with Tim by emailing tim@nesyfc.org.uk

Make a difference!

Please **pray** for us, the work we do and the young people of the North East. We'll happily come to share our work with your church or group. We're always looking for **volunteers** of all ages and skills for front line youth work, training, or technical and admin jobs. Finally, please consider **financial support** - a regular donation of as little as £5 a month will help us to reach young people across the North East with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Alternatively, perhaps your church could support us as local mission partners.

Resources Update

A brief piece of news for those using Rock Solid, RS2 or Mettle. As of the Spring term 2010, YFC intends to take Rock Solid, RS2 and Mettle entirely web-based. Material will be accessed and selected through a password-protected website (preview below). Hard-copy material will no longer be available. Unlimited access to Rock Solid, RS2 and Mettle will cost £20 per month for existing groups; a saving if you use more than one resource. New subscribing churches will be charged £25 per month. It is hoped that this will improve access and allow the resources to be enriched with extra content. Please get in touch if you've any questions about this.



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Welcome!

It's been a busy Autumn for us. God's been doing great things through Breathe and the project, and though the busyness it's been great seeing young people respond to the Good News. Read on to find out more...

Breathe Update

Anne Laird brings us up to date on Breathe over the past couple of months.

We have had three Breathe events since the last newsletter. Spread over quite a wide area: one in Laurencekirk, one in Sheddocksley Baptist Church in Aberdeen and one in Macduff. All events were well attended, with the young folk participating in the fun and games and engaging with the worship and teaching. When we were in Macduff it was encouraging to catch up with the folk who attended the Breathe at Banff Academy in June, and friends from Buckie who attended the summer mission. In Macduff we also gave away UCB's Bags of Hope as a lead up to Christmas.

Dates confirmed for the 2010 so far are:

20th February - Buckie

21st March - Kincorth

There's still spaces for 2010 so please contact us if you'd like to be a host. Check our website for final venue details and times, and further events as they're confirmed. Get in touch by calling us or emailing breathe@nesyfc.org.uk

Breathe at
Sheddocksley Baptist
Church in
November



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Survey

Thanks to those who participated in our survey. We had some useful comments and will pray over them during the coming months while we seek God's will for NESYFC.

Other organisations / events...

Scotland's national Christian youth work training conference Deep Impact is on 22-24 January 2010 and it's well worth going! See www.deep-impact.org.uk for more information.

Youth festival Imagine has been confirmed for 3-7 August 2010 at Thainstone, Inverurie. Details at www.imaginescotland.co.uk

AGM Date

NESYFC's 2010 AGM is confirmed for 5 May. Put it in your diary!

Mobiles + Ink Cartridges

Thanks to those who have been contributing these for recycling. Please email office@nesyfc.org.uk if you can offer some. This an easy way to help our ministry and has brought in much needed funds.

Want a copy of the newsletter for yourself, or have you something to advertise? Just contact us at the address on the back.



Project Update

Sandy Brownlee gives an update on the project in Mastrick, Middlefield and Northfield.

The past few months have been something of a rollercoaster! In our last newsletter we'd just welcomed our two year-out volunteers Laura and Tom to begin work in Northfield, Middlefield and Mastrick. They've also been joined two days a week by Dave Brown, who headed up our Buckie mission in the summer, as well as frequently by staff and volunteers from a number of local churches.

Being honest there have been a number of obstacles and difficulties as the project has got going. Nearly every aspect of the work has run in to trouble at some point, and the team have been praying hard to keep focused and ensure that God remains at the centre of it all so His will can prevail. Looking at it overall, it's hardly surprising that there should be some form of attack because the potential for spreading God's love here is so great! The past few weeks things seem to have been coming together and there's been some really encouraging things coming out - seeing Tom and Laura growing spiritually and hearing about the young people they work with starting to show an interest in why they're here.

What have the team been doing? During the days they are mostly working in schools (a number of primaries, and Northfield Academy); doing assemblies and classes, having lunch and running a craft club. Outside of school, Laura has just set up a girls' club with Middlefield and Northfield churches, both are helping with preparations for a youth club at Mastrick Parish Church and the YMCA Street Football in Mastrick. During the October break they supported holiday clubs at Middlefield Church and Sheddocksley Baptist Church, and they have also helped at the three most recent Breathes. Tom and Laura have also been away to regular training with YFC, which grows more intensive as the year proceeds.

I had a brief chat with Tom and Laura about

how they're getting on.

In what ways have you seen God at work?

L: People are becoming open to us. Lots ask us if we work for the church, if we pray etc so we get chances to speak to them

T: It's well awesome when they talk to you just like your one of their mates, that's pretty cool.

What's been hard in the work so far?

Tom: Staying focused on God and like need to be willing to do the writing part

Laura: Weather's flippin freezing! Detached works quite hard as well if they don't know us

...and what's been good?

Tom: Street football on Thursday is really fun and find that relaxing just chattin with kids

Laura: Loving being in lessons at school and doing craft club. Girls group is lots of fun too

The most Scottish thing you've done yet?

Tom: not really seen much the classic man in a kilt but I've eaten Haggis :P

We'd like you to focus on the following points for prayer as the project continues:

- That Laura and Tom keep growing as individuals; in particular Tom has asked that he stays focused on God through the year and for relationships with the young people to grow; Laura has asked that God gives her strength, encouragement and direction while she develops the girls club (and that God does great stuff through it)
- That God opens up opportunities to share the Good News through the activities
- That Tom, Laura, Dave and others are safe in detached work and youth clubs and that they can make use of every opportunity they get to share God's love
- That Dave is filled with God's spirit in the work he is doing, particularly discipling Tom and Laura
- Scott Guy, the minister at Northfield Church, is line managing Laura and Tom, responsible for their timetable and day-

(continued.)

to-day support; pray that He is given God's wisdom, passion and energy in this

- Aly and Dave in their role of giving pastoral support to Laura and Tom - and that God help them sort out the issues which come up
- That resources and people come forward as needed in God's time
- Thanks for the generosity of all project partners in support of finance, time and to the hosts for opening their homes.
- Thanks for the progress made so far; for the changes to make an impact on the lives of individual young people and their families

Prayer

From our prayer coordinator, Tim Still

More things are wrought by prayer, than this world dreams of - Alfred Lord Tennyson

An interesting statement. Prayer is a very powerful thing, some of us pray regularly and some just when we need something which can happen. Sometimes it is only when things aren't going so well and we feel we're struggling that we make the time to pray. Then of course when the going gets good again we perhaps unintentionally forget to make time to pray again, until something else goes wrong. Another interesting statement about prayer is it 'is the last resort of a scoundrel', meaning that someone at odds with the law and in desperate need will decide to give this prayer thing try, in a mixture of hope and despair. Prayer to many means hope, even those who have no time for the church, especially when a relative is perhaps dyeing and suddenly they are presented with the end of life and what lies beyond. Also to committed Christians prayer is about hope in an often unpleasant world.

Prayer ministry is a ministry in itself and unfortunately in many churches is taken for granted. Prayer is so powerful but sometimes we just don't harness it. Of course especially in financial situations there needs to be a balance of prayer & faith, and being careful with the money.

I volunteered for the position as prayer co-ordinator with the NESYFC exec in the hope that I can sure this important part of the work is carried out fully to support the work.

Changes!

Again the past few months have seen a number of changes to our team. After taking on the post of volunteer coordinator in addition to pastoral support of our year out volunteers, Aly Brown has had the happy news that she's expecting twins! Consequently she's stepped back from the exec for the next few months. In addition, our administrator Timwa's contract has now come to an end and as her PhD studies get more intensive she's decided not to continue. We have someone else lined up for this role but still need to confirm so can't tell you who it is yet! Meanwhile, we're happy to have Tim Still on board as our new prayer coordinator. You can meet him in our interview on the back page.

Finally, we still need to find a treasurer for our exec. Though important it's not a big role - our current treasurer estimates about 3-4 hours plus an exec meeting per month. She'll also be around to provide help with the handover as she's moved into another role on the exec. You don't need a financial background to do the job, just a responsible head, passion for God and a desire to see young people reached with the Good News. If you feel called to this role or just want to know more please email Sandy Brownlee sandy@nesyfc.org.uk or call on 01224 699937.

