

# *Help for the Unemployed...*

Dear Friends,

It's been an exciting start to the year – along with a new Youth Dance Group meeting on Friday evenings, Youth Genesis has been working with the Jobcentreplus to set a new Work Club in Brixham on Thursday mornings (more to come about that later!). The Youth Committee have been busy meeting with a Torbay Councillor to discuss their thoughts and concerns around issues facing young people in Brixham and are also deep in planning our special Commissioning Service that will be happening later in April!

### ***Introducing Caroline...***

Youth Genesis has a wide range of staff and volunteers who are committed to providing quality services for young people. An important part to providing good youth work is to ensure that staff and volunteers receive the necessary training. Caroline Snelling is one of our lead workers who is currently studying a degree in Youth & Community Work at the College of St Mark and St John in Plymouth. Caroline's role involves leading the sessions at The Zone Youth Nights on Tuesday evenings at Fore St Methodist Church. Caroline also works at The Place on Monday and Friday evenings and is really passionate about working with young people at risk in our communities.



### ***A New Opportunity for Young People who are Unemployed...***

Partnership working is at the very core of what Youth Genesis does. At the end of January 2013 and after many meetings with the Jobcentreplus, Youth Genesis has set up a Work Club in partnership with the Jobcentreplus for unemployed 16-24 year olds. The club meets on Thursday mornings from 10am to 12noon. Through the Work Club, young people have help with writing C.V's, job applications, job searches as well as help with developing interview techniques. An Adviser from the Jobcentre is present and works with Jonathan to motivate the young people to gain confidence in finding work.

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So far, two young people have found work, another has started work experience where by they will be doing thirty hours per week with a local employer.

In order to show that employers aren't scary, we are looking for employers to come and talk about their businesses and what they do. If you would like to come to the Work Club and give a talk, please get in touch with Jonathan Oliverio.



**Young People Job Searching**

### ***Mime-A-Like Dance Group...***

Some of the young people that we have been working with have formed a dance group which meets on Fridays from 5-7pm. They call themselves "Mime-a-like" because they say you either love em' or you hate em' (of course, it's a reference Marmite)! The "mime" part of their name comes from the fact that they wear outfits that are similar to Mime Artists during their performances. They last performed at Brixham College at Christmas, their next planned debut will be at the Youth Genesis Commissioning Service which is being held at Fore Street Methodist Church, Brixham on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 3pm. So, if you would like to see a most excellent performance of this extraordinary dance group, please be there!!



**Mime-A-Like Dance Rehearsal**

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***More from the 1<sup>st</sup> Brixham Boys Brigade (from the Company Captain)...***

"The Company is now in its 51<sup>st</sup> year and as we settle in our new home at the URC within 'The Youth Genesis Trust', we look to set the Company up for another 50+ successful years serving the town of Brixham and forwarding the Object of the Boys' Brigade. We held our Annual Membership Parade at the URC within the morning service of Jan 27th with the boys being involved in the service and also receiving their Annual Membership Cards. Every Monday night in term time the various sections meet and work towards gaining their badges by doing a variety of tasks. Part of their Community project is with the local Community Policeman as can be seen in the photo [opposite] we managed to capture. (P.S. the CPO is an ex Brixham BB boy/Officer). Pancakes were on order during another evening when the boys did some cooking, though the tossing part was omitted!!



We have also taken the boys to Devon Battalion Events where they have been fairly successful. Our Junior boys won the 5-a-side Devon Battalion Football title and were runners up in the Indoor Hockey. The older boys came third in the Battalion Ten Pin Bowling Tournament.

The main thing in all these events is the enjoyment of the evening and the learning of new skills which we hope will help them in the years to come. The Company numbers are good, though we are looking to try and recruit in the youngest section. The boys and staff will be assisting with the running of a forthcoming Coffee Morning at the Community Centre during the morning of April 20th." (Frank Tozer)

***The Youth Genesis Youth Committee...***

Young people are at the centre of what we do; the Youth Committee generate all the ideas for projects, the rules for the clubs, membership guidelines, funding and activities. Young people who have reached 16 have started volunteering at The Place and The Zone – this gives them active involvement in supporting their peers as well as taking responsibility and the lead in how their services are run. The committee is Chaired by Ben, again, a great opportunity for young people to learn skills such as chairing meetings, listening to each other and valuing the opinion of others!



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**Please pray for...**

- **Young people who attend the sessions** – we are finding that the number of safeguarding referrals has increased since the start of this year. We have come across young people who are involved in substance misuse and have had young people who have been experiencing neglect. We are thankful that we are able to provide a service where by young people can bring these issues and be supported. Please continue to pray for the young people that we work with.
- **Our staff and volunteers** – although the work of Youth Genesis is very rewarding, it can sometimes be challenging, especially when dealing with issues where young people are experiencing difficult circumstances. Our team is well trained and dedicated to the work that they do, please pray that God will continue to refresh and renew their strength.
- **The partnerships with other community groups, churches and agencies** - that God will continue to bless the special relationships that Youth Genesis has with other community groups, Torbay Council, the Jobcentreplus and youth organisations in Torbay. Without this rich network, it would be hard to deliver the credible work that we do.
- **... And all the young people who Youth Genesis works with**, that they will be inspired by God to feel His love and walk in His way.

**Some Diary Events...**

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| <b>11<sup>th</sup> March pm</b>            | Jonathan is speaking to the Women's Fellowship at Upton Vale Baptist Church      |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> March pm</b>            | Youth Genesis Youth Committee Meeting.                                           |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>               | Youth Genesis Visioning Event at Brixham URC at 9.30am.                          |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup> March pm</b>            | Youth Genesis Staff Team meeting at Brixham URC..                                |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> April</b> | 'The Place' Residential at Warren Barn.                                          |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> April pm</b>             | Jonathan is speaking to the 'Sisterhood' at Brixham Baptist Church.              |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> April am</b>            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Brixham Boys Brigade Coffee Morning at Fore St Methodist Church. |

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- 21<sup>st</sup> April am** Jonathan speaking at Central Church, Torquay.
- 24<sup>th</sup> April pm** Youth Genesis Trustees Meeting.
- 27<sup>th</sup> April pm** Youth Genesis Commissioning Service at Fore St Methodist Church, Brixham.
- 19<sup>th</sup> May am** Jonathan speaking at Furrough Cross URC.

### Weekly Activities

- Mondays**  
 5.30-6.45pm – Anchor Boys Brigade at Brixham URC (5-8 yrs)  
 7-8.15pm – Junior Section Boys Brigade at Brixham URC (8-11yrs)  
 7.30-9pm – Senior/Company Section Boys Brigade at Brixham URC (11-19 yrs)  
 7-9pm – The Place Youth Cafe at Brixham URC (11-17 yrs)
- Tuesdays**  
 7-9pm – The Zone Youth Club at Fore St Christian Centre (11-17 yrs)  
 6-8pm – Youth Genesis Youth Committee Meeting
- Wednesdays**  
 5.30-8pm – [Street Based] Detached Youth Work Project (11-19 yrs)
- Fridays**  
 5-7pm – Mime-A-Like Dance Group  
 7-9pm – The Place Youth Drop-In at Brixham URC (11-17 yrs)

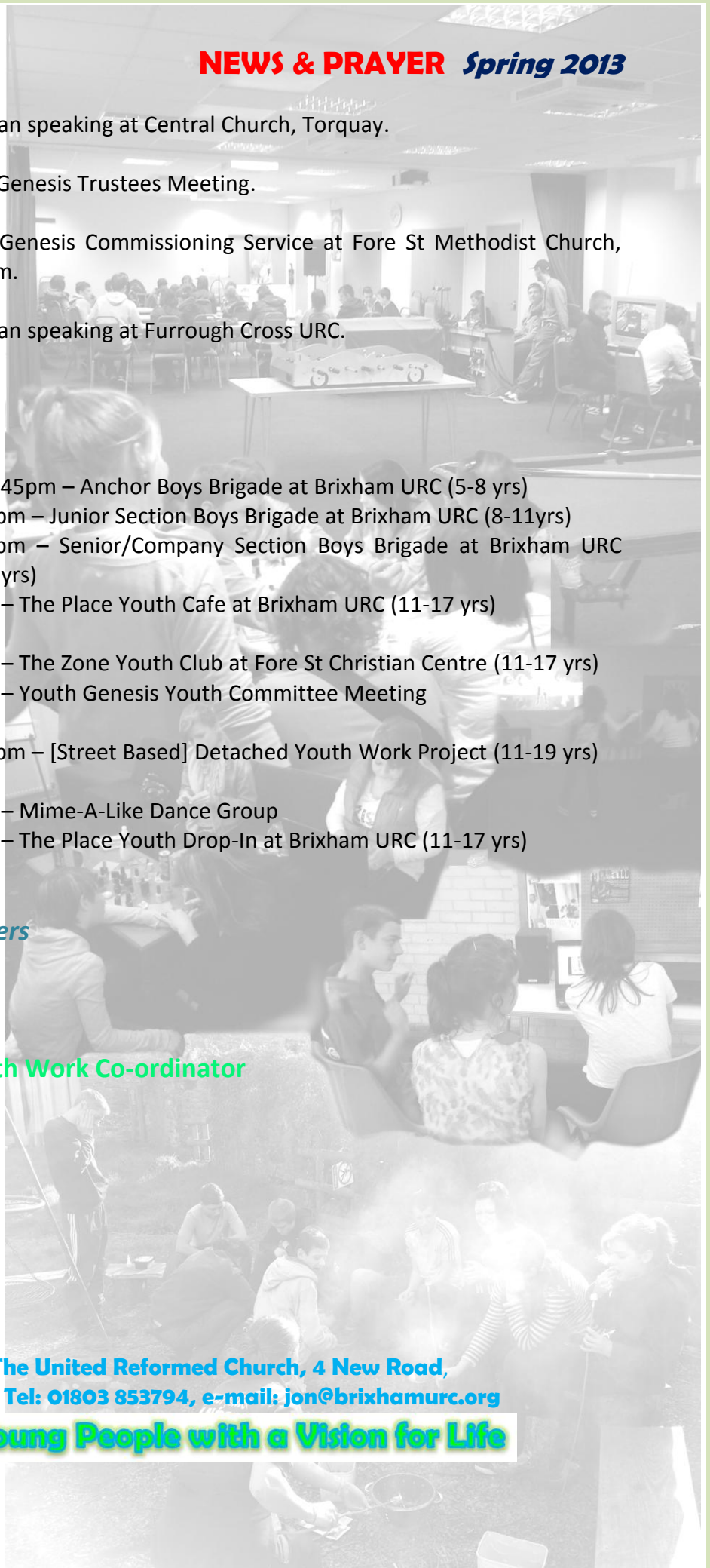
*Thank you for your prayers*

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