



***G-News! Autumn Term 2017**

Welcome to the G-News:

Bringing you some of the latest highlights from across Youth Genesis!

Dear Friends,

Believe it or not, but ten years will have passed this Autumn since the foundations of Youth Genesis were laid down in the form of the 'Brixham Churches Youth Work Project'! Starting my role as the 'Youth Work Co-ordinator' for the project on the 1st October 2007, I had a blank canvas before me – I have to admit to feeling somewhat overwhelmed by the possibilities of what could come. The three original founding churches of the project in Brixham: the United Reformed Church, Fore Street Methodist Church and St Mary's Parish Church, provided a solid prayerful and financial basis which enabled the work to become what it is today. None of us who were involved in the project at the beginning imagined the journey that would take place over the coming years and how the project would become the essential mission arm it is today: providing a way for the church to serve some of the most disadvantaged young people across Torbay and Devon.

It was sad to see the cuts to government funded youth services three years into the projects' inception, but Youth Genesis quickly offered an effective way to fill the gap left in many towns by the removal of local authority funded youth provisions.

Reflecting on each crucial step that the project has taken over the years, there has always been a sense of anticipation as we ventured into the unknown – and as the project has grown into a Charitable Trust, the Directors, Staff and volunteers have learned that without God's strength and guidance, we wouldn't be able to be in the areas that we are currently serving – a reminder of when Peter steps out of the boat in **Matthew 14:22-32**; as



Brixham Youth Work Project



Peter steps of of the boat to walk on the water, he looks at the wind and begins to sink, but as soon as he fixes his eyes on Jesus, he achieves the impossible!

Without Jesus at the centre, without prayer, without God’s strength, love and guidance, none of us would be able to achieve the impossible. As Jesus says in **Matthew 19:26**: “...with God all things are possible.” Through God, our Youth Workers are able to show His love to so many teenagers who don’t know a loving, safe and secure home, or feel valued or to those who are confused and struggle to find a place in society.

We pray that God continues to bless many more young people through the work of Youth Genesis for the next ten years and beyond!

Jonathan Oliverio

Tabatha...

Tabatha has been volunteering for Youth Genesis as a ‘Youth-Volunteer’ based at the United Reformed Church in Brixham on Monday and Friday evenings. Tabatha has been working really hard at The Place Youth Drop-In over the past year supporting other young people in Brixham. Recently, Tabatha (centred - with Skye and Charlie in the photo on the left) has been celebrating as she has achieved her level 3 Youth Work Practice qualification through volunteering with us – it means she can exchange her blue uniform for a green one!

Well done Tabatha, welcome to the team!!



Tabatha (centre) at The Place

Kayaking in Dartmouth...

Youth Genesis took a group of young people kayaking on the River Dart at the end of the Summer Term – this was done in partnership with the Dartmouth Yacht Club. The young people thoroughly enjoyed the session.

Some of the young people commented that even though they live in Dartmouth, they don’t get the opportunity to go on the river. Another fantastic session supporting young people!



Tim Moss leads a Kayaking Session on the River Dart



St Andrews Methodist Church...

The Youth Drop-In at St Andrews Methodist Church in Shiphay, Torquay, has been going from strength to strength as we've been supporting a large group of teenage boys.

Although the Youth Drop-in is going well, our Streetbase workers in Shiphay have identified a drug problem; Youth Genesis has started working with Torquay Academy and Shiphay Learning Academy to explore how we work together to better support young people and raise awareness of the dangers of drug use.

We're looking forward to this new partnership and enhancing our support for teenagers in the area.



Football at St Andrews Methodist Church

More from Cranbrook...

The numbers at the Cranbrook Youth Space, which is open from 7.00-9.00pm on Tuesday evenings at the Younghayes Centre, continue to grow. We have supported fifty six young people over the past term. Young people say they really value the sessions as it gives them somewhere safe to meet as well as receive support from youth workers. At the request of the young people, we've added a few more activities which has included dance and karaoke – we have some budding rock stars in attendance!! We've also been making the most of the summer evenings and running sessions in the Country Park – rounders has been a favourite!



Rounders in Cranbrook Country Park



Cranbrook Youth Space in the Younghayes Centre



Streetbase support at Events...

Our Streetbase teams have been supporting young people at various events over the summer. Two well attended events that have been supported by our Streetbase teams have included the Brixham Hapnin' and Dartmouth Royal Regatta. With donations of water from Dartmouth Sainsbury's and a bundle of glowsticks, our Streetbase teams were able to support over 230 young people stay safe at the Dartmouth Royal Regatta.

The police say that they really welcome the teams as young people respond well to the youth worker support. Here are the teams below, ready for action at both the Brixham Hapnin' (July) and Dartmouth Royal Regatta (August):



Brixham Team head up to the Hapnin'



Dartmouth Team at Flavel Church

Come Celebrate with us...

This year we will be celebrating ten years of fantastic work delivered by Youth Genesis. As Youth Genesis originated in Brixham, we will be holding the Celebration at Fore St Methodist Church in Brixham on **Monday 27th November 2017 at 7.30pm**. Come and join us as we celebrate the work that has gone before and seek God's blessing for the work ahead... We look forward to seeing you. P.S. There will be plenty of cake!!



Youth Genesis Celebration in November



Youth Genesis Prayer Fuel...

Prayer plays an essential part in enabling us to carry out the work that God has called us to do at Youth Genesis – Jesus says in Mark 11:24 **“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”** (NIV). The points below give a guide in what to pray for:

BRIXHAM

- Pray for Katie Sowden and the volunteers as they begin a new term.
- Pray for the new young people coming to the sessions.
- Pray for Annabelle Gillard as she leads Project DAVE into a new phase.
- Pray for the new ‘Cry-Wolf’ project and young peoples learning.
- Pray that God will bring us some new Streetbase workers for Wednesday evenings.

PAIGNTON

- Pray for the Youth Worker Training Course that starts on the 25th September at Gerston Chapel.
- The young people as they begin their training as Youth Volunteers.
- The Ripples sessions on Monday evenings as they support young people living in Paignton who may be struggling.
- The new projects we are looking to start in Foxhole.

TORQUAY

- Continue to pray for the Youth Drop-In at St Andrews Methodist Church on Friday nights as it has been attracting over forty teenagers each week.
- Continue to pray for the Streetbase Team that has been going onto the streets of Chelston on Monday evenings.
- The new partnership working with Torquay Academy and Shiphay Learning Academy.

DARTMOUTH

- Give thanks for the 230 teenagers supported at the Dartmouth Royal Regatta.
- Give thanks for the new volunteers that started during the last term.

CRANBROOK

- Please continue to pray for strength and guidance for the volunteers as they work with teenagers who have been affected by domestic abuse.
- Pray for those young people struggling with low confidence and self-esteem.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN GENERAL

- For the young carers we work with
- Those affected by domestic abuse
- Those confused by life choices
- Those with no confidence
- Those who are bullied or marginalised
- Those struggling at school





Some Diary Dates...

10th September	Youth Genesis at St Mary's Church, Brixham
14th September	Youth Genesis Session Leaders Meeting at Brixham URC
26th Septmeber	Youth Genesis Directors Meeting
30th Oct-6th Nov	HALF TERM
7th November	Youth Genesis Directors meeting
27th November	Youth Genesis Celebration at Fore Street Methodist Church, Brixham
22nd December	End of Term

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