

Youth Work... The Mail Out 9th May 2008

The talk itself appeared to be well received but I had to leave very soon afterwards. On the following Monday I received a call from a Reader at Bideford. Having heard stories from elsewhere it had been decided to start a detached project in Bidford! To go out and get to know the young people who gather in groups (in the town centre) and to build, hopefully, God centred friendships with them. Hopefully I will be able to help them with starting out.

12 months ago I would never have dreamed that we would be seeing detached youth projects in such diverse places as Bedworth, Allesley, Kenilworth and Bideford on Avon. Perhaps God is up to something!

Get in touch if you'd like to start a project where you live...

Schools work

I have discovered a great new Schools Ministry Network, which has been set up for 6 months, with already 370 members. Its well worth a look...(www.schoolswork.co.uk <<http://www.schoolswork.co.uk>>)

Stories With Significance

<<http://www.schoolswork.co.uk/events>> is a one day training event in collaboration with Youthwork the partnership, to take us deeper into the wonderful world of storytelling and it's ability to captivate our audiences, whether that's a school assembly, a church service, or a group of young people on the street. It's taking place in 4 locations around the country (London, Bristol, Manchester and E.Midlands) throughout June & July. Each day will run from 10am-4pm and will encourage self belief in storytelling, how to develop stories from your own experience, engaging young people with the Biblical story, storytelling technique, translating skills to your particular audience, and much more!

South Warwickshire Youth Event

The next South Warwickshire Youth Network Worship service will be on Saturday 17th May, 7.30 - 9.00pm at Soli House, Mill Lane in Stratford. All are welcome!

We are privileged this time to have Tim Alford, lead singer of the band '[dweeb]' with us to speak.

The event is getting better and better, so it would be great to see you there for worship, teaching, fun and games, the Helen and Mem show, the Comfy Chair and hot chocolate to follow!!

Half Time Youth Worker Required

St Nicholas Church in Kenilworth are after a half time youth worker (20 hours per week). The role means heading up the church based youth work although the church is currently also engaged in doing some detached youth work. For more info contact Richard Awre on 01926 854367.

Youth Work after Christendom

Jo and Nigel Pimlott are launching their new book aimed at new ways of working with young people in a world that is changing fast. The book will suggest that we are living in a time when the church is no longer seen as having the right to have its message heard. the book is resplendent (!) with stories and ideas. There is a launch event on the 8th July from 11-3pm at Anthony Collins Solicitors Birmingham, the event costs £17.50 per head but this includes seminars from the likes of Stuart Murray, Richard Passmore, Sally Nash and Dave Wiles, plus a copy of the book. For more info contact: frontier@fyt.org.uk or call 0121 687 3505.

Oasis Trust Training Events

Oasis are holding a series of training events on the following themes:

Esteem training x 4days

1) Venue: - The Bridge Shirley Solihull B90 3AG. www.thebridgeshirley.com <<http://www.thebridgeshirley.com/>> Check this out for directions.

Dates: - 24th & 25th June 2008 14th & 15th July 2008

Mentor Training x 3days

Venue: - The Bridge Shirley Solihull B90 3AG www.thebridgeshirley.com <<http://www.thebridgeshirley.com/>> Check this out for directions.

Dates: - 10th June 2008 30th June 2008 9th July 2008

For All Training: - Please refer to their website www.oasisuk.org/training <<http://www.oasisuk.org/training>> for further details of the courses and an application form.

HOPE RISING

Why not bring a friend or neighbour to this musical telling the Easter story?. Its been composed by Adam Tucker, a Christian teacher in Coventry and will be performed by a choir made up from Canley Evangelical Church, St Stephens the Martyr and Meredith Road Baptist.

It is being performed on Thursday 15 May at 7pm at Charter Primary School, Mitchell Avenue, Canley and again on Saturday 17 May at 7.30pm at Canley Evangelical Church, Charter Avenue, Coventry.

Admission is free and the musical lasts around 1 hour 15 minutes. Be part of HOPE 08! If further details required contact Adam or Helen via 76411126.

Gap Years

I've been asked to remind everyone that Careforce, a Christian charity who place gap year students in

churches, in order to engage in youth work, are now recruiting for the next school year. They can be contacted on: www.careforce.co.uk <<http://www.careforce.co.uk>>

Have a great weekend
Greg Bartlem